

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
DEACON: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
First Tuesday evening of the month at the
7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open – see
Chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10 AM
Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We invite you to register. Please fill out a
form from the church lobby and drop it off
at the parish office. Please call if you would
like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM
Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd
Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A
Preparation Meeting is held on the
Wednesday evening preceding the baptism.
Please fill out a form from the church lobby
and drop it off at the parish office at least 6
weeks in advance.

HOSPITAL VISITATION
Please advise the office of area hospital
admissions to request a pastoral visit or the
Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS
Father will bring Communion to the sick on
the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the
office to schedule a 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 the beginning of Mass.

If you require a **Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours.

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 check ✓ 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a 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 a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week



January 15 – 21, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Betty Germann – *St. Mark's Knights of Columbus*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT)

7:00 am - Int. of Anna Pham Thi Le – *Phuong Nguyen*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Dianne Flood – *John Donovan*

6:30 PM - Int. of the Catholic Women's League

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Alfie Lambe – *Legion of Mary*

Saturday (OUR LADY'S SATURDAY)

9:00 am + Charles Farkas – *Mary Jo Flood*

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Sat. 5:00 PM + Norbert Bellaire – *John & Linda Deneau*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Jose Almeida & Anuciacao Costa – *B. Ferreira*

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."

Ladies Pot-Luck Supper ... Hey! Have you heard about the Canadians' Winter Lodge? (C.W.L.) Ladies, courtesy of St. Mark's C.W.L., you can shelter from the cold with a warm drink and pot-luck supper in our parish hall [a.k.a. lodge] Thurs. Jan. 18th at 6:30 p.m. There will be Mass; milestone awards; Secret Sister reveal; brief meeting; fun and good company. Come join us around our 'campfire' where you'll be cosy warm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on **January 18 - 25**, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

Wanted: Adult Funeral Servers

St. Mark's would like to form a team of adult altar servers who are usually free during the day (*e.g. those who are retired or working only part-time*) who could be called upon with a day or two's notice to serve for funerals in the church. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office, 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Jan. 15	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Jan. 16	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. Jan. 17	7:15 pm	(M)	9:30 choir practice
	7:00 pm	(CH)	Parents' Sacramental Prep Meeting
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Jan. 18	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. Potluck (with Mass at 6:30)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Jan. 19	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. Jan. 20	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

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



Next Weekend is Coffee Sunday!

Join us in the Hall after Mass (**Jan. 20/21**) for fellowship and refreshments, hosted by our C.W.L.

Today's reading from the Gospel according to John

immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus? ■



JAN. 20 & 21	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	E./T./T. Morgan	M./V. McCullough	B./B. Starr
Commentator:	M. Serschen	J. Germann	L. Masbad
Lectors:	K. Smith; B. Burns	T. Germann; T. Lee	M. Monte; M. Oram
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic; L. Macedo	J./T. Germann; J. Kelly	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia; C. Dokis; K. Friesen	P./B. Enticott; H. Kress; M. Walser	B. Denomme; F. Kangaloo; S. Markides

Catholic Women's League News



Wed. Jan. 18th – Potluck

Beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m., then join us in the "lodge" (parish hall) for a warm drink and potluck supper. Milestone awards will be presented, secret sisters will be revealed and a brief meeting will follow. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

Jan. 20/21 - Coffee Sunday – after all weekend Masses.

All ladies are encouraged to take this opportunity to join or renew memberships or to just take the opportunity to get to know their executive: *Kim Friesen, Anna Joseph, Cathy Gelsing, Carmel Schade, Betty Enticott, Diane Bendia, Mary Collins and Marilyn Dufresne.*

Thur. Feb. 22nd – Lenten Retreat - SAVE THE DATE and plan to attend.

This event is open to the entire parish and this is one event you won't want to miss... Watch upcoming bulletins for further details for the evening, including our special guest speaker/facilitator!

PARENTS' MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

A reminder to families of children in Grade 2 and Grade 7 that Sacramental Preparation begins this month on **Wed. Jan. 17th at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. See below for a full list of dates.

If your child missed attending one of the Enrolment Masses on Dec. 2/3 and has not yet handed in their form, please bring it to Fr. Steve after Mass as soon as possible. If you require a blank form, please contact the parish office at stmark@rogers.com.

FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

Preparation Meetings:

Wednesday, Jan. 17	7:00 pm	for Parents
Wednesday, Jan. 31	7:00 pm	for Candidates
Wednesday, Feb. 21	7:00 pm	for Parents
Wednesday, March 21	7:00 pm	for Candidates
Wednesday, April 18	7:00 pm	for Parents



CONFIRMATION (Grade 7):

Preparation Meetings:

Wednesday, Jan. 17	7:00 pm	for Parents
Sunday, Jan. 28	after 11:30 Mass	for Candidates
Sunday, Feb. 25	after 11:30 Mass	for Parents
Sunday, March 18	after 11:30 Mass	for Candidates
Sunday, April 15	after 11:30 Mass	for Parents



Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events...



Sun. Jan. 21	2:00 pm	K of C – First Degree
Sat. Jan. 27	7:00 pm	K of C – Wine Tasting
Sun. Feb. 11	5:00 pm	K of C – Pancake Supper

Thank You from our St. Vincent De Paul Society...

We would like to thank everyone that helped with the Christmas Hamper Program. So many of you contributed money in the Christmas collection and gifts to the Angel Tree.

We could not do the program without the assistance of our three schools: St. Dominic Savio, St. Mark's and Resurrection C.S.S. We had 60 wonderful volunteers that helped us organize gifts and fill hampers, including several groups of students from St. Mark's school. We assisted 79 families in our area with hampers, and families chose gifts for 135 children under 15 years of age. We spent \$31.30 per hamper, plus gave gift cards for each family to purchase their turkey, etc., bringing the total spent per family to \$55.21. We thank you for making Christmas special for our families, and for all the support you have given us during the past year. We wish you many blessings in the coming year.



The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).

Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: *"Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus."*

It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior."

The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

Hamilton Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Mon. Jan. 15** - Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
- Tue. Jan. 16** - Rev. David Perrin
- Wed. Jan. 17** - Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
- Thu. Jan. 18** - Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
- Fri. Jan. 19** - Rev. Tim Uniack, C.R.
- Sat. Jan. 20** - Rev. Stephen Murrin



"Loving Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that through Him, with Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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