

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 18 – 24, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (SOLEMNITY – ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY)
7:00 PM - In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

Wednesday (FERIAL)
*** 12 noon** - Int. of Miriame Houle – *J. Bernard*

Thursday (FERIAL)
7:00 am + Ruth & Anthony Hayek – *Ylanda*

Friday (FERIAL)
*** 7:00 PM** - Int. of Aurelien Houle – *J. Bernard*
 - followed by *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday (FERIAL)
9:00 am + Richard Kaloshis – *McIsaac family*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Jose Torres – *Brigida DeSousa*
11:30 am + Maria do Carmo da Silva – *Maria Soares*



During Lent, Stations of the Cross are celebrated on Friday evenings following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

St. Joseph was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24). He, however, came from a royal lineage from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus. We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man because even upon discovering Mary was pregnant and he was not the father, he resolved to send her away quietly so as not to expose her to public shame, or even worse, stoned to death. When an angel, however, told him in a dream, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25). Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Apocryphal Date for Joseph's birth is 90 BC in Bethlehem and the Apocryphal Date of his death is July 20, AD 18 in Nazareth. Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth. He is also the patron saint of the Universal Church and the patron saint of Canada.

OFFERTORY REPORT

March 9/10, 2019

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,332.50
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,205.08
Loose monies	\$ 454.05
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,991.63
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 190.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 256.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 446.04

Thank you for your generosity.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Mar. 18</u>	7:30 pm	(B)	33 Days to Morning Glory
	7:30 pm	(L)	Parish Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Mar. 19</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated/Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Mar. 20</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Mar. 21</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	(H)	Alpha (<i>all rooms</i>)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Mar. 22</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group

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

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death. ■



Mar. 23-24	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V.P./J.J. Miller N. D'Souza		C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	K. Friesen	J. Germann	M. Smith
Lectors:	Sr. K. Howard	J. Flanigan T. Germann	M. Monte
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	P. Drohan J./K. Snyder	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis K. Smith A. Bendia	L. Riedel B. Seaward S. Cerantola	B. Starr B./C. Voisin

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom

SCHOOL CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

Friday, March 22nd at St. Dominic School

Friday, March 29th at St. Mark School

Children in grades 3 through 8 will have the opportunity to go to confession during the school day. Multiple priests will be available.

Parish Lenten Retreat - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Saturday, April 6th

beginning with Mass at 9 a.m.

St. Mark's C.W.L., in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus, is delighted to have Sister Jocelyn Monette, N.D.S. to lead our retreat this year. CWL will provide light refreshments through the day and a variety of warm homemade soups for lunch. Wrap up by 2:00 p.m. at which time Fr. Steve will be available for confessions.

Please ensure you register no later than April 2 to reserve your spot:

Sign up after Mass in the Narthex, or call Kim at 519-500-1964, or call/email the office (stmark@rogers.com / 519-571-9200).

Sr. Monette is a member of the Sisters of Zion, an international group of religious who are called to witness to God's faithful love for the Jewish people. She serves as Executive Director of Catholic Biblical Canada and helps to organize lecture series, children's programs and pilgrimages to the Middle East and Europe.



Cheeseballs are back!!! C.W.L. Cheeseballs are back by popular demand and just in time for EASTER! Raising money to cover the final cost of our wonderful automatic doors.

Orders will be taken after all Masses on March 16, 23 and 30.

Cost is \$10 each or 2 for \$18. **Please prepay** at time of order with cash or cheque payable to St. Mark C.W.L. (Cheeseballs will be available for pick-up starting April 13.)



PASSION PLAY

Good Friday, April 19th

7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Open invitation to those wishing to participate! Please call Julio & Sonia Chacon at 519-954-2062 for more info. *Practices on Sundays after the 11:30 Mass.*

February Potato Blitz (Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus)

FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS of potatoes were collected during the month of February! Proceeds went to the House of Friendship and St. Vincent de Paul. Great thanks to all who donated.

C.W.L. News

Next Mass for the Intentions of the C.W.L. is on **Wed. March 27th at 12 noon.**

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Mar. 18 - Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
- Mar. 19 - Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
- Mar. 20 - Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate
- Mar. 21 - Rev. C. Chmurzynski, C.R.
- Mar. 22 - Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
- Mar. 23 - Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

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.*



St. Mark's Knights of Columbus wish to thank EVERYONE who came out to the annual Pancake Supper. Congratulations to Fr. Steve Murrin, winner of the 50/50 draw.

Proceeds in excess of 750 dollars will be put toward the purchase of a defibrillator for our parish.

REEL JUSTICE – On Tuesday, March 19th the film "Poverty, Inc." will be shown at St. Michael's Church, 80 University Avenue, West, Waterloo, at 7:30pm. The film focuses on the challenge of fighting poverty; however, this effort has led to a vast multi-billion dollar poverty industry — the business of doing good has never been better. Drawing from over 200 interviews filmed in 20 countries, Poverty, Inc. unearths an uncomfortable side of charity we can no longer ignore. The film is sponsored by The Diocese of Hamilton and Development and Peace. Free admission. All are welcome.

FISH FRY – Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 8192 on **Friday, March 22nd at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall**, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Continuous seating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out from 5 – 5:30 p.m. Cost is Adults \$16; Children (12 & under) \$8; Take Out \$16. Advanced tickets available until March 20th. Purchase tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

LENTEN PROJECT – **Saturday, April 6th** at the **Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre** (58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill) 10 a.m. to 12 :30 p.m. Guest speaker is Anna Kresiak, Chaplain of the University of Guelph and a much respected speaker. Her topic is "How do we save ourselves – Our Salvation". Refreshments and snack provided at break. A small free will offering would be appreciated. All welcome. Please call (519) 648-2939 with numbers so we have an approximate idea of attendance.

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – **St. Michael's Grief Support Group** – 6-week support group sessions will be available again starting May 1st. The program assists those who have lost a loved one, or another significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm (**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5**), at **St. Michael's Church**, 80 University Ave. W. Waterloo. There is no fee, but you must register by April 12th. To register, or for more information, please contact the parish office 519-884-9311.

The "Doll Lady" has retired... For many years a very special lady has helped Canadian Food for Children (Kitchener Depot) by repairing dolls that have been donated to us. The "Doll Lady" has retired and we have broken, worn dolls who need help. They need washing, combing and dressing. Then they will bring great joy to children in the Third World who would love to have them. Are you interested? Please contact Linda Lou Pinnington at 519-894-5046 or pinn@golden.net.



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