

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*  
Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*  
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

## LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM  
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM  
*No Children's Liturgy of the Word until further notice.*

## WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday through Friday at 12:00 NOON  
First Saturday of the Month at 9:00 AM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

**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. A date for 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 start the process..

## 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 SOCIETY

Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### **St. Dominic Savio Catholic Elementary School**

*Principal: Pat Runstedler*  
3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

### **St. Mark Catholic Elementary School**

*Principal: Gary Lankowski*  
240 Autumn Hill Crescent 519-743-4682

### **Resurrection Catholic Secondary School**

*Principal: Marisa Munroe*  
455 University Avenue West 519-741-1990



*"... 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 drop it in the mail. Your intention will appear in the bulletin.

**If you require a Mass card** please call or email the parish office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention 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**

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



June 20 – 26, 2022

**Tuesday** ★ **NO MASS**

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

**12 Noon** + Janine Langan – McCullough family

**Thursday** (SOLEMNITY – THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST)

**9:30 am** - **YEAR-END MASS with St. Mark School**

**12 Noon** + Betty & Orval Harlock – Paul & Angela Beckner

**Friday** (SOLEMNITY – THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS)

**(NO NOON MASS)**

★ **7:00 PM** + Carma DaSilva – Maria Soares

### 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 25/26

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62

**Sat. 5:00 PM** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Maria Campos – Campos family

**11:30 am** + Rosa & Onofre Clemente – Leonor Fonseca

**Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist** – Aside from the Lord and His Blessed Mother, John is the only other individual whose birth the Church commemorates with a solemnity. He is also only one of a few saints with two feasts. The second commemorates his beheading on August 29. Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John..." John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, he was the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God. John began public ministry around 30 AD and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you." Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:  
A private intention**



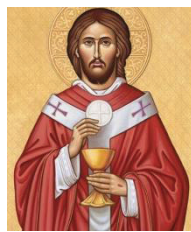
You may request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul. Cost is \$5 per candle, per week. Simply drop a plain envelope marked "Sanctuary Lamp" into the collection and include the stipend and the name of the person(s) you wish to remember.

**Pajama & Sock Drive...** We continue to collect NEW and UNUSED PAJAMAS and SOCKS in ALL SIZES (adults & children) to give to **victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**. Items will be collected at the parish, and then distributed through St. Mary's Hospital. **Items can be placed in the bin in the narthex.** Thank you for your support!

### From the Pastor's Desk...

As many of you know I'm leaving the parish at the end of June, and **Fr. Roque Concepcion** has been assigned as the new Pastor. This will be effective August 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the interim, Fr. Kevin Upendran will be filling in at the parish for the month of July. Fr. Roque is a priest from the Diocese of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Fr. Upendran was ordained May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and plans to do further studies in September.

- Fr. Steve



## SOLEMNITY of the MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This traditional date of the Feast is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday, but in Canada, as in other parts of the world, it is celebrated on the following Sunday.

The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist: the Real Presence of Christ; body, blood, soul and divinity. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ, the people of God, as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

On The Feast of Corpus Christi, the Church calls us to faith in the real presence of Christ, not just a symbol, at every Mass under the appearance of bread and wine. St. Thomas Aquinas, the great theologian of the church, named this Transubstantiation. That is, while the elements of bread and wine retain their physical properties as bread and wine, their substance is transformed into the actual body and blood of Christ.

While, it is also true that God is truly present through his Spirit in other ways, such as through his Word and when two or three are gathered, God is present *par excellence* in the Eucharistic Body and Blood of His Son which we offer in sacrifice to the Father at every Mass as the one sacrifice offered on Good Friday. In the sacrificial meal of the Mass, our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others. As Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and the Mass central to our worship.



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS FROM OUR PARISH

*God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers in the world.*

*Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers to let the example of their faith and love shine forth.*

*Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.*

*Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

 *Liturgical Ministers*

<b>June 25-26</b>	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Commentator:</b>	S. Benner	J. Flanigan	M. Oram
<b>Reader 1:</b>	A. Fernandez	T. Germann	D. DeSousa
<b>Reader 2</b>	S. Rellinger	T. Angel	J. Petrovich
<b>Ushers:</b>	C. Weber P. Fernandez	P. Drohan L. Koehler	B./C. Voisin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	G. Kubisewsky D. Fernandez	P. Enticott M. Walsler	E. Weiss D. Seymour-Weber

The diocese has given the okay for all liturgical ministers to resume their ministries at Mass. Altar servers, ushers, gift bearers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, **if you would like to resume or sign-up for one of these roles, please see Fr. Steve after Mass, or call/email the parish office.**

**FEAST of the SACRED HEART**

**Friday, June 24 ~ Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.**  
 Followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
 and Devotions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Margaret Mary between 1673-1675. Among the words spoken to her, she heard Jesus make 12 promises to those who would respond to the pleading of His Heart and make an effort to return His love:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



**Calling all Knitting and Crocheting Enthusiasts!**

The C.W.L. is organizing a **PRAYER SHAWL** ministry. We will officially start in the fall and more details will follow. If you are interested in getting an early start, please contact Anna at 519-577-8519 for details!



ST. MARK C.W.L. INVITES YOU TO A  
**Potluck Farewell for Fr. Steve**  
**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**  
 in the Parish Hall

This is our opportunity to bid a fond farewell to Fr. Steve, and to thank him for his faithful and faith-filled ministry to St. Mark's Parish over the last 5 years. How fortunate we are to have known someone who will make saying goodbye so hard!

Please **RSVP** on the sheet in the narthex to indicate how many people are in your group, as well as what dish you will bring (main, salad/side, or dessert). This will help us prepare!



**Dishes should be brought ready to share.** (Feel free to bring a crockpot if needed.)  
 Coffee, tea and lemonade provided by the parish.

We are asking all those who wish (children, adults, families) to **submit a memory, message or drawing** on an 8½ x 11 page (blank pages available in the narthex), **or a card of your own**, to insert into a binder that will be given to Father before he goes.

There will be an **Open Mic** at the potluck for those who wish to say a few brief words – if you would like to be included, please let Betty know at 519-743-0908 by June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteers** are needed to **set-up** on the 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at 12 noon, and **clean-up** afterward on Sunday evening. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS – JUNE 24**

In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II instituted the World Day of Prayer for Priests, on the feast of the Sacred Heart. The Priesthood, as the Curé D' Ars said, is the love of the heart of Jesus. Even if at times their own human weaknesses obscure that love, the priest is still an alter Christus, and we must pray that they re-discover and live up to their exalted vocation, which is not primarily their work but Christ's, and God's.

**On this day, please keep all priests in your prayers, especially the Priests of our Diocese.**

*Prayer for Priests*

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.  
 Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.  
 Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.  
 Set their souls on fire with love for your people.  
 Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength  
 they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  
 Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.  
 Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.  
 Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.  
 Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives  
 and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

From our Diocesan Prayer Calendar, we remember especially the following clergy this week (June 20-25): Rev. Edward Henhoeffler, Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam, the Comboni Missionaries (MCCJ), Rev. William Foote, Rev. Michael Isabelle, and Rev. Luc Payette.





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