

# 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  
Wed., Thur., Fri. 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,  
see chapel bulletin board  
Divine Mercy – Fridays 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 one of the following:

7:00 AM on any weekday  5:00 PM on any Saturday

7:00 PM on any Tuesday  9:30 AM on any Sunday

9:00 AM on any Saturday  11:30 AM on any 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 several months in advance.

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # or email: \_\_\_\_\_

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

# ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## Mass Intentions for the Week



June 3 – 9, 2019

**Monday – NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 PM + Catarina Phuong Nguyen

**Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. BONIFACE)

12 noon + Harry Singleton – Flood family

**Thursday** (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 am + Francisco De Sousa – Brigida De Sousa

**First Friday** (FERIAL – EASTER)

★ 7:00 PM + Frank Fegan – Colm & Kay Dignam

**Saturday** (FERIAL – EASTER)

9:00 am + Thomas Flood – Flood family

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Jack Soares & Family – Maria

**Sun. 9:30 am** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am - Int. of Vladimir & Stephanie Kolbas – Flood family

★ **First Friday Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Devotions to the Sacred Heart.**

**St. Boniface** – The saint we know as Boniface was born around 680 in Devonshire, England and given the name Wynfrid. He was raised in Benedictine monasteries. By 717, he was a renowned teacher and preacher, but gave up his work in response to a call to the mission field of northern Netherlands. In Rome, Pope Gregory II re-named him Boniface. At Geismar, Boniface made a tremendous impression by destroying the great Oak of Thor, an object of pagan worship, without being harmed by ‘the gods.’ Boniface is called the “Apostle of Germany.” On June 5, 754, he and 30 companions were killed by non-Christians.

### OFFERTORY REPORT

May 25/26, 2019

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,141.25
First Communion Mass (2pm).....	\$ 480.50
Sunday Pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,268.54
Loose monies .....	\$ 429.00
<b>TOTAL EASTER SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,319.29</b>

Mortgage envelopes .....	\$ 200.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ..	\$ 261.81
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 461.81</b>

Pope’s Pastoral Works (diocesan collection).....	\$ 416.00
St. Vincent de Paul White Box Collection (May).....	\$ 267.90

*Thank you for your generosity*

### 9 DAY NOVENA FOR LIFE: June 1 - 9, 2019

St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council #9276 is promoting a 9-Day Novena for Life from June 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being from the moment of conception to natural death.

**To participate in this novena, please pick up a novena prayer sheet from the narthex.**



### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. June 3</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:15 pm	(B)	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
<b>Tue. June 4</b>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<b>Wed. June 5</b>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women’s Prayer Group
<b>Thu. June 6</b>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<b>Fri. June 7</b>	6:00 am	(M)	Men’s group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers’ Group
<b>Sat. June 8</b>	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 is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord**, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers. ■

**Articles of Faith still available** – if you're looking for a gift for First Communion, Confirmation, or just looking for a special item, contact the parish office.

### NOTICE TO ALL GROUPS USING THE BASEMENT RE: GARBAGE REMOVAL

Since the basement rooms are some of the less often used rooms for meetings, they are only cleaned professionally once a month. With this in mind, we would like to ask those using the basement to please bring your garbage upstairs after every meeting, and place it in the garbage cans beside the hall kitchen (which are emptied weekly). In this way, we will avoid full, smelly bins in the basement. Thank you for your assistance.



Ministers, please check your EMAIL for June/July schedule.

June 8 - 9	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:	Sr. Kathleen	T. Boettger	D. DeSousa
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader:	B. Crawley	V. DeVries	I. Kangaloo
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	J. Deneau	P. Enticott	M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	M. Walsler I./D. Culley	Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen F./Y. Tully	M. Walsler A. Joseph S. Cerantola	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BAR-B-Q



**FREE FOR ALL WHO VOLUNTEER IN ANY MINISTRY AT ST. MARK'S PARISH**

**Wed. June 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 6 to 9 p.m.**

**Church Hall & Backyard**

**FOOD, MUSIC, REFRESHMENTS**



**SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND!**

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society to help stock their shelves for the summer.

