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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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 4 – 10, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Ash Wednesday (SEASON OF LENT BEGINS)

7:00 am - Int. of Katherine Szedetzki – *Ylanda & John*

9:00 am - Ash Wednesday Service at St. Mark School

11:00 am - Ash Wednesday Service at St. Dominic School

12 noon + Catarina Phuong Nguyen

7:00 PM + Ruth & Anthony Hayek – *Ylanda*



Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Vanessa Rego – *Anthony Toscano & family*

2:00 PM - Mass at **Bankside Terrace**

Friday (FERIAL)

★ 7:00 PM - Int. of Leonor Fonseca

- followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am - Int. of Pat & Jim Woodhouse – *Mike & Melissa*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Sat. 5:00 PM + Cimermancic Family

Sun. 9:30 am + Mary Yaremy – *Filomena Sawarna*

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



During Lent, Mass on Fridays will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

Mar. 4 - Rev. Ernest Varosi, C.R.

Mar. 5 - Rev. Jim Donohue, C.R.

Mar. 6 - *Ash Wednesday*

Mar. 7 - Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.

Mar. 8 - Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.

Mar. 9 - Rev. Rafal Tomon

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.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Feb. 23/24, 2019

Sunday envelopes \$ 2,280.00

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) \$ 1,205.08

Loose monies \$ 539.70

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 4,024.78

Mortgage envelopes \$ 400.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).... \$ 256.04

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS \$ 656.04

Seminary Education \$ 35.00

White Box Sunday (for St. Vincent de Paul)..... \$ 371.06

Thank you for your generosity.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Mar. 4</u>	7:30 pm	(L)	First Parish Council Meeting
	7:30 pm	(B)	33 Days to Morning Glory
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Mar. 5</u>	5:00 pm	(H)	Pancake & Sausage Supper
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
<u>Wed. Mar. 6</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Mar. 7</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. 8</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group

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

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain

begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive. ■

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

To give people more of an opportunity and choice to attend daily Mass, the following are 2 changes to the Weekday Mass Schedule that will become effective on Monday, March 11th. These changes are only for Lent, and depending on Mass attendance and feedback, they will be adjusted accordingly at the end of Lent. The two changes involve Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays:
- on Wednesdays, Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon and there will be no 7 a.m. Mass;
- on Fridays, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross.

Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:00 pm *
Thursday: 7:00 am
Friday: 7:00 pm *
Saturday: 9:00 am

SPRING AHEAD!



A reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 10th. Clocks move forward one hour.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Ash Wednesday, March 6th



Mar. 9 - 10	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N. D'Souza		C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	C. Mackid	M. Monte
Lectors:	B. Crawley	T. Lee; T. Angel	M. Oram
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	M. Walser B. Coutinho J. Kelly	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen K. Smith A. Bendia	T./K. Boettger H. Kress	E. Weiss C./K. Dignam



Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, March 5th
5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Proudly presented by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses in the narthex: **Adults \$10; Youth (7-16) \$6; Kids (3-6) \$3; Family \$25; Kids under 3 FREE.** A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the supper. Proceeds toward the purchase of a defibrillator for the narthex.

Families Preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Eucharist

Parents, please be reminded of the remaining dates and details:

CONFIRMATION SESSIONS (Grade 7):

SUNDAYS from 12:45 - 1:45 PM:

Mar. 3 Candidates & Parents *Teaching Mass with Father Steve*



FIRST EUCHARIST SESSIONS (Grade 2):

WEDNESDAYS from 6:30 - 7:30 PM:

Apr. 3 Candidates only *Parable of the Found Sheep*

Apr. 24 Candidates & Parents *The Forgiving Father*



Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue

The Legion of Mary is inviting parishioners to pray in the presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue. The statue is available for **home visitations** throughout the year. Please call Colette at 519-576-7490 or email lomstmark@gmail.com to reserve a week of your choice. Feel free to specify any special date such as birthdays or anniversaries.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY – Hosted by St. Agatha C.W.L. on **Sunday, March 10th** at **St. Agatha Church Hall** (1839 Notre Dame Drive). Doors open at 1:00pm. \$10 Admission at the door. Hot Irish Stew and Dinner Roll, Dessert and Drinks, Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw, Raffle Ticket Draw. Bring your cards, games, friends and green attire!!

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.

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ.

During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. Lent has two major purposes: it recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. To prepare for Lent, it dates from the custom of Christians to go to confession on the Tuesday preceding Lent to be "shriven" from their sins. The custom of eating pancakes was an opportunity for households to deplete any eggs, milk, butter, or fat in their homes to observe the Lenten fast and abstain from "flesh, meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese, and eggs." Today, meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal-derived products such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs.

Ash Wednesday – A Day of Fasting and Abstinence

The Church has specified certain forms of penance, both to ensure that the Catholic will do something, as required by divine law, while making it easy for Catholics to fulfill the obligation. Thus, the 1983 Code of Canon Law specifies the obligations of Latin Rite Catholics.

ABSTINENCE - Refraining from eating meat or another type of food. In Canada, it is permitted to substitute the law of abstinence with an act of charity. **Days of Abstinence (people 14 years of age or older):** As Catholics, we are to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Fridays, especially during Lent.

FASTING - Eating only one full meal that day. (The total amount of food consumed in the other meals must not exceed the main meal). **Days of Fasting (people under the age of 60):** Catholics are required to Fast on Ash Wednesday AND Good Friday.

The custom of wearing ashes on Ash Wednesday

comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.



PASSION PLAY

Good Friday, April 19 at 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 beginning March 10th.



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