

# 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.

**Mass Intentions for the Week** 

**Jan. 27 – Feb. 2, 2020**

**Monday – NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. THOMAS AQUINAS)  
**7:00 PM** + Evlyn Markides – Barb & Ron Denomme

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)  
**12 noon** + Antero Correia – Maria Soares

**Thursday** (FERIAL)  
**7:00 am** + Catherine Hunter – the Flood family

**Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN BOSCO)  
**7:00 am** + Burchat Family – Terry & Gerry Gerth

**Saturday** (FERIAL)  
**9:00 am** + Marie Mason – Terry & Gerry Gerth

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

*Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:10-11, 13b-18+; Luke 2:22-40*

- Sat. 5:00 PM** - Private Intention
- Sun. 9:30 am** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
- 11:30 am** + Indra Sirju – St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

St. Thomas ranks among the greatest writers and theologians of all time. His most important work, the Summa Theologiae, an explanation and summary of the entire body of Catholic teaching, has been standard for centuries, even to our own day. In the church he is honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. In 1243, he joined the Dominicans and his writings greatly contributed to the church. He died in 1274.

St. John Bosco – In 1859, Fr. Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. He organized 15 seminarians and one teenage boy into the group. Their purpose was to carry on his charitable work, helping boys with their faith formation and to stay out of trouble. The organization still exists today and continues to help people, especially children around the world. In the years that followed, Fr. Bosco expanded his mission, which had, and still has, much work to do. He died on January 31, 1888. The call for his canonization was immediate. Pope Pius XI knew Fr. Bosco personally and agreed, declaring him blessed in 1929. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth."

**Feast of the Presentation of our Lord ~ Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.) This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, forty days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

<b>Weekly Offertory Report for Jan. 18/19, 2020</b>		
	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>YTD - WEEK 3</b>
Offertory Collection:	\$ 2,455.20	\$ 8,999.91
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,425.35	\$ 6,176.50
<b>Total Offerings:</b>	<b>\$ 3,880.55</b>	<b>\$ 15,176.41</b>
<i>Budget:</i>	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 15,600.00
<i>Under Budget:</i>	<i>(\$1,319.45)</i>	<i>(\$423.59)</i>
<b>Mortgage Offerings to date this year:</b>	<b>\$ 2,399.50</b>	

**Meetings & Events This Week:**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Jan. 27</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:15 pm	(B)	A Quick Journey Through the Bible
<b>Tue. Jan. 28</b>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus General mtg.
<b>Wed. Jan. 29</b>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<b>Thu. Jan. 30</b>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<b>Fri. Jan. 31</b>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<b>Sat. Feb. 1</b>	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!

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

**Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.** In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us. ■

**Consultation on Medical Assistance in Dying**

The Canadian Department of Justice is having a Medical Assistance in Dying consultation, since the government is considering expanding the euthanasia law to those not dying. Let the government know that as a Catholic, you believe that the current safeguards and eligibility requirements need to be increased not lessened. You will be given the opportunity to provide written comments about the safeguards, the morality of the directives, and other factors of Canada's euthanasia law. This is your chance to influence how we move forward in this country with MAID. Please make your voice heard by filling out the survey at <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>.

**Today is White Box Sunday** - The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Jan. 25/26) for anyone wishing to make a donation. Thank you for helping us to assist those less fortunate in our community.

## Liturgical Ministers

Feb. 1 / 2	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./J. D'Souza N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	S. Rellinger	J. Germann	M. Smith
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	G. Balm	T. Germann J. Deneau	R. Kubica B. Starr
Ushers:	L. Macedo	M. Walsler J./K. Snyder	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		<i>Children's Liturgy Kids</i>	Kubica
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis G. MacNeil	T. Lee M. Lynch L. Riedel	B./C. Voisin A. Monte

### Meeting for All Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

I would like to meet with all current and prospective Readers and Eucharist Ministers in the next two weeks, to go over procedures as well as to train our newcomers. (Anyone still wishing to join either of these ministries may still do so on the sheets in the narthex.)

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend your meeting:



★ **Ministers of the Eucharist**  
Saturday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m.

★ **Ministers of the Word**  
(LECTORS and COMMENTATORS)  
Saturday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.



Note: If you take the Eucharist to the Sick and would like to become a Eucharistic Minister at Mass, please sign up to join us on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Curious about the Catholic Faith?

As we get closer to Lent, I will be offering a 5-week course on **Wednesday nights** on the Catholic Faith. Please watch the bulletin for further details. If you are a baptized adult who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this is an opportunity for preparation. These sessions will also be open to anyone in the parish who is interested in learning more about our faith. Adults seeking Confirmation are asked to please register by calling or emailing the parish office (519-571-9200 / [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com)). Parishioners interested in learning more about the faith can sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. – Fr. Steve

### Keys to Loving Relationships – STARTS 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. 28<sup>th</sup> until March 24<sup>th</sup> here at St. Mark's. Cost is \$45. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249

### St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

– ALWAYS WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS –

The Knights would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mark for their support over the years. Thanks to your generosity we raised the funds to purchase a defibrillator for the church! Without you, this would not have happened. Every year we make charitable donations to different organizations – The Food Bank, House of Friendship, St. Vincent de Paul Society, K-W Right to Life – just to name a few! With your support we can continue to help the less fortunate and make improvements to our church!



### First Communion Preparation Meetings

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

Jan. 12 - Parents only

**TODAY** ➔ Jan. 26 - Candidates

**Next Sunday** ➔ Feb. 2 - Candidates (& Parents w/ Fr. Steve)

Feb. 9 - Candidates

Feb. 23 - Candidates (& Parents w/ Fr. Steve)



### PRAISE & WORSHIP with Ron and Rick Denomme

Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

40 minutes of praise & worship following the 7pm Mass

### ALPHA - Looking for answers?

The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore faith in a relaxed, low-key manner. Listen, learn, discuss ... and ask anything! Each night includes **Dinner, a Talk and Discussion**. Join us **Thursday evenings** from Feb.

20<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> here at St. Mark's Church. Questions? Please call Ian Kangeloo 226-808-4733 or Cathy Voisin 519-497-4816 or email [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com). For more info visit [www.alphaCanada.org](http://www.alphaCanada.org).



### Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Proudly presented by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

Tickets go on sale the weekend of Feb. 8/9 after all Masses:

Adults \$10; Youth (7-16) \$7; Kids (3-6) \$3; Family \$30. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the supper.



### Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2020 – Come to be JOYFUL, Come to be HEALED, Come to GIVE THANKS!

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**. 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](mailto:stmarkcwl@gmail.com).

### 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. Join us at **St. Mark's Parish** (basement) on **Mondays from 7:15-9:00 p.m.** (started Jan. 20). Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or email the parish office at [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com).

### TODAY IS BIBLE SUNDAY

Pope Francis has established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Bible Sunday (**Jan. 26, 2020**). Prayer Cards are available and parishioners are invited to offer this prayer together in thanksgiving for the gift of God's Word.

We pray that our observance of Bible Sunday will deepen our gratitude for the Word of God and inspire us to root our lives more firmly in the Word of God.



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