

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 12 – 18, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Adelaide Dias – *Monique Smith*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Myrtle Timmins – *John & Linda Deneau*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Robert Crawley – *Mary Runstedler*

7:00 PM - private intention

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Rosemary Singleton – *the Flood family*
- followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am - Int. of Jo & Brie Flood – *the Flood family*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34+; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

Sat. 5:00 PM + George & Isabelle Beckner – *Paul & Angela B.*

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

11:30 am + José Almeida & Anúciação Costa – *B. Ferreira*



During Lent, Mass on Fridays is celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross.

Offertory Collections

March 3/4, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,168.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,234.15
Loose monies	\$ 688.10
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,091.18

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 590.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 271.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 861.04

Thank you for your generosity



LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

(multiple priests available for confession each evening)

Tues. March 13 th	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Wed. March 14 th	7:00 PM	St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener
Sun. March 18 th	1:00 PM	St. Jerome's University Community
Mon. March 19 th	7:00 PM	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Tues. March 20 th	7:00 PM	St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha
Wed. March 21 st	7:00 PM	St. Anne's Church, Kitchener
Thur. March 22nd	7:00 PM	St. Mark's Church, Kitchener
	7:00 PM	St. Clement's Church, St. Clement's
Tues. March 27 th	7:00 PM	St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Mar. 12	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Mar. 13	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus
Wed. Mar. 14	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Mar. 15	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(H)	C.W.L. general meeting & video
Fri. Mar. 16	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. Mar. 17	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group
Sun. Mar. 18	12:30 pm	(CH)	Confirmation candidates' meeting

Meeting Rooms: B = Basement CH = Church H = Hall * = Offsite
J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room M = St. Matthew Room

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. (Isaiah 66:10-11).*

Liturgical Ministers

MAR. 17 & 18	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	E./T./T. Morgan	N./A. Gallagher C. Chacon
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	T. Angel	I. Kangaloo
Lectors:	B. Burns B. Crawley	T. Boettger T. Lee	L. Masbad M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	J./K. Snyder	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis K. Friesen	G. MacNeil T. Angel L. Riedel	B. Starr B./C. Voisin

Sign up for Holy Week Liturgies

All Ministers are asked to sign up for liturgical ministries on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you.

Easter Flowers

Contributions toward the purchase of Easter Flowers may be made in memory of a loved one; Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be offered for the repose of their soul. A box is set up in the narthex with envelopes for donations. Thank you.



Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, March 18 after 11:30 Mass for Candidates

FIRST COMMUNION: Wed. March 21 at 7:00 pm for Candidates



Passion Play

Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall

Open invitation to those wishing to participate. Spots still available! No speaking parts. Practices on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please call Julio & Sonia Chacon at 519-954-2062 if you would like more info, or just show up to a practice.

WANTED: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo is looking for a full time **administrative assistant**. For details, please visit www.ourladyoflourdeswaterloo.com and follow the link on the home page, or call 519-886-0342 ext. 3 to have the job description sent to you. Applications will be accepted until March 19, 2018.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph, **March 11-19**. You can participate in the novena by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1, St. Agatha, Ontario N0B 2L0



Catholic Women's League News



DID YOU KNOW... that the Canadian C.W.L. has been instrumental in helping to move various bills into law when they concerned matters of importance to our faith?

This **Thursday, March 15th** our C.W.L. is presenting the gripping and poignant video, "**Euthanasia Deception**." Father Steve will discuss the Church's position and answer questions. Come out to hear the first-hand experiences of people who have been impacted by our murky law and to express/discuss your ideas on the topic.

6:30 PM ♦ Stations of the Cross (from Mary's perspective)

7:00 PM ♦ Mass

7:30 PM ♦ Video and Meeting in the Hall

AN APRIL AFTERNOON BRIDGE & CARD PARTY

Tickets are now available for the annual card party on **Wed. April 25th** in the Parish Life Centre of **St. Anthony Daniel Parish**, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener. Hosted by the CWL. Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments and prizes as well as a fun afternoon of cards. For tickets contact Linda at 519-893-2534 or the Parish Office at 519-893-6960.

Separated & Divorced Support Groups

Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, **March 20 to May 29** from 7-9 p.m. Level 1 (*Learning to Cope*), Level 2 (*Accepting the Situation*) and Level 3 (*Enhancing Self Esteem*) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons move forward from their divorce healthier and stronger. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Levels 1 & 2 will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Queen & Westmount), Kitchener; **Level 3 will be held here at St. Mark's Parish (starting March 28th)**. Course fees: \$35 (Level 1), \$45 (Level 2) and \$40 (Level 3). Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register (Level 1 & 2), or online at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>

Upcoming "CURSILLO WEEKENDS" for the Hamilton Diocese

Are you seeking Happiness, Peace, Joy, Friendship, Human and Spiritual Development and wish to become the person Jesus wants you to be? Then the Cursillo in Christianity Weekend is for you: prayer, great food, nice accommodations and wonderful leaders.

A three-day Cursillo weekend, which is a short review of Christianity, is designed to help you on that journey. Beginning on Thursday night and ending Sunday afternoon, through a series of talks by lay people and clergy, and the sacraments, you will get to take a closer look at yourself, God, and others. The Cursillo Weekend is Catholic and approved by the Diocese of Hamilton. If you are 19 years of age or older, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend:

• **MEN'S WEEKEND: April 12-15, 2018**

• **WOMEN'S WEEKEND: April 26-29, 2018**

For more information, speak with someone who has made their Cursillo Weekend in your parish, or Google: cursillohamilton.org, or hamiltondiocese.com (programs and workshops) or contact:

• Betty Enticott – benticott@rogers.com – 519-743-0908

• Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. – rayreitzelcr@live.com – 519-725-1445

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