

# St. Mark Catholic Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Steve Murrin  
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**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**January 22 – 28, 2018**

**Monday - NO MASS** (FERIAL)

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 PM** + Patrick Dignam – *Jim & Joan O'Doherty*

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

**7:00 am** + Dianne Flood – *John & Linda Deneau*

**Thursday** (FEAST – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE)

**7:00 am** + Sarah (Sally) Ariss – *Marilyn Dufresne*

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

**7:00 am** - Int. of Kathleen Dineen – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

**Saturday** (FERIAL)

**9:00 am** - Int. of Rose Healy – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Adeline Dias – *Agnelo & Dolorosa Dias*

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

**11:30 am** + Catherine Hunter – *the Flood family*

**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 Collections

**Jan. 13/14, 2018**

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,435.04
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,204.15
Loose monies .....	\$ 581.50
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 4,220.69</b>

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 252.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 259.50
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 511.50</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



### Today is Coffee Sunday!

Join us in the Hall after Mass for fellowship and refreshments, hosted by our Catholic Women's League.

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Jan. 22</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Jan. 23</b>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus
<b>Wed. Jan. 24</b>	6:30 pm	(M)	Finance & Maintenance meeting
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<b>Thur. Jan. 25</b>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<b>Fri. Jan. 26</b>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
<b>Sun. Jan. 28</b>	12:30 pm		Confirmation Candidates meeting

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

**Since last Sunday**, the readings return to the gospel of Mark that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time up to the Season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 14.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel from St. John, in Mark's Gospel Jesus breaks with tradition by taking the initiative in calling his disciples and inviting them to learn from him.

Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom? ■



JAN. 27 & 28	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	E./T./T. Morgan	C. Chacon
Commentator:	J. Deneau	C. Mackid	M. Monte
Lectors:	K. Friesen M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	I. Kangaloo B. Starr
Ushers:	K. Friesen A. Montag	L. Koehler F. Seaward	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	L. Macedo K. Smith F./Y. Tully	M./L. Fernando M. Lynch	B. Starr B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

### Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary," not because it is common, but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church — the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) nor in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent, Easter. There are, therefore, 2 cycles of Ordinary Time. The first is the period after Epiphany up to Ash Wednesday and the second period is from the end of the Easter Season (Sunday after Pentecost) up to the beginning of Advent.

The liturgical color for ordinary time is green and before the reforms of the liturgical with Vatican II, the Sundays now referred to as Ordinary Time were referred to instead as the Sundays after Epiphany and the Sundays after Pentecost.



### Choir Area for the Church

A choir space is currently being planned for the church and it will be located in the back section of the church, in the vicinity of where the 8<sup>th</sup> station of the cross is on the wall. This will involve the removal of 4 pews and an outline of the space is marked on the floor with masking tape, if you are interested in seeing the area. Once this space is created, it will be raised on a platform and the organ will be removed from the sanctuary and placed in that area, as well as, the keyboard and microphones. This new space will also accommodate the musicians and choir members, making it an all inclusive choir area and this decision has been made in consultation with all three choirs and the Diocese. Because of no space, the three parish choirs have to set up and take down after every Mass and have to occupy part of the sanctuary and back aisle. Since this aisle leads to a fire exit, the parish has been warned numerous times by the fire department that this aisle must be kept unobstructed. This decision, therefore, is being made primarily to comply with Health and Safety standards and, in the process, it will also make the front part of the church less cluttered and make things much easier for our choirs.

### Catholic Women's League News



**Today is 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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!

### Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**



Proudly presented by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Tickets now on sale after all Masses in the narthex: **Adults \$8; Youth (7-16) \$6; Kids (3-6) \$3; Family \$25; Kids under 3 FREE.** A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the supper.

### Come join us to find the "Keys to Loving Relationships"

"Keys" is a 9-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 7:00-9:00 p.m. **starting January 23<sup>rd</sup> here at St. Mark's Parish.** The cost is \$45.00. To register or for more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

### Are you sure your taxes are designated to go to the Catholic school board?

The number of voting age Catholic school ratepayers in Waterloo Region has fallen in the last number of years to below 90,000. This has happened at the same time Waterloo Region's population has grown significantly. To help counter this downward trend, in conjunction with our annual Kindergarten sign-up campaign, the Waterloo Catholic District School Board is also launching a campaign to increase the number of "official" Catholic school supporters in Waterloo Region.

It is important to do this for three key reasons:

1. The number of officially registered Catholic ratepayers determines the number of WCDSB Trustees, as well as who is and isn't entitled to vote for Catholic Trustees.
2. An accurate tally of Catholic school supporters is vital for planning purposes (new schools, boundaries, etc.).
3. A declining number of Catholic ratepayers can be used by opponents of Catholic education to argue for one school system.

The "default mechanism" is largely responsible for the decline. The "default mechanism" is a flawed process under the Assessment Act, by which a person's school system support is determined. **\* In short, even though you are a Roman Catholic, every time you change addresses your declaration of school support – by law – automatically reverts to the public school board, and you need to complete and file forms in order to maintain (or reclaim) your Catholic school support.**

Many local Catholics consider themselves official Catholic school supporters, even though, in the eyes of the law, they are not.

You are encouraged to check your school support status and make any necessary changes to your legal designation. Information is posted on our website at: <https://www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/register-for-school/support-catholic-education/>

As always, thank you so much for your support of our Catholic schools!



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