

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
DEACON: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:00–4:30 PM or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
First Tuesday evening of the month at the
7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open – see
Chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10 AM
Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We invite you to register. Please fill out a
form from the church lobby and drop it off
at the parish office. Please call if you would
like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM
Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd
Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A
Preparation Meeting is held on the
Wednesday evening preceding the baptism.
Please fill out a form from the church lobby
and drop it off at the parish office at least 6
weeks in advance.

HOSPITAL VISITATION
Please advise the office of area hospital
admissions to request a pastoral visit or the
Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS
Father will bring Communion to the sick on
the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the
office to schedule a visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
White Box Collection on the last Sunday of
the month. Call 519-571-8485 for
information on food distribution.



"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass.

If you require a **Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours.

The offering for a Mass (for living or deceased) is \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

the intentions of *(living)* **OR** the repose of the soul of *(deceased)*

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please check ✓ your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a Sunday |

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

* Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Feb. 26 – Mar. 4, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM - Int. of Krystyna & Daniel Ochinski

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Robert Crawley – *Knights of Columbus*

Thursday (FEAST – CHAIR OF ST. PETER)

7:00 am - Int. of Marilyn Dufresne

2:00 PM - **Mass at Bankside Terrace**

Friday (FERIAL)

★ 7:00 PM + Leo Joly – *Knights of Columbus*
- followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Elisabeth Wilhelm – *Manfred & Cathy Lamers*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25+; John 2:13-25

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Schneider Family – *Larry & Sharon Koehler*

11:30 am + Mary Petrovich – *the McCullough family*



During Lent, Mass on Fridays is celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross.

Offertory Collections	Feb. 17/18, 2018
Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,559.18
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52).....	\$ 1,234.15
Loose monies	\$ 460.85
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,254.18
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 425.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52)	\$ 271.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 696.04
Seminary Education	\$ 40.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

2017 Tax Receipts – available for pick-up in the narthex

Today is White Box Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Feb. 24-25) for anyone wishing to make a donation. Your monetary donations help us to assist the less fortunate individuals and families in our community.

PASSION PLAY

**Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall**

Open invitation to those wishing to participate.

*Please call Julio & Sonia Chacon at
519-954-2062 for more info.*



Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Feb. 26	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Feb. 27	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus
Wed. Feb. 28	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. March 1	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. March 2	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. March 3	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

Meeting Rooms: B = Basement CH = Church H = Hall * = Offsite
J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room M = St. Matthew Room

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples — Peter, James, and John — to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. ■



MAR. 3 & 4	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	E./T./T. Morgan	N./A. Gallagher C. Chacon
Commentator:	J. Deneau	T Lee	B. Starr
Lectors:	B. Crawley B. Burns	V. DeVries P. Enticott	I. Kangaloo L. Masbad
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	J. Kelly L. Koehler	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Can you help?	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis K. Friesen	P./ B. Enticott H. Kress M. Walser	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings:

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, Feb. 25 after 11:30 Mass for Parents
FIRST COMMUNION: Wed. March 21 at 7:00 pm for Candidates

Save the date ♦ Reserve your bus seat ♦ Get your tickets!

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BUS leaves St. Mark's Church parking lot at 6:50 AM

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For more information call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

Don't be disappointed ... Reserve your bus seat early!

A number of people in the parish, including myself, have been affected by the cold or flu. Since we are at the height of the season, and to be considerate of others and limit the spread of germs, please keep these points in mind:

- (1) During the sign of peace, if you are sick, rather than shaking another person's hand, please just verbally offer the sign of peace to the person next to you by saying, "the peace of Christ." This also applies to anyone, even if not ill, as a precaution not to catch another person's germs. Therefore, do not be offended if someone chooses not to shake your hand.
- (2) If you are ill or not feeling well, please refrain from receiving communion on the tongue and drinking from the chalice until you are feeling better again.

In the Diocese of Hamilton, as it is in all parts of Canada, the normal way to receive Communion is in the hand while standing. However, if you still choose, the following is the proper way to receive Communion on the tongue:

After responding, "Amen."

- (1) Keep your head straight or tilted slightly back, open your mouth wide and extend your tongue past your lower lip.
- (2) Wait until the Sacred Host is safely on your tongue and the ministers fingers are clear from your tongue before closing your mouth.
- (3) It is IMPROPER to use your teeth to receive the Sacred Host.

Three important things to keep in mind:

- (1) Please do not lunge your head or mouth to the minister giving Communion.
- (2) Make sure you open your mouth wide enough AND extend your tongue. Many people only slightly open the mouth and others do not extend the tongue; others do both. It is difficult and sometimes impossible for the minister to safely place the host on the tongue under these circumstances, often causing the Minister to touch the person's mouth or tongue. This is very unhygienic, since the Minister then has to continue giving Communion to the next person and their fingers may be contaminated.
- (3) Finally, remain still and do not move your head or body while the Minister is placing Communion on your tongue and since you are receiving the Sacred Host, just as your hands should be clean before receiving the Host in your hands, so too should you ensure that your tongue is also clean.

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Upcoming "CURSILLO WEEKENDS" for the Hamilton Diocese

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• **MEN'S WEEKEND: April 12-15, 2018**

• **WOMEN'S WEEKEND: April 26-29, 2018**

For more information, speak with someone who has made their Cursillo Weekend in your parish, or Google: cursillohamilton.org, or hamiltondiocese.com (programs and workshops) or contact:

- Betty Enticott – bpenticott@rogers.com – 519-743-0908
- Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. – rayreitzelcr@live.com – 519-725-1445

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