

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
DEACON: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

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: 1st Saturday at 10 AM
Benediction: 1st 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 2nd
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 1st 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:

7:00 AM on a Weekday

5:00 PM on a Saturday

7:00 PM on a Tuesday

9:30 AM on a Sunday

9:00 AM on a Saturday

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

June 18 – 24, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Fred Mazurek – *Mary Lavery*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Rosa Maria Clemente – *C. & L. Fonseca*

1:00 PM – **YEAR-END SCHOOL MASS at St. Dominic's**

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA)

7:00 am – Int. of Jane Kubica – *Eric & Rosemary*

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am – Int. of Estella Correira – *Eric & Rosemary*

9:30 am – **YEAR-END SCHOOL MASS with St. Mark's**

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Joanne McCabe – *Marilyn Dufresne*

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

Sat. 5:00 PM + Betty & Orval Harlock – *Paul & Angela Beckner*

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

11:30 am + I. & L. Poznanska & A. Horodecka – *Hanna*

St. Aloysius was born in Castiglione, Italy. The first words St. Aloysius spoke were the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. He was destined for the military by his father (who was in service to Philip II), but by the age of 9 Aloysius had decided on a religious life, and made a vow of perpetual virginity. To safeguard himself from possible temptation, he would keep his eyes persistently downcast in the presence of women. St. Charles Borromeo gave him his first Holy Communion. A kidney disease prevented St. Aloysius from a full social life for a while, so he spent his time in prayer and reading the lives of the saints. Although he was appointed a page in Spain, St. Aloysius kept up his many devotions and austerities, and was quite resolved to become a Jesuit. His family eventually moved back to Italy, where he taught catechism to the poor. When he was 18, he joined the Jesuits, after finally breaking down his father, who had refused his entrance into the order. He served in a hospital during the plague of 1587 in Milan, and died from it at the age of 23, after receiving the last rites from St. Robert Bellarmine. The last word he spoke was the Holy Name of Jesus.

Offertory Collection

June 9/10, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,628.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,196.77
Loose monies	\$ 449.80
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,275.50

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 320.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 247.96
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$567.96

Thank you for your generosity

Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place

Please return all bottles this weekend (June 16/17). Thank you for your support. For more info please visit www.marillacplace.ca.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. June 18</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. June 19</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. June 20</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. June 21</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(B)	33 Days to Morning Glory (DVD series)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. June 22</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
<u>Sat. June 23</u>	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

Today, we would normally celebrate the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, but because today falls on June 24th, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist.

One day an angel appeared to Zachary and announced that he was to have a son named John, who would prepare Israel for the messiah. Zachary doubted that Elizabeth, his aged wife, could bear a child. He asked for a sign, and the angel obliged. Zachary was struck dumb until John's birth. When the baby was born, the old man cuddled him and celebrated with this prophetic song:

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited his people, he has set them free; and he has established for us a saving power in the House of his servant David, just as he proclaimed, by the mouth of the holy prophets from ancient times, that he would save us from our enemies and from the hands of all those who hate us, and show faithful love to our ancestors, and so keep in mind his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant us, free from fear, to be delivered from the hands of our enemies, to serve him in holiness and uprightness in his presence, all our days. And you, little child, you shall be called Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare a way for him, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the faithful love of our God in which the rising Sun has come from on high to visit us to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow dark as death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:68-79)

St. John began his ministry thirty years later. He called people to repent and baptized them in water as a sign of purification. Jesus himself approached John for baptism "Behold the lamb of God," John declared to the crowds, "who takes away the sin of the world." He resisted baptizing Jesus, but acquiesced when Jesus explained that he wanted to set an example of righteous behavior.

Herod, the ruler of Galilee, arrested John because he feared the Baptist might foment a rebellion. John had also embittered Herod by condemning his marriage to Herodias, his half-brother's wife. While in prison, John was bothered with doubt about Jesus. He had expected the messiah to come more forcefully with a "winnowing fan in his hand to clear the threshing floor." Thus, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was really the messiah.

