

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Basil Markides – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. 7:00 AM *
Saturday 9:00 AM
(*First Friday 7:00 PM followed by Benediction)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:15–4:30 PM or by appointment.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration – Spots available,
see chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy – Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary – First Saturday at 10 AM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – We invite you to become a registered parishioner. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES / PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

BAPTISM – Baptisms are celebrated during Sunday Mass. Two months' notice is required. Please pick up a baptism form in the church lobby, introduce yourself to Father after Mass and give him your completed form at that time. Dates for preparation and the baptism will be confirmed by the parish office only after you have met with Father.

MARRIAGE – At least 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to set up an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of hospital admissions to request Anointing or a pastoral 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 Mass.

If you require a Mass card please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours, or call the office to make pick-up arrangements.

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 choose 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:

7:00 AM on any weekday 5:00 PM on any Saturday

7:00 PM on any Tuesday 9:30 AM on any Sunday

9:00 AM on any Saturday 11:30 AM on any 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 several months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 4 – 10, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. AGATHA)

7:00 PM + Jack Soares and family – *Maria*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS)

7:00 am + Joseph John Flood – *Catherine Mackid*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Alvin Furtado – *Tony & Sandra Toscano*

2:00 PM - **MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE**

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Mary Yaremy – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am - Int. of Brie Flood – *the Flood family*

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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

Sun. 9:30 am + S. D. & Lily Lee – *Mervyn & Theresa Lee*

11:30 am + Josip Zunic – *the Perham family*

St. Agatha was born in Sicily around the year 231 to a rich and noble family. From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. A high-ranking diplomat, Quintianus, tried to force her into marriage and break her vow, and resisting, she was imprisoned in a brothel. Not wavering in her faith, Agatha, still refusing to marry Quintianus was tortured where she was stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year 251.

St. Paul Miki and Companions – This feast celebrates the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, a group of native Japanese Catholics and foreign missionaries who suffered death for their faith in the year 1597. During the 16th century, the Catholic faith reached Japan by the efforts of the Jesuit missionary Saint Francis Xavier and by the year 1587, 200,000 Japanese had entered the Church. Just 10 years later, religious tensions arose between the delicate balance of faith and government resulting in the execution of 26 Catholics. Among the group was Paul Miki, John of Goto, and James Kisai. Though none were priests, all were associated with the Jesuits: Miki was training for the priesthood, while Kisai was a lay brother and John of Goto was a catechist preparing to enter the order.

OFFERTORY REPORT	Jan. 26/27, 2019
Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,290.63
Christmas, New Year's, Initial envelopes.....	\$ 70.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies.....	\$ 609.85
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,170.94
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 180.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 254.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 434.88

St. Mark's S.V.D.P. White Box Collection for January was \$235.90 We are grateful for your ongoing kind donations left in the blue bin. With your support we continue to serve food to the less fortunate within our parish boundary. Thank you for your generosity.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Feb. 4</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Feb. 5</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
<u>Wed. Feb. 6</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Feb. 7</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Feb. 8</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group

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

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. In Luke's Gospel this incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this event is placed considerably later, after Jesus has preached and taught elsewhere. Only Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. In Mark and Matthew's Gospels, Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject his authority to teach them. In Matthew and Mark, it is only after Jesus is rejected that he observes times when Israel has rejected prophets.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavours to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all. ■



Ministers, please check your email for the Feb. schedule.

FEB. 9 - 10	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V.P./J. Miller N. D'Souza		C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	J. Deneau	J. Flanigan	B. Starr
Lectors:	B. Crawley	C. Mackid P. Enticott	M. Monte
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	B. Coutinho J. Kelly P. Drohan	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis A. Bendia K. Smith	H. Kress T. Lee S. Sawchuk	B. Denomme A. Monte F. Kangaloo



As we enter the flu season, please be mindful and act with diligence in not spreading germs to other people. Especially if you are not well, please refrain from taking Communion on the tongue (or receiving from the chalice during weekday Masses) and from shaking hands during the sign of peace (a nod to the person as you offer peace, is an acceptable gesture). Thank you.

Alpha ... Come and See!

