

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

# PALM SUNDAY

March 26 – April 1, 2018



**Monday** – (FERIAL)

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

**Tuesday** – **NO MASS** (FERIAL)

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Macedo Family – Luiz Macedo

**\* NO MORNING MASSES on Thursday, Friday or Saturday**

## EASTER TRIDUUM



### HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

+ Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton

Followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose

11:00 PM - Night Prayer

### GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 PM - Live Stations of the Cross (in the parish hall)

### HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 AM - Blessing of Easter Food

8:30 PM - Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

+ Una Clark – Fiona Kangaloo

### EASTER SUNDAY - SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18++

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Mary & Lofty Shipp – Nick & Sharon Cerantola

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

**I encourage everyone to attend ALL the Triduum Liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.**

**This is the faith we profess, and our times require us to be witnesses to that faith. – Fr. Steve**

**Spy Wednesday** ... This Wednesday is known as Spy Wednesday because on this day Judas made a bargain with the high priest to betray Jesus for 30 silver pieces.

(Matt 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:1-6)



**Holy Thursday** ... The church will remain open until 11 p.m. and after Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved at the Altar of Repose, which will be located in the parish hall.

You are encouraged that night to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend night prayer at 11:00 p.m.

### **Good Friday** ... UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

On Good Friday, the Church asks that we fast from food and abstain all day from eating any type of meat. Fasting means that we should eat only one meal on Good Friday and avoid any snacking. The age for abstinence is 14 and 60 for fasting. Bear in mind that these ages were established years ago by the church when food was not as plentiful and nutrition not as accessible as it is today. Therefore, if you are in good health, the spirit of these disciplines would be to practice them regardless of age.

On Good Friday, we should also refrain from doing any unnecessary work and avoid activities such as shopping.

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Mar. 26</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Mar. 27</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Knights of Columbus
<b>Wed. Mar. 28</b>	7:00 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group

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

**This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday,** is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. Mass for Palm Sunday begins in the parish hall and two Gospels are proclaimed. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels. Then during the Liturgy of the Word, the Passion Narrative is proclaimed from the Gospel of Mark. On Good Friday, the Passion of Jesus is again proclaimed which is always from the Gospel of St. John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

*Liturgical Ministers* Easter Triduum

<b>Holy Thursday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM – Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b>
Altar Servers:	R. Robin, C. Chacon
Commentator & 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:	K. Friesen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	L. Masbad
Ushers:	L. Macedo, B. Cutting
Eucharistic Ministers:	L. Fernando, T. Lee, K. Krigner, A. Joseph

<b>Good Friday, Mar. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3:00 PM – Passion of the Lord</b>
Altar Servers:	C. Chacon, R. Robin, N. Gallagher, A. Gallagher
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:	K. Krigner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	T. Boettger
Passion Reading, Reader:	T. Lee
Passion Reading, Narrator:	K. Friesen
Ushers:	M. Zumot, J. Deneau, J. DeSousa, B. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	B. Coutinho, K. Boettger

<b>Holy Saturday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8:30 PM – Easter Vigil Mass</b>
Altar Servers:	R. Robin, S. Morgan, G. Morgan
Readers (Old Testament):	T. Lee, K. Friesen, L. Masbad, B. Sawarna, N. Higgins
Reader (Epistle):	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	L. Macedo
Eucharistic Ministers:	F. Kangaloo, S. Markides, R. Masbad, B. Coutinho

<b>Easter Sunday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:30 AM Mass</b>	<b>11:30 AM Mass</b>
Altar Servers:	T./T./E. Morgan, E. Chang	C. Chacon, N./A. Gallagher
Readers:	T. Boettger, B. Crawley	L. Masbad, M. Monte
Ushers:	B. Cutting, K. Culley, J. Snyder, J. DeSousa	M. Schimus, F. Sawaya, B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:	F./B. Seaward	
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Boettger, B. Enticott	S. Markides, R. Masbad

**Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings**

**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday, April 15 after 11:30 Mass for Parents

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Wed. April 18 at 7:00 pm for Parents

**Offertory Collections**

**March 17/18, 2018**


Sunday envelopes .....	\$ 2,174.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 1,234.15
Loose monies .....	\$ 542.24
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,951.32</b>
Mortgage envelopes .....	\$ 108.50
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 271.04
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 379.54</b>
Share Lent envelopes .....	\$ 835.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Today is White Box Sunday**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Mar. 24-25) for anyone wishing to make a donation. Your monetary donations help us to assist the less fortunate individuals and families in our community.

**THANK YOU** to all who took the opportunity to make a donation to our St. Vincent de Paul Society through this month’s blue envelope. Total collected was **\$2,864.00**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## Chrism Mass

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
Christ the King Cathedral, Hamilton

During this Mass, oils used for the sacraments in parishes are blessed and consecrated by Bishop Crosby and priests of the Diocese renew the promises made at Ordination. All are welcome to attend. Please remember priests in your prayers that day.

**OFFICE CLOSURE: April 2-6 inclusive**

Please note that the parish office will be closed the week following Easter. Easter Monday is a holiday, and the rest of the week will be set aside for painting, moving of furniture and carpet installation, including the office.

*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. **Deadline is Monday.** Thank you.

**Good Friday - Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary**

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.

**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.

**Last Area Lenten Penitential Service before Easter:**

Tues. March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira  
*Multiple priests available for confession.*

**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. 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**

• **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](http://cursillohamilton.org), or [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) (programs and workshops) or contact:

- Betty Enticott – [bpenticott@rogers.com](mailto:bpenticott@rogers.com) – 519-743-0908
- Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. – [rayreitzelcr@live.com](mailto:rayreitzelcr@live.com) – 519-725-1445

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