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me."* MATTHEW 25:40

## Volunteer Opportunity Available

We are in immediate need of a caring volunteer to complete our three-person team. We take turns visiting **Lanark Retirement Home** on **Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.** Residents gather for a short service and receive Holy Communion for which they are most grateful. Kathy Bamberger or Jane McCormick would be happy if you would like to join them on a Sunday to observe first, if you think this might be for you. Illness, holidays, and unexpected events occur so a third person on the team ensures we do not miss providing this service for the residents. Please contact the parish office at 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com if you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience.

## Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place

St. Mark's is proud to participate once again in the baby bottle campaign in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on donations from our community to keep its doors open. **Bottles are available for pick up in the narthex.** Please consider supporting this important cause by filling a bottle with your spare change and **returning it to the church on Father's Day weekend (June 15/16).** For more info please visit [www.marillacplace.ca](http://www.marillacplace.ca). Thank you for your support.

## Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- June 3 - Rev. P. Vellimoozhayil, S.J.
- June 4 - Rev. Robert Love
- June 5 - Barnabite Fathers (CRSP)
- June 6 - Rev. Ron Cote
- June 7 - Rev. Michael Bennett
- June 8 - Rev. Ralph Diodati

## Prayer for Vocations:

*God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.*

## Congratulations...

to the children of St. Dominic Savio School and the Parish who will be receiving the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** this Sunday (June 2) afternoon. Especially today, please keep them in your prayers:



- |                          |                    |                 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Diezel Bauman            | Reid Hollohan      | Nina Odisho     |
| Ryden Bouffard-Leslie    | Liam Huber         | Miguel Pacheco  |
| Lucas Brenton            | Oliver Jablonski   | Maria Passani   |
| Nolan Buchholtz          | Oliver Johnston    | Arthur Peixe    |
| Julia Costa              | Frankie Kelly-Lima | Simon Perham    |
| Timothy Desrosiers-Cator | Evelyn Kras        | Logan Schmidt   |
| Sebastian Diaz           | Ava Kritz          | Dylan Searth    |
| Marcus Greig             | Sofia MacGillivray | Samson Serschen |
| Sarah Hillbrecht         | Silas Mahler       | Michael Stewart |
| Reese Hollohan           | Cali Merling       | Robbie Walker   |

Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever present in our lives, grant your loving grace to our First Holy Communicants. Help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship whenever they receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light throughout the course of their lives, always leading these blessed children one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

St. Mark's Parish invites all First Communicants and their families to attend the **9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** wearing their First Communion clothing.

The children will receive their **certificates**, as well as a **blessed medal** to commemorate their First Eucharist.

After Mass the children and their families will be invited to a small **reception in the parish hall** for cake and refreshments.

Those not able to attend may pick up their certificate any time at the parish office or in the sacristy after Mass.

## Visiting Missionary

On the weekend of **June 15/16, Brother Harley Mapes, OMI** (a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate) will be speaking at all the Masses.



The Missionary Oblates were founded in 1816 by Saint Eugene de Mazenod who, moved by the collapse of the church after the French Revolution, was inspired to gather a group of men to minister to society's most abandoned. He instructed the Oblates to "teach people to be humans, and then Christian, and finally Saints!"

Following in de Mazenod's footsteps, the Missionary Oblates minister in 71 countries around the world. Always, they search out those who are most abandoned by society and least touched by message of Jesus Christ. Canadian Oblates arrived in Kenya in 1997 and, while immersing themselves in the local language and culture, set about meeting the spiritual, educational and material needs of the people.

Brother Harley was for many years an educator in northern Canada, but has spent time ministering at Oblate missions in Asia and Africa. He will be sharing with us about his recent time in Kenya, inviting our parish to be inspired by the faith of the Kenyan people and moved to share with them in their need.





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