

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 19 – 25, 2018

Monday (SOLEMNITY – ST. JOSEPH)

★ 7:00 PM (private intention)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM - Int. of Graydon & Tammy Wilkinson – *F. Musclow*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am (private intention)

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Robert Crawley – *the Flood family*

7:00 PM - **LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE** with multiple priests

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM (private intention)

- followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Stephen Strauss, Jr. – *Manfred & Cathy Lamers*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47

Sat. 5:00 PM + Corbet McKay – *Helen Simpson*

Sun. 9:30 am - In Thanksgiving – *Nick & Sharon Cerantola*

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

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Mar. 19	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Mar. 20	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships (<i>final</i>)
	7:30 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. Mar. 21	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. 22	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Mar. 23	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
Sun. Mar. 25	1:00 pm	(H)	Passion Practice

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

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.



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



SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

7:00 pm Mass – Monday, March 19th

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.



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 binder is in the narthex. Thank you.

Offertory Collections		March 10/11, 2018
Sunday envelopes		\$ 2,354.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)		\$ 1,234.15
Loose monies		\$ 529.15
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS		\$ 4,118.23
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Mortgage envelopes		\$ 765.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)		\$ 271.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS		\$ 1,036.04

Thank you for your generosity

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

(multiple priests available for confession each evening)

- Sun. March 18th 1:00 PM St. Jerome's University Community
- Mon. March 19th 7:00 PM St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
- Tues. March 20th 7:00 PM St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha
- Wed. March 21st 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 27th 7:00 PM St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira

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.



Lenten Confessions in the Schools *(grades 3 through 8)*

St. Mark School: Wednesday, March 21 in the afternoon

St. Dominic School: Thursday, March 22 in the morning

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.



Seven Sorrows of Mary

On **Good Friday** the Legion of Mary will be reciting the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary as well as meditating on her greatest sorrows that follow her son's burial in the sepulchre. Those who wish to comfort Mary are invited to our Perpetual Adoration Chapel beginning at **11:00 a.m.** Should you wish to obtain a Sorrowful Rosary, please contact Colette Dokis at 519-576-7490.

Tradition of Veiling the Crucifix and Statues

The custom, now an option, of veiling the images during the last two weeks of Lent hails from the former liturgical calendar, before the liturgical reforms of Vatican II, in which the 5th Sunday of Lent was referred to as Passion Sunday. The Gospel for this Sunday was John 8:46-59, the discussion between Jesus and the Jewish authorities which ended in a frustrated attempt to stone him. "So they took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple." One interpretation of this custom, therefore, is, as Christ hid himself from the rage of the Jewish authorities (John 8:59), so now he is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of his passion. As the Master is hidden so is the glory of the Church shrouded in mourning and penance. This practice can be traced back to as early as the 9th century in Germany and by the Middle Ages it was a common practice to cover all crosses and statues at the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Since the 17th century, however, the directive has been to limit the veilings to PassionTide, the last two weeks of Lent.

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

WANTED: Rosaries and Medals

The Legion of Mary is collecting **old, new or broken rosaries** as well as **medals**. Please place them in the box on the Legion of Mary table in the Narthex. Thank you.

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**. 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 (Catholic) 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. Approved by the Diocese of Hamilton. Must be 19 years of age or older.

• **MEN: April 12-15, 2018** • **WOMEN: 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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