

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:

<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on any weekday	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on any Saturday
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on any Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on any Sunday
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on any Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

January 14 – 20, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday – NO MASS *

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Rebol Family – Cimermancic Family

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANTHONY)

7:00 am + Veronica & Alfred Broderick – Gloria Kubisewsky

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Rita Rudolph – Margaret Bryson

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am - private intention

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Ruth & Anthony Hayek – Ylanda

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – Jose and family

*** Please note there will be no Mass this Tuesday evening.**

St. Anthony the Abbot, the father of monks, retired to the desert at about the age of eighteen in order to live in perfect solitude. He laid the foundations of community life and gave to his disciples that profound broad and sane instruction, the mature result of solitude and prayer, which forms the surest basis of Christian asceticism. Here are a few of his famous sayings to monks. "Let it be your supreme and common purpose not to grow weary in the work you have begun, and in time of trial and affliction not to lose courage and say: Oh, how long already have we been mortifying ourselves! Rather, we should daily begin anew and constantly increase our fervor. For man's whole life is short when measured against the time to come, so short, in fact, that it is as nothing in comparison with eternity . . . For our life is by nature uncertain and is daily meted out to us by Providence. If we are convinced of this and live each day as the apostle suggests, then we will not fall into sin; no desire will enslave us, no anger move us, no treasure bind us to earth; we will await death with unfettered hearts."

Offertory Report

New Year's Collection (Dec. 31/Jan. 1)

Sunday envelopes	\$ 3,349.00
Christmas, New Year's, Initial envelopes.....	\$ 365.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 512.01
TOTAL NEW YEAR'S OFFERINGS	\$ 4,226.01
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 70.00

Jan. 5/6, 2019 Collection

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,859.75
Christmas, New Year's, Initial envelopes.....	\$ 456.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies.....	\$ 783.10
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 5,299.31
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 837.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 254.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 1,091.88

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Jan. 14</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Jan. 15</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Jan. 16</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Jan. 17</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. general meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Jan. 18</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(M)	Writers' group
<u>Sat. Jan. 19</u>	10:30 am	(M)	Writers' group

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

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

With the end of the Christmas Season the Church returns to Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on March 6.

In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism. ■

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2019 Catholic Faith Calendars – Available in the narthex



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

JAN. 19 - 20	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 R. Robin
Commentator:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	I. Kangaloo
Lectors:	M. Dufresne	T. Lee C. Mackid	M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	T./J. Germann L. Koehler	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. MacNeil F. Tully C. Dokis	M./L. Fernando M. Lynch	F. Kangaloo B. Starr E. Weiss



Results of the Parish Council Elections

Thank you to everyone who allowed their names to stand for Parish Council and to everyone who voted. A total of 151 ballots were cast with 32 being invalid, leaving a total of 119 valid votes. As a result of the election, the following people have accepted membership on the Parish Council:

Ian Kangaloo **Cathy Voisin**
Rick Denomme **Marilyn Dufresne**

In addition to these four people, the following people have also agreed to being appointed members of the Parish Council, for a total of 8 people.

Doug Behl **Beth Seaward**
Linda Blake **Tom Germann** - representing the Finance Council

"Thinking of You" ... Cards for our Parishioners

If you know of someone in St. Mark's Parish who has lost a loved one or is ill, the parish would like to send a card to express our prayerful thoughts. Please contact Marie or Betty with the **name**, **address** and **postal code** of the intended recipient, and a card will be sent on behalf of St. Mark's Parish. Information can be emailed to either:

Marie: marie_brian@rogers.com
or **Betty:** bpenticott@rogers.com
or the **Parish Office:** stmark@rogers.com



Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

Jan. 14 - Rev. Todd Arsenaault, L.C.
Jan. 15 - Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Jan. 16 - Consecrated Men and Women
Jan. 17 - Rev. Thomas Flynn, L.C.
Jan. 18 - Very Rev. John Van Hees
Jan. 19 - Very Rev. Con O'Mahony



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.*

Families Preparing for the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation

Our first meeting for parents took place last week. If you missed it, please be reminded of the remaining dates and details:

If you have not yet handed in a sacramental request form for your child, it is important that you do so before the next meeting.

If you require a blank form, please contact the parish office at stmark@rogers.com.

FIRST EUCHARIST SESSIONS (Grade 2):

WEDNESDAYS from 6:30-7:30 pm:

Jan. 30 Candidates only

Being Called by Name: The Parable of the Good Shepherd (gestures/words in the Mass)

Feb. 20 Candidates & Parents

Jesus the Good Shepherd, present in the Mass through the Priest (gestures/words in the Mass)

Apr. 3 Candidates only

The Parable of the Found Sheep (gestures/words in the Mass)

Apr. 24 Candidates & Parents

The Forgiving Father (reconciliation preparation)



CONFIRMATION SESSIONS (Grade 7):

SUNDAYS from 12:45-1:45 pm:

Jan. 20 Candidates only

Discussing "What Builds Our Faith"

Feb. 3 Candidates & Parents

Reviewing the Seven Sacraments

Feb. 17 Candidates only

Discussing "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit"

March 3 Candidates & Parents

A Teaching Mass with Father Steve



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. 22nd until March 26th 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

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. A compilation of "Frequently Asked Questions" are available throughout the campaign at www.onehearttonesoul.ca.

Vocation Seeds – As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious consecrated man or woman. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

FAITH ENRICHMENT AT ST. LOUIS PARISH, WATERLOO

♦ **Frances Hogan's Gospel of Luke** is a detailed study of the author, setting and all the action in this Gospel which we hear on Sundays during 2019. No cost. Bring your Bible. **Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm starting on Jan. 14th in the Large Hall of St. Louis Church (53 Allen St. E, Waterloo).** Enter via side elevator. For more information call 519-743-4101.

♦ **Lectio: Mark: Faith not Fear**, a series led by Dr. Tim Gray –Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. No cost for the course. Workbook \$25. **Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm starting on Jan. 17th in the Large Hall of St. Louis Church (53 Allen St. E, Waterloo).** Enter via side elevator. For more information call 519-743-4101.



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