

# 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.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**March 25 – 31, 2019**

- Monday** (SOLEMNITY – ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD)  
 \* **12 noon** + Mary Magdalen Petrovich – *Margaret Shantz*  
**6:00 PM** - CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL
- Tuesday – NO MASS**  
**7:00 PM** - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION with Bishop Crosby
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)  
**12 noon** - Int. of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League
- Thursday** (FERIAL)  
**7:00 am** - Int. of Maxine Murchie – *J. Bernard*
- Friday** (FERIAL)  
**7:00 PM** - Int. of Jessica & Daren Dover & Robert Stephens  
 - followed by *Stations of the Cross*
- Saturday** (FERIAL)  
**9:00 am** - Int. of Tammy, Tim & Jordan Bellingham – *F. M.*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*
- Sat. 5:00 PM** + Molly & George Schreiber – *Helen Simpson*
- Sun. 9:30 am** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
- 11:30 am** + Anna Tong Thi Chi – *Hoang Son Nuyen*



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

*The Solemnity of the Annunciation*  
**Monday, March 25**  
**Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon**

Celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.

We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus.

The feast of the Annunciation began to be celebrated on this day during the fourth and fifth centuries, soon after the date for celebrating Christmas was universalized throughout the Church. This feast celebrates the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity and the salvation of all mankind. This point of our salvation was deeply discussed by many of the Church fathers, to explain it to the faithful and to show the deep love God has for us. Some of the Church fathers who wrote on this were St. Athanasius, St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Augustine.

### OFFERTORY REPORT

**March 16/17, 2019**

Sunday envelopes .....	\$ 2,499.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 1,268.54
Loose monies .....	\$ 598.20
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,365.74</b>
Mortgage envelopes .....	\$ 30.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ...	\$ 261.81
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 291.81</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Mar. 25</u>	6:00 pm	(CH)	CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL
	7:30 pm	(B)	33 Days to Morning Glory
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Mar. 26</u>	6:30 pm	(L)	Separated/Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(CH)	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
<u>Wed. Mar. 27</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Mar. 28</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. 29</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(M)	Writers' group
<u>Sat. Mar. 30</u>	10:30 am	(M)	Writers' group

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

**Now into the third week of the Season of Lent**, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us. ■

### Families Preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist

Please be reminded of our last two sessions:



**WEDNESDAYS from 6:30-7:30 PM:**

- Apr. 3 Candidates only *Parable of the Found Sheep*  
 Apr. 24 Candidates & Parents *The Forgiving Father*



Mar. 30-31	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan	N./A. Gallagher R. Robin
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	T. Lee	B. Starr
Lectors:	B. Crawley	V. DeVries C. Mackid	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	L Macedo I Cimermancic	L. Koehler F. Seaward M. Walsler	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. MacNeil F. Tully K. Friesen	P./B. Enticott M. Fernando	A. Monte E. Weiss S. Markides

### SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Bishop Crosby will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and confer on our youth the presence of the Holy Spirit, imparting the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare for this important day.

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|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Rojin Abghari        | Dominic D'Mello    | Genevieve Morgan  |
| Heather Adair        | Ethan Domjan       | Thomas Morgan     |
| Cole Araujo          | Leah Ferguson      | Catarina Nguyen   |
| Lukas Babensec       | Nickolas Gallagher | Lindsey Nguyen    |
| David Bali           | Noah Gowing        | Vincent Nguyen    |
| Edward Bali          | Nolan Hall         | Grace O'Brien     |
| Nicole Belanger      | Holly Hearth       | Mya Oliu          |
| Jattana Bengochea    | Olivia Hickson     | Andrea Ospina     |
| Olivia Bolejszo      | Chloe Hocquard     | Daniela Ospina    |
| Olivia Brasil        | Evelyn Irving      | Paul Pawlowski    |
| Nicole Cardona       | Justin Kenning     | Shyanne Reid-Snow |
| Cristopher Chacon    | Aligo Kibo         | Stefania Szkoda   |
| Adrian Chicas-Rivera | Alexander Locke    | Maya Tavares      |
| Mia Cicak            | Richard Malleck    | Estella Uttley    |
| Dylan Cormier        | Roman Marinelli    | Katu Wakha        |
| Quinn Coulbeck       | Gabriela Marzec    | James Wunder      |
| Karlee Curran        | Ava Mazza          | April Ziegler     |
| Owen Dawson          | Julienn Morel      |                   |

### Parish Lenten Retreat - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
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.

C.W.L. News

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

### Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom

### SCHOOL CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>

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.*

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Mar. 25 - Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.
- Mar. 26 - Rev. Frederick Scinto, C.R.
- Mar. 27 - Chancery Staff
- Mar. 28 - Rev. Aleksander Mazur, SAC
- Mar. 29 - Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
- Mar. 30 - Rev. Sudie MacDonald, 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.*

### LENTEN PROJECT – Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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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