

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
Wednesday 12:00 NOON
Thursday, Friday 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, please
see chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy – Sundays 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 it to be on any:

Tues. 7 PM Wed. 12 NOON Thur. 7 AM Fri. 7 AM Sat. 9 AM
 Sat. 5:00 PM Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday 11:30 AM

OR

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

*Please submit requests as far in advance as possible to reserve preferred dates.

Sunday Masses may only be requested twice per year.

All other requests will be satisfied on weekdays.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 10 – 16, 2020

Monday – **NO MASS**

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF LOURDES)
7:00 PM + Judith Fortin – Bernard Crawley

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 noon + Maria Silvestre – Joao

Thursday (FERIAL)
7:00 am + Joaquin Vaz & Francisca Goncalves – Maria Silva

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. CYRIL & ST. METHDIUS)
7:00 am + Jean Arnold – Flood family

Saturday (FERIAL) **NO MORNING CONFESSIONS**
9:00 am - Int. of Fr. Bob Love – Flood family

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Sat. 5:00 PM + Joaquina Costa – Fatima Gomes

Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – Jose & family

Our Lady of Lourdes – On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution Ineffabilis Deus. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: “I am the Immaculate Conception.” O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. Amen.

St. Cyril and St. Methodius, two brothers, who are called the “Apostles of the Slavs” for their tireless work in spreading the Gospel throughout Eastern Europe in the ninth century. St. John Paul II named the two brothers the patron saints of Europe along with fifth century monastic leader St. Benedict. Their missionary work among the Slavs laid the essential foundation for the later Christianization of Ukraine and Russia in 988, when the Russian Prince Vladimir accepted Baptism.

Weekly Offertory Report for Feb. 1/2, 2020

	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 5
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,710.40	\$ 16,398.59
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,425.35	\$ 6,176.50
Total Offerings:	\$ 5,135.75	\$ 22,575.09
<i>Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>	<i>\$ 26,000.00</i>
<i>Under Budget:</i>	<i>(\$ 64.25)</i>	<i>(\$ 3,424.91)</i>
Mortgage Offerings to date this year:	\$ 3,504.50	



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.



Flu season is here – 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.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Feb. 10</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:15 pm	(B)	A Quick Journey Through the Bible
<u>Tue. Feb. 11</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Executive meet
<u>Wed. Feb. 12</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Feb. 13</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Feb. 14</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<u>Sat. Feb. 15</u>	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	9:45 am	(CH)	Meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers

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

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes (which would have been the gospel last week but it was replaced with the Feast of the Presentation), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. In true humility, we can all say that we are far from worthy of any such honorable titles. Yet in all sincerity too, many if not the majority among us, are doing our little bit of Christ's work, in cultivating even a small corner of His vineyard.

In our examination of our lives, some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy:

Corporal Works of Mercy

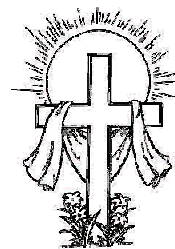
The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs: Feed the hungry; shelter the homeless; clothe the naked; visit the sick and imprisoned; bury the dead; and give alms to the poor.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs: Instruct; advise; console; comfort; forgive and bear wrongs patiently.

IN MEMORIAM... We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of:


- † Gloria Davies
(mother of Debbie; grandmother of Kyle and Kaitlin)
- † Luann Mahn
(wife of Bryan; sister-in-law of Garry & Cindy)
- † Judith Fortin
(sister of Bernard Crawley; aunt of Julie Burkholder)



“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.”


Liturgical Ministers


Feb. 15 / 16	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan	N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	T. Lee	B. Starr
1 st Reader: 2 nd Reader:	K. Krigner	J. Meenan D. Cutting	D. DeSousa M. Monte
Ushers:	A. Montag	J. DeSousa P. Drohan J. Kelly	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		<i>Children's Liturgy Kids</i>	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis G. MacNeil	T./K. Boettger S. Cerantola	C./K. Dignam D. S-Weber

 **Meeting for All Ministers of the Eucharist**
Please mark your calendar and plan to attend:
Saturday, Feb. 15th at 9:45 a.m.
I would like to meet with all current and prospective Eucharist Ministers next Saturday, to go over procedures as well as to train our newcomers. (Anyone still wishing to join this ministry may still do so on the sheet in the narthex.)
Note: If you take the Eucharist to the Sick and would like to become a Eucharistic Minister at Mass, please sign up to join us on Feb. 15th.

**Never been Confirmed?
Curious about the Catholic Faith?**
As we get closer to Lent, I will be offering a 5-week course on **Wednesday nights** on the Catholic Faith. Please watch the bulletin for further details. If you are a baptized adult who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this is an opportunity for preparation. These sessions will also be open to anyone in the parish who is interested in learning more about our faith. Adults seeking Confirmation are asked to please register by calling or emailing the parish office (519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com). Parishioners interested in learning more about the faith can sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. – Fr. Steve

Next Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18th at 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)

 **Mark your calendar...**
Mass Times for Ash Wednesday
February 26 ♦ 7:00 AM ♦ 12 NOON ♦ 7:00 PM

 **Newly Baptized**
With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God:
Cassidy Angeline Neil
Adelyn Danica Dawson-Savic

God has saved us by living water which gives our lives a fresh beginning, and He put his Spirit in us, so that healed by His grace, we may share His life and hope to live forever. (TITUS 3:5,7)

A note to new parents ... Please remember that we do not celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during the season of Lent.

C.W.L. News...

Exciting News! St. Mark's C.W.L. is hosting our **Regional Meeting on Saturday, February 29th**. The day begins with Mass 9:00 a.m. Come out and socialize with your C.W.L. Sisters from the Hamilton Diocese.

Meet the executive team. Find out about the amazing events coming up for our 100th Anniversary celebration. We will not see another celebration like this for a long time. Looking forward to seeing you on this important day.



First Communion Preparation Meetings

SUNDAYS after 11:30am Mass (approx. 12:30)

Parents, please be reminded of the remaining dates:

TODAY ➔ Feb. 9 - Candidates (*Topic: Parable of the Found Sheep*)
Feb. 23 - Candidates (& Parents w/ Fr. Steve)



ALPHA - Looking for answers?

The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore faith in a relaxed, low-key manner. Listen, learn, discuss ... and ask anything! Each night includes **Dinner, a Talk and Discussion**. Join us **Thursday evenings from Feb. 20th to April 30th** here at St. Mark's Church. Questions? Please call Ian Kagaloo 226-808-4733 or Cathy Voisin 519-497-4816 or email stmarkalpha@gmail.com. For more info visit www.alphacanada.org.



Follow us on Social Media!



Alpha Course at St. Mark's, Kitchener



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Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, February 25th

5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Proudly presented by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

Tickets NOW ON SALE after all weekend Masses:

Adults \$10; Youth (7-16) \$7; Kids (3-6) \$3; Family \$30. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the supper. This year's proceeds will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2020 – Come to be JOYFUL, Come to be HEALED, Come to GIVE THANKS! **Saturday, March 7th** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Bus leaves St. Mark's at 7am / returns 7:30-ish. Rally Tickets: Adults \$25; Youth (13-18yrs) \$15. One Bus Seat \$18 (Includes bus driver gratuity, and treats). To reserve seats and order tickets please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 or email stmarkcwl@gmail.com.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Feb. 10 - Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
- Feb. 11 - Rev. William Foote
- Feb. 12 - Soc. o/f Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Feb. 13 - Rev. Robert Love
- Feb. 14 - Rev. Edward Hinsperger
- Feb. 15 - Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen

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.*



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