

# 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.

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## Mass Intentions for the Week

January 13 – 19, 2020

**Monday – NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Walter Karpenko – Paul Krevs

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

12 noon + Joao Pereira – Rosalina Pereira

**Thursday** (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Intentions of Gary Lewington – Pam & family

**Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. ANTHONY)

7:00 am + Burchat Family – Terry & Gerry Gerth

**Saturday** (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Elijah Lund – John & Linda Deneau

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

**Sat. 5:00 PM** - Private Intention

**Sun. 9:30 am** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Helen Szabo – Sr. Anne Rektor

St. Anthony the Abbot, born in Egypt in the 3rd century AD, at the age of twenty renounced everything to live as a hermit until 106 years of age, becoming the most famous monk of ancient Christendom, a noble example of an ascetic life of austerity, sacrifice and extreme solitude.

Weekly Offertory Report for Jan. 4/5, 2020		
	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 1
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,667.63	\$ 5,753.88
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,425.35	\$ 1,425.35
<b>Total Offerings:</b>	<b>\$ 5,092.98</b>	<b>\$ 7,179.23</b>
<i>Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>
<i>Under/Over Budget:</i>	<i>(\$107.02)</i>	<i>\$1,979.23</i>
<b>Mortgage Offerings to date this year:</b>	<b>\$ 862.00</b>	
<i>New Year's Collection (Dec.30/Jan.1):</i>	<i>\$ 2,086.25</i>	

St. Vincent de Paul December White Box Collection = \$177.00

### Notes for all envelope users and debit plan users...

► All envelope users are reminded to PLEASE DISCARD your old 2019 envelopes. Your I.D. number changes every year, therefore the number on last year's envelopes now belongs to someone else, and they could easily get credit for your donation this year. Thank you for your assistance.

► For those who are enrolled in our Pre-Authorized Debit Plan, please remember to pick up your box of envelopes – it contains envelopes for special collections that are not covered by the debit plan.

#### ► Omitted Names on Offertory Envelope Boxes

When labels were produced for the 2020 offertory envelopes, some mysteriously printed with only one name on labels that should have had two names (e.g. "John & Jane Doe" printed as "John Doe" only). Our apologies to those for whom this happened, and please be assured that you and your spouse/partner are still listed together in our system. The problem only appears when printing a label or correspondence. We will be working in the New Year to remedy this. Thank you for your understanding.

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Jan. 13	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Jan. 14	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Executive
Wed. Jan. 15	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thu. Jan. 16	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Jan. 17	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group

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

**The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.** The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission. ■

### Vocation Seeds...

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus, "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest. If so, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) or visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Program

Every Sunday during the 9:30 Mass for children aged 5 to grade 3. No registration is necessary, just bring your children to Mass.

**New to the Parish? Welcome!** Please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr. Steve after Mass and be sure to fill out a **Parish Registration Form** (found on the information wall in the lobby) so that we can serve you better!

**2020 Catholic Faith Calendars**  
Available in the narthex – free will offering



Jan. 18 / 19	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./J. D'Souza N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	B. Crawley	T. Lee	B. Starr
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	K. Smith	J. Meenan D. Cutting	M. Oram M. Smith
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	P. Drohan J. Kelly L. Koehler	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Children's Liturgy Kids	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis G. MacNeil	B. Coutinho P./B. Enticott	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

**MEN OF ST. MARK'S...**

*That Man is You!* begins again on **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:15 a.m. in the **Parish Hall**. The Fall semester was a great success and this Winter/Spring term should be even better. If you haven't tried it yet it's an incredible opportunity to be around other men who are trying to do the right thing and who can help you on your journey.

TMIY pulls together scripture, church teachings, science and modern issues in a way unlike any other program. The course runs for 13 Saturdays and always includes **breakfast, a video** and **discussion**.

For more information call Marc Murchie at 416-729-6401 and visit [www.tmiy.org](http://www.tmiy.org)

**Keys to Loving Relationships** – "Keys" is a 10-week, video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **starting Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> until March 24<sup>th</sup> here at St. Mark's Parish**. The cost is \$45. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249

**Church Bulletin Advertising** – Liturgical Publications will begin setting up the advertisements that support the printing of our church bulletin for the coming year. Please consider lending your support by advertising your business weekly on the back cover of our bulletin. Call **Liturgical Publications** at 1-800-268-2637. Ads will begin running in February 2020.

**A reminder to those who use the Kitchen ...**

Please avoid leaving your leftover food in the fridge. Other groups don't know who the food belongs to, and generally will not use it.

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

This week, let us pray for...

- Jan. 13 - Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
- Jan. 14 - Rev. Kevin D'Souza
- Jan. 15 - Youth Ministers
- Jan. 16 - Rev. Peter Ciallella
- Jan. 17 - Rev. Roshan D'Souza, C.S.C.
- Jan. 18 - Rev. Francis Salasiar, C.S.C.

**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.*

**C.W.L. NEWS...**

**Potluck & Secret Sister Reveal:**

Come celebrate 2020 on **Thursday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 6:30 pm with the Rosary. Bring your favourite dish to share. Invite a friend to experience our fellowship!



**Preparation Meetings for the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation**

A reminder to families of children in Grade 2 or Grade 7 that Sacramental Preparation begins TODAY (Jan. 12) with a **Parents' Meeting after the 11:30 Mass in the church.**

**FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)**

**Preparation Meetings at the church:**   
**SUNDAYS AFTER 11:30AM MASS (approx. 12:30)**

- Sunday, January 12 Parents only
- Sunday, January 26 Candidates
- Sunday, February 2 Candidates (& Parents w/ Fr. Steve)
- Sunday, February 9 Candidates
- Sunday, February 23 Candidates (& Parents w/ Fr. Steve)

**CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)**

**Preparation Meetings at the church:**   
**SUNDAYS AFTER 11:30AM MASS (approx. 12:30)**

- Sunday, January 12 Parents only
- Sunday, March 29 Candidates
- Sunday, April 19 Candidates & Parents (Teaching Mass)
- Sunday, May 3 Candidates (& Parents w/ Fr. Steve)
- Sunday, May 17 Candidates

**We would like to thank everyone** that supported our Christmas Hamper Program. Many thanks to the parishioners who took an Angel from the Angel Tree and purchased a gift or gave a monetary gift. Also to those who donated through the blue SVDP envelopes and White Box Sundays, as well as our family of schools – Resurrection CSS, St. Dominic CES and St. Mark CES – who donated hats, scarves, mitts and gifts for the children plus food for our shelves.

A special thank you to our faithful volunteers, and the students of St. Mark CES that helped give out the hampers and gifts.

This year, thanks to your generosity, we were able to assist **73 families**, and give gifts to **135 children**. You gave these families hope at a difficult time of year.

We wish everyone many blessings for the New Year.

– St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**K-W Right to Life Candlelight Prayer Vigil**

Tues. January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink) 200 King St. W. Kit. One hour of silent prayer for Preborn Human Rights to protect babies in the womb. Their lives are the most vulnerable of all. Thanks for supporting this important human rights issue. For more info contact Jane Richard at [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca).





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