The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low-key, friendly and fun. Each session begins with a meal, giving you the opportunity to get to know others. Listen, learn, discuss, discover and ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. **Join us for a "Come and See" on Thurs. Feb 14th at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Mark's.** There will be time to ask questions and check out a sample video. Refreshments provided. **The Alpha Course will run Feb. 28th through May 2nd** here at St. Mark's. *Questions?* ... Please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 226-808-4733 or stmarkalpha@gmail.com.



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Pauline Schagena**, wife of Wayne (d. 2012), mother of Mark (Sharilou), Michelle (Jeff Glendinning), Sheri (Greg Brow) and Nicole (Mike Ambeau).

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPT. 2019

for students currently in the St. Mark School boundary will be held at **St. Mark Catholic School**, 240 Autumn Hill Crescent, Kitchener

- **Tues. Feb. 5, 2019** any time from 4:00 – 6:45 p.m.
- **Tues. Feb. 12, 2019** any time from 9:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please make an appointment in advance (Tel: 519-743-4682). Children born in 2015 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten. Children born in 2014 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten and only need to register if they were not in Junior Kindergarten this year.



Bring your SPUDS to the Church during the month of February and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.

Do you have a PYX that you no longer use? Please return it (or consider donating your own) to the parish, so that others may bring the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and homebound. Thank you.

Families Preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Eucharist

Parents, please be reminded of the remaining dates and details:

FIRST EUCHARIST SESSIONS (Grade 2):

WEDNESDAYS from 6:30-7:30PM:

- Feb. 20 Candidates & Parents *Jesus present in the Mass through the Priest*
- Apr. 3 Candidates only *Parable of the Found Sheep*
- Apr. 24 Candidates & Parents *The Forgiving Father*



CONFIRMATION SESSIONS (Grade 7):

SUNDAYS from 12:45-1:45PM:

- Feb. 3 Candidates & Parents *Reviewing the Seven Sacraments*
- Feb. 17 Candidates only *Discussing "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit"*
- Mar. 3 Candidates & Parents *Teaching Mass with Father Steve*



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

"Hope in the Midst of Suffering"

Saturday, March 2, 2019 | 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE

Inspired talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Father Mark Goring, CC. Separate youth event (ages 13-18) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. St. Mark's C.W.L. has organized a **BUS** to take us to and from this wonderful event. **Bus leaves St. Mark's Parish at 6:50am sharp and returns at 7:30pm.** Cost for the bus is \$18 each (light refreshments and driver gratuity is included). **Rally Tickets: \$25 adults and \$15 youth.** Call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus. Don't be disappointed, the bus fills up quickly.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Feb. 4 - Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
- Feb. 5 - Rev. James McSharry
- Feb. 6 - Chaplains
- Feb. 7 - Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
- Feb. 8 - Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.
- Feb. 9 - Rev. Franjo Sprajc

Prayer for Vocations: God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

VALENTINE'S CARD PARTY! Hosted by Blessed Sacrament C.W.L., **Tuesday, February 12th.** Dinner will be chili, salad, buns & dessert for \$10. Bring your sweetie, bring your friends... all are most welcome. Tickets can be purchased by calling the office 519-742-5061 or by calling Judy 519-894-5599.

NURSE ON BOARD – There's a new option in Canada, and Kitchener is fortunate to be one of the first cities to have this comprehensive service. Guest speaker Susan Hagar, R.N. (founder of *Nurse On Board*) will speak on a range of interesting and very relevant topics, from general information on healthcare navigation and advocacy, to the movement on medication de-prescribing that's currently underfoot. Susan will explain the myths and the realities of long-term care. She'll share information on complementary treatments and things you don't hear from most doctors. The whole point of Nurse on Board is to help you stay in your home for as long as you want, which is after all, the very best place to grow old. **Join us for an information session on Sunday, February 10th at 3:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener.** To reserve your seat, please call Blessed Sacrament at 519-742-5061 or Mary at 519-744-6855. For more info visit www.NurseOnBoardOttawa.ca

Wishing our Grade 8's at St. Mark School a moving and spirit-filled retreat at Mount Mary this week!



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