

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:

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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week



June 4 – 10, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. BONIFACE)

★ 6:30 PM + Carmen Cardoza – Brian & Marie Lynch

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Alfredo Beruman – Carlos & Leonor Fonseca

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Felicit Wachira – Lucy Mwangi

2:00 PM - Mass at Bankside Terrace

Friday (SOLEMNITY – THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS)

7:00 am + Pietro & Rosa Poerio – Maria P. Lagonia

Saturday (MEMORIAL – THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY)

9:00 am + Dennis Kuchma – Ralph & Reta Lienhardt

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 3:8-15+; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Geoffrey Chase – Thompson / Fung family

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

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – Jose and family

★ Please note Tuesday evening Mass is half an hour earlier at 6:30 p.m. (this week only).

Offertory Collections

May 26/27, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,261.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52).....	\$ 1,196.77
Loose monies	\$ 731.50
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,189.27

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 200.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52)	\$ 247.96
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 447.96

Thank you for your generosity

Bishop Crosby has called for a **SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY** to assist charities in the Diocese unable to access Federal Government funding through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. This special collection is being taken today (**June 2-3, 2018**) in all Parishes. No envelopes are being provided. Parishioners are encouraged to place their donations in envelopes marked for this purpose. To read the full letter from Bishop Crosby regarding this collection, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yan89u3g>.

Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place

Marillac Place relies heavily on donations from our community to keep its doors open. **Bottles still available in the narthex.** Please consider supporting this important cause by filling a bottle with your spare change or donation of any size, and **returning it to the church on Father's Day weekend (June 16/17).** For more info please visit www.marillacplace.ca. Thank you for your support.

SVDP says ... A big thank-you for our parish's on-going support.

Your food donations and monthly White Box contributions are what sustains us in providing food for those in need within our parish boundary. May God's blessings be upon you! **White Box collection for the month of May: \$384.25 – thank you!**

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. June 4	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. June 5	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	SVDP team social
Wed. June 6	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. June 7	ALL DAY	(H)	Provincial Election POLLING STATION
	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	(L)	Finance & Maintenance team meeting
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(B)	33 Days to Morning Glory (DVD series)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. June 8	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. June 9	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, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel's history. It celebrates God's deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today's Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus' own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus' own blood. Mark's Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life. ■



JUNE 9 & 10	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:	J. Deneau	J. Germann	I. Kangaloo
Lectors:	B. Crawley B. Burns	T. Germann V. DeVries	B. Starr L. Masbad
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	I./D. Culley F. Seaward	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen A. Bendia C. Dokis	T. Angel T./K. Boettger	B. Starr B./C. Voisin

June 5 – Memorial of St. Boniface

Boniface (who was baptized Winfrid) lived in the 8th century. He was a brilliant monk in a Benedictine monastery in England. He was the head of a school, but he thought God wanted him to be a missionary. He journeyed to Rome to ask the pope to tell him where to serve. Pope Gregory II changed Winfrid's name to Boniface, which means "a man who does good deeds." Then he sent Boniface to eastern Germany, where he travelled for nearly 35 years, preaching, teaching, and building schools, monasteries, and convents. He went to Rome to report to the pope about his work. There, the pope ordained him bishop and told him to return to Germany to continue missionary work. As an old man, Boniface returned to Frisia to work among the pagans. One morning, while he was waiting to confirm a group of converts, a band of angry natives rushed into the church and murdered Boniface and about 50 converts. Today Saint Boniface is the patron of Germany.

June 8 – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The heart of Jesus was a human heart like ours. It stopped beating the day Jesus was crucified. According to the Gospel of John, after Jesus had died a soldier made sure of his death by piercing his side with a lance. Blood and water ran out (19:34). Jesus' pierced heart became a sign of the completeness of his love for us, a love that compelled him to die for us and that prompted him to remain with us in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. The physical heart of Jesus is the symbol of the total love of Jesus, divine and human. Devotion to the Sacred Heart focuses not only on the love and mercy Jesus has for us but on reparation for sin. In St. Margaret Mary's visions, Christ requested that a Communion of reparation be made on the first Friday of every month. An organization called the Apostleship of Prayer furthers the devotion to the Sacred Heart through activities such as the enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes. We pray that our hearts may become like the Heart of Christ. † *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you!* †

June 9 – Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the midst of the second world war Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of our Savior's Mother by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart, and in 1944 he decreed that in the future the whole Church should celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is not a new devotion. In the 17th century, St. John Eudes preached it together with that of the Sacred Heart; in the 19th century, Pius VII and Pius IX allowed several churches to celebrate a feast of the Pure Heart of Mary. Pius XII instituted today's feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the whole Church, so as to obtain by her intercession "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue" (Decree of May 4, 1944). The attention of Christians was early attracted by the love and virtues of the Heart of Mary. The Gospel itself invited this attention with exquisite discretion and delicacy. What was first excited was compassion for the Virgin Mother. It was, so to speak, at the foot of the Cross that the Christian heart first made the acquaintance of the Heart of Mary. Simeon's prophecy paved the way and furnished the devotion with one of its favourite formulae and most popular representations: the heart pierced with a sword. But Mary was not merely passive at the foot of the Cross; "she cooperated through charity", as St. Augustine says, "in the work of our redemption".

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 will be available next week 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 7:00 pm

Church Grounds

A group of parishioners have joined together to help care for the church grounds and planting in some most needed areas. If you would like to help out a couple of hours a week or if you have any annuals or perennials that you are able to donate, please see me after Mass or leave your name with Pam at the parish office. Also, donations of any good used garden tools and equipment that you may be discarding or replacing would be greatly appreciated. ~ Fr. Steve



"33 Days to Morning Glory"

Join Deacon Basil on a spiritual journey through this **6-week DVD series** by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Learn about Mary through the lives of the saints. By prayer and meditation... prepare your heart for spiritual growth. Begin a personal relationship with Mary, the Queen of Heaven. Consecrate yourself to the Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.** with Deacon Basil in the basement meeting room. (Introductory session began last week. 5 sessions remain.)



An Important Message from the Diocese...

His Excellency Bishop Crosby recently announced a planning study, which is now under way, to help the Diocese evaluate the merits of a Diocesan capital campaign. This campaign will involve each of our Parishes. The proposed goals focus centrally on Parish life, but will also help enhance several Diocesan ministries important to parishioners. The Diocese wants to hear from as many parishioners as possible as they evaluate their proposed campaign plan. Your feedback will be critical to the success of this effort. Further details of the proposed goals of the campaign and opportunities for you to give feedback will be shared in the coming weeks.

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 (emilyluyenyenhuis@gmail.com / 226-600-6704) for more information or any questions.

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