

# 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:

7:00 AM on any weekday  5:00 PM on any Saturday

7:00 PM on any Tuesday  9:30 AM on any Sunday

9:00 AM on any Saturday  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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week

January 21 – 27, 2019

**Monday – NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 PM** - In Thanksgiving, and for Deceased Members of the D'Souza and Christopher families – *D'Souza Family*

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

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

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES)

**7:00 am** + Mary Yaremy – *Filomena Sawarna*

**Friday** (FEAST – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL)

**7:00 am** + Bernie Burns – *Lillian Falconbridge*

**Saturday** (MEMORIAL – ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS)

**9:00 am** + Maria do Carmo da Silva – *Maria Soares*

### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10+; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** - Int. of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Bernie Burns – *Derek & Connie Keough*

**11:30 am** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

**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."

**Sts. Timothy and Titus** were close companions of the Apostle Paul and bishops of the Catholic Church in its earliest days. Both men received letters from St. Paul, which are included in the New Testament. Unlike St. Timothy, St. Titus was not martyred, but died peacefully in old age.

#### OFFERTORY REPORT

Jan. 12/13, 2019

Sunday envelopes .....	\$ 2,275.75
Christmas, New Year's, Initial envelopes.....	\$ 120.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies .....	\$ 447.10
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,043.31</b>
Mortgage envelopes .....	\$ 310.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 254.88
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 564.88</b>

#### REMINDER REGARDING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

Please throw away any leftover envelopes from last year's box. If you have not yet picked up your 2019 box, they are still available in the narthex. If you do not currently use envelopes and would like to start, please fill out a parish registration form and drop it in the collection basket. Pamphlets to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Debit Plan are available in the narthex.

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Jan. 21</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Jan. 22</u>	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
<u>Wed. Jan. 23</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	6:30 pm	(M)	Finance & Maintenance meeting
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Jan. 24</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Jan. 25</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
<u>Sat. Jan. 26</u>	5:00 pm	(CH)	Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers
<u>Sun. Jan. 27</u>	11:30 am	(CH)	Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

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

**This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time.** For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us. ■

## Liturgical Ministers

JAN. 26 - 27	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N. D'Souza		C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	M. Monte
Lectors:	J. Deneau	T. Angel T. Boettger	B. Starr
Ushers:	A Montag K Friesen	F. Seaward J./K. Culley	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen A. Bendia C. Dokis	A. Joseph B. Coutinho M. Walser	B./C. Voisin S. Markides

**Thank you** to the *Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region* for the donation of the New Nativity Set for the Church through a grant awarded to St. Mark's Parish in the amount of **\$4,450.00** that covers the full cost of the purchase. Although the parish has already received the money from the grant, there will be an official cheque presentation later this year in December when the Nativity Scene is back in the church. A few years back when I was in New Hamburg, the Foundation also made a substantial donation that kick-started the restoration of the pipe organ in the church. They are, therefore, a foundation worth supporting because the funds raised, especially through their lottery, go directly to parishes and supporting other Catholic Institutions in our community. You can find out more about their lottery by visiting <https://ccfowr.org/lottery>.



### Alpha ... Come and See!

Looking for answers? The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, non-threatening manner. It's low key, friendly and fun! Listen, learn, discuss, discover and ask anything.

You are invited to a "Come and See" on **Thursday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Mark's**. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and check out a sample video. Refreshments will be provided. *Questions?* ... Please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 226-808-4733 or [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com).



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Linda Adair**, mother of Cheryl (Mike) MacNeil, David (Kara) Adair, and Stephen (Odette) Adair, and grandmother of Andrew, Kyle, Abby, Grayson, Liam, and Heather.

*"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."*

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar -

This week, let us pray for...

- Jan. 14 - Rev. Felix Nwatu
- Jan. 15 - Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
- Jan. 16 - Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)
- Jan. 17 - Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
- Jan. 18 - Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
- Jan. 19 - Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.



Be the light of Christ for the world

**Prayer for Vocations:** *God, the source of creation and life, give us the grace to write 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 Confirmation or First Eucharist

Our first meeting for parents has taken place. 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](mailto:stmark@rogers.com).

#### 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*

#### 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)*

### Keys to Loving Relationships – starting this week

"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. 22<sup>nd</sup> until March 26<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

### LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

*"Hope in the Midst of Suffering"*

**Saturday, March 2, 2019 | 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM**  
**METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE**

Inspired talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Father Mark Goring, CC. Separate youth event (ages 13-18) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. St. Mark's C.W.L. has organized a **BUS** to take us to and from this wonderful event. **Bus leaves St. Mark's Parish at 6:50am sharp and returns at 7:30pm. Cost for the bus is \$18 each** (light refreshments and driver gratuity is included). **Rally Tickets: \$25 adults and \$15 youth.** **Call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus. Don't be disappointed, the bus fills up quickly.**

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.oneheartonesoul.ca](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca).

**Vocation Seeds** – Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious consecrated life? 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).



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