

# St. Mark Catholic Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Steve Murrin  
**DEACON:** Rev. Mr. Basil Markides  
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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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Jan. 29 – Feb. 4, 2018**

**Monday - NO MASS** (FERIAL)

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 PM** - Int. of Andrew Caruk – *Marta Melik*

**Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN BOSCO)

**7:00 am** + Dianne Flood – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

**Thursday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 am** - Int. of Marilyn Dufresne

**First Friday** (FEAST – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD)

**★ 7:00 PM** + Ivan Razpotnik – *the Cimernancic family*

**First Saturday** (OPTIONAL MEMORIAL – ST. BLAISE)

**9:00 am** - Int. of Mary Greaney – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

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

*Job 7:1-4; 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Virginia & Jack Smith – *Glenn & Kathy Smith*

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

**11:30 am** + Margaret Druar – *John & Linda Deneau*

**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."

**St. Blaise** – We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

### Offertory Collections

**Jan. 20/21, 2018**

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,670.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,204.15
Loose monies .....	\$ 527.80
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 4,402.88</b>

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 255.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 259.50
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 514.50</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Jan. 29</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Jan. 30</b>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
<b>Wed. Jan. 31</b>	7:00 pm	(H)	First Communion preparation
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<b>Thur. Feb. 1</b>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
<b>Fri. Feb. 2</b>	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
<b>Sat. Feb. 3</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

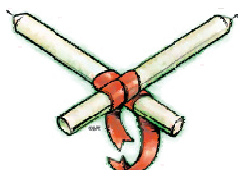
**Meeting Rooms:** **B** = Basement **CH** = Church **H** = Hall **★** = Offsite  
**J** = St. John Room **L** = St. Luke Room **M** = St. Matthew Room

**Today's Gospel** continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee. ■



### Blessing of Throats ~ Feast of St. Blaise

The traditional blessing of throats will take place this Saturday, the Feast of St. Blaise, following the 9:00 am. Mass. "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

## Liturgical Ministers

FEB. 3 & 4	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G./S. Morgan N. D'Souza		B./B. Starr
Commentator:	M. Serschen	B. Crawley	B. Starr
Lectors:	K. Smith B. Burns	T. Angel T. Boettger	M. Oram L. Masbad
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic L. Macedo	J./K. Snyder M. Walser	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis K. Friesen	G. MacNeil J. McCullough L. Riedel	R./L. Masbad A. Monte

### Parish Ministry Workshops

Thank you to everyone who signed up last Fall for different ministries in the parish. Over the next several months, I am planning on meeting with each ministry, either individually or as a group, to provide training/preparation as needed, as well as procedures.

To begin this process, I would like to meet first with **Ministers of the Eucharist** and, next, **Ministers of the Word**. In trying to consider a convenient time for most people, I have scheduled these **one-hour** workshops for 9:45, after the 9:00 am. Saturday Mass.

These sessions will be for both people who signed up for a new ministry, as well as for people currently involved in the ministry.

Thanks, *Fr. Steve*

IF YOU CURRENTLY BELONG OR WISH TO JOIN EITHER OF THESE MINISTRIES, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND:



★ **Ministers of the Eucharist**  
Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.

★ **Ministers of The Word**  
(LECTORS and COMMENTATORS)  
Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.



### Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings:

#### FIRST COMMUNION (Grade 2's)

Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7:00 pm for Candidates

#### CONFIRMATION (Grade 7's)

Sunday, Jan. 28 after 11:30 Mass for Candidates

**Today is White Box Sunday** – Our St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Jan. 27/28) for anyone wishing to make a donation.



Bring your SPUDS to the Church during the month of February and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.

### Catholic Women's League News



**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.



### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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, 40 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 Day.



*Mass for the Presentation of The Lord will be celebrated this Friday at 7:00 in the evening with the traditional blessing of candles. You may bring your own candles to be blessed. Since this is also the First Friday, Mass will conclude with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and devotions to the Sacred Heart.*



### Good Friday Passion Play - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Open invitation to those wishing to participate. Please call Julio and Sonia Chacon at 519-954-2062 for more information.

**World Day for Consecrated Life** - February 2<sup>nd</sup> ... The purpose of the day is 'to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ y means of the practice of the evangelical counsels' as well as 'to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.' (St. John Paul II, 1997).

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - February 14<sup>th</sup> ... Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches that were blessed and distributed last Palm Sunday. **You may bring your blessed palms to church next weekend for them to be burned for ashes.** A basket will be placed in the narthex.



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