

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 17 – 23, 2020

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Indra Sirju – Peter & Sandra Appelman

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 noon + Antero & Jose Antonio Correia – Nicolina Correia

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Jose M. Correia & Jerzmina G. Borges – N. Correia

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Teodor Correia & Maria C. Rego – N. Correia

Saturday (FEAST – CHAIR OF ST. PETER)

9:00 am - Int. of Elaine & Arnie Vandenhoff – St. Francis C.G.S.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Sat. 5:00 PM - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am + Agnes Bender – Ron & Kathy

11:30 am + Carolene Toscano – Anthony Toscano & family

Chair of St. Peter – This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

Weekly Offertory Report for Feb. 8/9, 2020

	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 6
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,857.03	\$ 20,255.62
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,425.35	\$ 6,176.50
Total Offerings:	\$ 5,282.38	\$ 26,432.12
<i>Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>	<i>\$ 31,200.00</i>
<i>Under Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 82.38</i>	<i>(\$ 4,767.88)</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. 17</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:15 pm	(B)	A Quick Journey Through the Bible
<u>Tue. Feb. 18</u>	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meet
	7:30 pm	(L)	Parish Council Meeting
<u>Wed. Feb. 19</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	11:30 am	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Feb. 20</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	(H)	Alpha (<i>all rooms</i>)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Feb. 21</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<u>Sat. Feb. 22</u>	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!

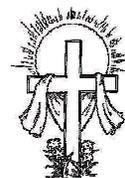
Meeting Rooms: B = Basement CH = Church H = Hall * = Offsite
J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room M = St. Matthew Room

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God. ■

A Friendly Reminder to those who meet in the basement...
Please ensure the glass door is locked before you leave. Thank you.



IN MEMORIAM...

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Brian John Correia** (son of Estella & Tony; father of Lily, Emily & Charlotte).

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

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 14, 2020** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Feb. 22 / 23	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	S. Rellinger	P. Enticott	M. Smith
1 st Reader: 2 nd Reader:	G. Balm	V. DeVries J. Flanigan	I. Kangaloo J. Petrovich
Ushers:	L. Macedo	T./J. Germann L. Koehler	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		<i>Children's Liturgy Kids</i>	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	B. Coutinho P./B. Enticott	E. Weiss B./C. Voisin

A FREE night of FUN for ADULTS
Saturday, February 29
6:30 – 9:30 PM • St. Mark's Parish Hall
 Snacks & Beverages provided.
 Bring your own games, cards, or try some of ours!
Please sign-up in the narthex if you plan to attend!

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

This 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

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

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Feb. 17 - Rev. Luc Payette
- Feb. 18 - † Rev. Anthony Azzopardi
- Feb. 19 - Discalced Carmelite Sisters
- Feb. 20 - Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
- Feb. 21 - Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil, S.J.
- Feb. 22 - Rev. Scott Whitfield

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.

† Rev. Anthony Azzopardi passed away on January 30, 2020 at the age of 81.

C.W.L. News...



♦ **C.W.L. REGIONAL MEETING** – Saturday, Feb. 29th
 St. Mark's C.W.L. is excited to be hosting the regional meeting day, **beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m.** Come out and socialize with your C.W.L. Sisters from the Hamilton Diocese and 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.

♦ **C.W.L. 200 FOR 2020 PROJECT**

St. Mark's C.W.L. is looking for assistance in supplying St. John's Kitchen with much needed items. **From February 15th until March 30th** we will be collecting 200 gently used **coffee mugs**, 200 **spoons** (coffee or soup), 200 **forks**, 200 gently used/new **tea towels**, and 200 gently used/new **bath towels**. We have chosen St. John's Kitchen as our community project. They have been providing hot meals to over 300 people a day for the last 30 years, and recently provided a shower program, among other services. Please keep this organization in mind when you go through your cupboards and closets, and donate to this worthy, humanitarian cause.



First Communion Preparation Meetings

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

There is NO meeting on Feb. 16th. Our last meeting is:

LAST CLASS ➔ 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 Kangaloo 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



alpha_stmarks



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.



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