Jesus responded that he fulfilled all the messianic signs, healing the blind, the deaf, and lepers, raising the dead, and preaching good news to the poor. Then Jesus praised John to the crowds as "more than a prophet" and as the greatest man who ever lived. One evening Herod threw a party for Galilee's upper crust. Herodias's daughter entertained, dancing so beautifully that Herod offered to reward her with anything she desired. Her mother told her to ask for John the Baptist's head on a platter. Herod kept his promise. Without even a pretense of a trial, he gave the order and a soldier beheaded John at the prison. ■



JUNE 23 & 24	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	M./V. McCullough	N./A. Gallagher C. Chacon
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	B. Starr
Lectors:	B. Burns B. Crawley	J. Flanigan T. Angel	<i>Can you help?</i> M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	P. Drohan J./K. Snyder	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Cerantola	<i>Can you help?</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith K. Friesen A. Bendia	T. Lee M. Lynch G. MacNeil	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

An invitation to pray the Novena to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help
June 19th to 27th

The Legion of Mary of St. Mark's community is inviting all to join them in praying the Novena to **Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help** for their families/friends, for the sick, in thanksgiving, for those who have fallen away from the faith...for whatever is on your heart. The Novena prayer is available on the Legion of Mary table in the narthex. There will be a 7:00pm Mass on Wednesday, June 27th in honour of this Marian feast.

Catholic Women's League News



ACCESSIBLE DOOR FUND – This funding will go toward the installation of 2 automatic door openers at the main entrance to the church. **Special donation envelopes for this fund are available in the narthex – just look for the wheelchair.** Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket during Mass, or brought to the office. As usual, credit will be given on your year-end tax receipt.

USED BOOK SALE – *on-going in the St. John's Room*
Please visit the tables often as the selection changes with new donations. Donated books can be left under the coat racks in the hallway across from the ladies' restroom. *Thank you for your support! All proceeds to St. Mark's Accessible Door Fund.*

♦ **Next Mass for CWL Intentions:** Tuesday, June 26th at 6:00 pm (this is the Grade 8 Graduation Mass for students of St. Dominic's).

"HEARTS SET ABLAZE" RETREAT FOR GIRLS, June 22-24, for girls 11-15 years of age, led by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate at **St. Ambrose Parish, Cambridge**. A weekend of faith, friendship, prayer, and fun! The cost is \$75. Applications: <http://solisisters.ca/youthretreats.html>. Questions: Email Sr. Mary Augustine at smaryaugustine@solisisters.ca.

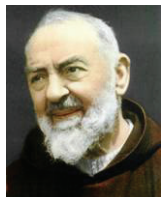
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD – St. Mary's Parish welcomes 3-yr-old children (born 2015) to register for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The program will run in the Lower Hall of St. Mary's Parish, 56 Duke St. W. Kitchener from **October 2018 – May 2019**. Registration forms are available online: www.stmarysrcchurch.ca. Please return registration forms to St. Mary's parish office by **June 30th**. Contact Emily Nyenhuis at 226-600-6704 or emilylukenyenhuis@gmail.com for more information or any questions.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL MASS** to be held **Sunday, July 15th** at 2:00 pm at the **Monastery**. Rosary will precede the Mass. Celebrant will be Most Rev. Douglas Crosby.

ANNUAL 9-DAY NOVENA TO ST. ANN, July 18-26. The Novena will include Mass starting at 7pm each evening throughout, blessing with the relic of St. Ann and novena prayers as well as confessions following the Mass. Anointing of the Sick will take place on Friday, July 20th at 7pm. The Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate Mass for the Feast of St. Ann on Thursday, July 26th at 7pm. A reception will follow in St. Ann's School Gym. Everyone is welcome. Wheelchair / Walker accessible.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY – ST. PADRE PIO

September 16-27, 2018. Join Fr. Tom Sullivan on a grace filled pilgrimage to Rome, Vatican Museum, Assisi, Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael's Cave, Lanciano, Loreto, Greccio and much more! Cost is **\$3995** and includes all travel accommodations and two meals daily. For more information and/or registration contact Louise Kunkel, Tour Leader at 905-664-1871 / 289-941-1938, or email louisekunkel@yahoo.ca.



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(FIRST PUBLICATION)

Mr. Gregory Merkley is scheduled to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario.

If anyone knows of a serious cause why this Ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.

Let us all pray that Mr. Gregory Merkley will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

A Message from Bishop Douglas Crosby...
THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLANNING STUDY, is now underway, to help us consider the merits of a diocesan capital campaign. This study will allow us to hear from Priests, Deacons, Religious, lay leaders, parish staff and parishioners across the Diocese to ensure we are on the right path. Our proposed campaign goals, as well as details on listening sessions in each deanery, can be found at hamiltondiocese.com/campaign. I encourage your participation in this process, as your candid feedback will allow us to make good, prudent decisions that will help shape the future of our Diocese.



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