

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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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.

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Mass Intentions for the Week

June 25 – July 1, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

* **6:00 PM** – GRADUATION MASS with St. Dominic's Gr. 8's
(- Int. of the Catholic Women's League)

Wednesday (FERIAL)

* **7:00 PM** + Frances Frank – Ron & Kathy Bumstead

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. IRENAEUS)

7:00 am + Willem Botha – Basil & Sue Markides

Friday (SOLEMNITY – ST. PETER & ST. PAUL)

7:00 am + Willem Botha – Basil & Sue Markides

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Lauren Montenegro – Kathi & Jim Jankura

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

Sat. 5:00 PM + Pietro & Rosa Poerio – Maria Poerio Lagonia

Sun. 9:30 am + Manuel Jose Ferreira – Brigida DeSousa

11:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Saint Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor around the year 140. It is not known when he came to Gaul. He was a priest of the Church of Lyons during the persecution of 177 when St. Pothinus, first bishop of the city and the first martyr of Lyons, was put to death. Irenaeus succeeded him as bishop and twenty-five years later was martyred in his turn during a fresh persecution. At a time when Gnostic sects threatened to undermine Christianity by a perversion of Christian thought, St. Irenaeus vigorously denounced all heresies and safeguarded unity of belief by laying down the principles of the doctrinal tradition of the Church.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul – As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish Pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Offertory Collection

June 16/17, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,366.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,184.31
Loose monies	\$ 520.50
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,071.74

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 20.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 252.58
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$272.58

Thank you for your generosity

Today is White Box Sunday

St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (**June 23/24**) for anyone wishing to make a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. June 25</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. June 26</u>	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
<u>Wed. June 27</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. June 28</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 29</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's 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, the lame, 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. ■



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday to Thursday. Closed Fridays.

Liturgical Ministers

June 30/July 1	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./V./P. Miller	M./V. McCullough E. Chang	C. Chacon R. Robin
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	J. Flanigan	I. Kangaloo
Lectors:	K. Friesen J. Deneau	T. Angel T. Boettger	M. Monte M. Oram
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	I./D. Culley L. Koehler	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	B. Markides F./Y. Tully	B. Enticott A. Joseph B. Markides M. Walser	B. Denomme B. Markides B./C. Voisin

PLEASE, If you are scheduled for a ministry and are unable to attend that particular Mass, please find a replacement so that we are not left looking for ministers at the last minute before Mass begins. Thank you :)



OFFICIAL PUBLICATION of BANNs for ORDINATION

(SECOND PUBLICATION)



Mr. Gregory Alan Merkley is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Diocese of Hamilton on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton.

Please remember him in your prayers.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Join St. Mark's Legion of Mary for Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, June 27th in honour of this Marian feast.

THANK-YOU!

- ♦ to **Natural Stone City Inc.** (Kitchener) for the donation of the quartz countertop for the rectory kitchen. It was installed last month and was a much-needed upgrade over the old, original countertop.
 - ♦ to **Gibson's Home Furnishings** (Waterloo) for the wonderful price they gave us on the refinishing of the old kitchen cupboards in the rectory, and for the donation of the new handles.
- ... As a parish community it is important for us to support businesses that support our parish. Please remember these companies, as well as the ones that advertise on the back of our bulletins, when you are looking for a business to patronize.

Over the next several weeks our Grotto will be completed, and, the old paving stones in that area will be taken up and new stone will be installed.



A BIG thank you to those who are working so diligently on the **church grounds and flowerbeds** ... your time and talents are being well spent to put a welcoming smile on our property!

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 FINALE! – Don't miss this great opportunity to get summer reading material for the whole family. **Starting June 22nd fill a bag for just \$5** and support the Accessible Door Project!

Change is in the air!! All members are invited and encouraged to participate in a **national survey**. A core group of executive have formed a committee which is charged with the task of strategically realigning the structure and activities of the C.W.L. This is a chance for you to have an impact and help us build the C.W.L. of the future. **Complete the survey on-line** at www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWLPLAN or pick up a printed copy from our table in the Narthex. Completed surveys can be returned to the labelled file basket on our table anytime!

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).

Postage stamps wanted! For over 50 years, the Redemptorists have collected and sold stamps as part of their mission fundraising efforts supporting charities including Canadian Food for Children. With the significant reduction in regular mail, stamp supplies are difficult to obtain and they need our help. The C.W.L. will provide a box on our table in the Narthex to collect used postage stamps on their behalf. We encourage you to start collecting and drop them into the box anytime as this project will be on-going.



If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Faith, you may leave your name

and contact information with the parish office to be enrolled in The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (commonly referred to as R.C.I.A.). This is a formation and preparation process that will begin in the Fall.

To become a full member of the Catholic Faith, a person must receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The program, therefore, is for people who have (1) never been baptized; (2) been baptized in another Christian Faith and are now seeking to be accepted into full communion with the Catholic Church, and (3) been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received both Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

A Message from Bishop Douglas Crosby...

PLANNING STUDY UPDATE – We Want to Hear from You! The Diocese-wide planning study is off to a great start – thanks to all those who have participated! In the first few weeks, an incredible number of surveys have been completed. However – we also want to hear from YOU. If you have not filled out a survey and want to share your thoughts, please visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/campaign to learn more about the proposed campaign goals, complete the survey and provide your comments. **The online survey closes on Monday, July 9** – please don't delay in sharing your thoughts about our plans to help your Parish and our Diocese to grow and thrive. Thank you.

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