

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

January 20 – 26, 2020

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. AGNES)
7:00 PM + Indra Sirju – *Marchione Faragher family*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 noon + Alfie Lambe – *Legion of Mary*

Thursday (FERIAL)
7:00 am + Francesca Rebol – *Cimermancic family*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES)
7:00 am + Antero Correia – *Correia family*

Saturday (FEAST – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE)
9:00 am + Joaquin Vaz & Francisca Goncalves – *Maria Silva*

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Sat. 5:00 PM + Mavis Chase – *Paulette & Cranston Thompson*

Sun. 9:30 am + Ray Scott – *John & Linda Deneau*
11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Agnes was a member of the Roman nobility, born in 291 and raised in a wealthy, Christian family. A beautiful young girl, Agnes had many suitors of high rank, and the young men, slighted by her resolute devotion to religious purity, submitted her name to the authorities as a follower of Christianity. The Prefect Sempronius condemned Agnes to be dragged naked through the streets to a brothel. The son of the prefect was struck dead but revived after she prayed for him, causing her release. There commenced a trial from which Sempronius recused himself, allowing another figure to preside and sentence St. Agnes to death. She was martyred at the age of twelve or thirteen on January 21, 304 and was buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome.

St. Francis DeSales was beatified in 1661 by Pope Alexander VII, who then canonized him four years later. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1877. Francis insisted that every Christian was called to holiness and sanctity, lived within their own state in life. In holding that belief, he reflected the teaching of Jesus and the early Church Fathers. He laid the groundwork for the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on what is now called the universal call to holiness.

Conversion of St. Paul – Paul’s entire life can be explained in terms of one experience — his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. Once a persecutor of Christians, he became a slave to Christ. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

Weekly Offertory Report for Jan. 11/12, 2020		
	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 2
Offertory Collection:	\$ 2,877.08	\$ 6,544.71
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,425.35	\$ 2,850.70
Total Offerings:	\$ 4,302.43	\$ 9,395.41
<i>Budget:</i>	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 10,400.00
<i>Under Budget:</i>	<i>(\$897.57)</i>	<i>(\$1,004.59)</i>
Mortgage Offerings to date this year:	\$ 1,162.00	

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

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Jan. 20</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:15 pm	(B)	A Quick Journey Through the Bible
<u>Tue. Jan. 21</u>	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Executive
<u>Wed. Jan. 22</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women’s Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Jan. 23</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	(CH)	Rosary
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. Potluck & Sister Reveal
<u>Fri. Jan. 24</u>	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
	6:00 am	(M)	Men’s group
<u>Sat. Jan. 25</u>	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You! resumes
	6:00 pm	(B)	Knights of Columbus

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

This Sunday we break from our reading of

Matthew’s Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John’s Gospel. We heard Matthew’s account of Jesus’ baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus as found in John’s Gospel. John’s Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today’s reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John’s testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the “Lamb of God” and the “Son of God.” By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus’ ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John’s baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus’ ministry. The purpose of John’s baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist’s sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John’s witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. ■


PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, January 20th



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Maria Silvestre**, wife of Joao and mother of Helena (Todd) Miller. “Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.”

 **Litururgical Ministers**

Jan. 25 / 26	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N./J. DeSouza	D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon B. Starr; R. Robin
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	P. Enticott	D. DeSouza
1 st Reader: 2 nd Reader:	K. Krigner	V. DeVries J. Flanigan	M. Monte I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	A. Montag	T./J. Germann F. Seaward	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		<i>Children's Liturgy Kids</i>	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	M. Fernando A. Joseph H. Kress	D. S-Weber E. Weiss

 **As we enter the flu season**, 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.

MEN OF ST. MARK'S...

That Man is You! begins again on **Saturday, January 25th** 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 info call Marc Murchie at 416-729-6401 and visit 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. 28th until March 24th 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

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...
 Jan. 20 - Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
 Jan. 21 - Rev. Ronald Hodara
 Jan. 22 - Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
 Jan. 23 - Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
 Jan. 24 - Rev. John Schnurr
 Jan. 25 - Rev. Jacek Krynn, S.A.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.

Newly Baptized...

 With joyful hearts and congratulations, St. Mark's Parish welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church a newly baptized child of God: **Cassidy Angeline Neil**

PRAISE & WORSHIP
 with Ron and Rick Denomme
Tuesday, February 4th at 7:30 pm
 40 minutes of praise & worship
 immediately following the 7pm Mass

C.W.L. News...

Potluck & Secret Sister Reveal:

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



Sacramental Preparation Meetings

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

FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

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)

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



Has your bible been collecting dust?

Discover a practical plan for reading it...

The Bible is more than a book; it is the incredible story of salvation history — God's glorious plan for leading his people to an intimate relationship with Himself. In the *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* study, you will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible — getting the "big picture" of salvation history. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday Mass readings come alive. *A Quick Journey Through The Bible* study will be offered at **St. Mark's Parish on Mondays from 7:15-9:00 p.m. starting January 20th** and will run for 8 weeks. A timeline chart and workbook will be available. To register, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or email the parish office at stmark@rogers.com.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2020

– Come to be JOYFUL, Come to be HEALED, Come to GIVE THANKS! **Saturday, March 7th** - 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.

MONEY 101: What you need to teach your kids about money!

A Personal Financial Literacy Presentation by Fred Masters (President and Founder of Masters Money Management and former Head of Business and Co-op at Resurrection C.S.S. prior to retirement). **Three evening presentations (7:00-8:30pm) to choose from:** **Wed. Jan. 22nd** at St. Benedict C.S.S.; **Tue. Feb. 4th** at St. Mary's C.S.S.; **Mon. Feb. 10th** at St. David C.S.S. For more information visit www.mastersmoneymanagement.ca or see the poster in the narthex. To reserve your spot, please email diana.bumstead@wcdsb.ca by 12 noon on the school day before the presentation.

Don't miss out on the 2020 Catholic Charities Lottery!

40 Draws for \$40,000 in prizes!!! Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$3 Million dollars to Catholic Schools, Catholic Parishes and Community Organizations in Waterloo Region. The Catholic Charities Lottery began in the 1970's and continues today as the sole fundraiser of the CCFOWR. Applications will be in the bulletin next weekend. **Purchase a ticket today!** Go to www.ccfowr.org/lottery or call 519-747-5661 to purchase over the phone.



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