

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 1 – 7, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Jim Woodhouse – *Oehring Family*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 noon + Veronica & Alfred Broderick – *Gloria Kubisewsky*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Catherine Fernandes – *Agnelo & Dolorosa Dias*

2:00 PM - **MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE**

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM - Int. of Serena & Chevy Kastina – *Frances Musclow*

- *followed by Stations of the Cross*

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Mary Magdalen Petrovich – *Margaret Schantz*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Sat. 5:00 PM + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Sun. 9:30 am + Gilbert, Shirley, Linda, Joseph & Laura Schneider

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



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

OFFERTORY REPORT

March 23/24, 2019

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,701.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 1,268.54
Loose monies	\$ 554.50
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,524.04
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 165.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ...	\$ 261.81
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 426.81

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 (March 30/31) for anyone wishing to make a donation.

Extra! Extra! Read all about the Diocese of Hamilton!

The Catholic Register, Canada's largest Catholic newspaper, will soon include a two-page insert featuring happenings in the Diocese of Hamilton! The insert will appear every other week in The Register, beginning with the March 31st issue. The insert will include news and updates about the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign*, as well as features and news about the other good works that take place in the Diocese. Copies of the paper will be available in the narthex. Please take a copy, read it and pass it on to a friend. Let's spread the Diocese's good news!

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. April 1</u>	7:00 pm	(L)	Parish Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. April 2</u>	6:30 pm	(L)	Separated/Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. April 3</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	6:30 pm	(H)	First Communion Preparation Session
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. April 4</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	(H)	Alpha (<i>all rooms</i>)
	7:00 pm	T.B.D.	C.W.L. Executive meeting
<u>Fri. April 5</u>	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<u>Sat. April 6</u>	9:00 am	(H)	Lenten Retreat (starts with Mass)

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

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree. ■

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. Look for the pink box in the narthex with envelopes for donations.



Families Preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist

Please be reminded of our last two preparation sessions:



WEDNESDAYS from 6:30-7:30PM:

- | | | |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Apr. 3 | Candidates only | <i>Parable of the Found Sheep</i> |
| Apr. 24 | Candidates & Parents | <i>The Forgiving Father</i> |

Pastoral Reference Letters

If you are applying for a teaching position in a Catholic School, please be advised that Pastoral Reference letters will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.



April 6-7	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N. D'Souza		C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	J. Deneau	T. Angel	D. DeSousa
Lectors:	Sr. K. Howard	C. Mackid T. Lee	M. Oram
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	I./D. Culley B. Coutinho	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis K. Smith F. Tully	M. Lynch A. Joseph M. Walsar	B. Denomme F. Kangaloo B. Starr

C.W.L. News

Next Mass for the Intentions of the C.W.L. is on **Friday, April 26th at 7 a.m.**

LAST CHANCE to order your Cheeseballs!!!

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. **Last orders will be taken after all Masses this weekend (March 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 ready for pick-up starting Apr. 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.*

Mini Lenten Retreat - ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Journeying with Jesus to Jerusalem"

Saturday, April 6th

beginning with Mass at 9 a.m.



Hosted by St. Mark C.W.L., in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus. With a PowerPoint presentation, you will visually experience the journey of Jesus as He walks from Galilee to His last days in Jerusalem. New insights from the Bible, history and archaeology will help connect Jesus' story and give examples in our lives today. A video, "How Jesus Died: The Final 18 Hours" will show the facts of Jesus' crucifixion. There will be time for prayer and sharing. **Sr. Jocelyn Monette, nds**, will be our facilitator. 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.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- April 1 - Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
- April 2 - Rev. David Walter
- April 3 - Holy Ghost Congregation
- April 4 - Rev. George Stortz
- April 5 - Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
- April 6 - Rev. Robert Stainsby

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.*

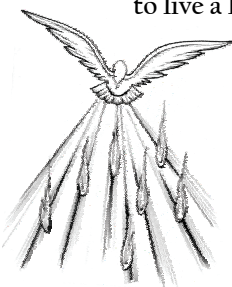
Lenten Penitential Services

Tues. April 2	7:00 pm	St. Francis of Assisi	Kitchener
	7:00 pm	St. Aloysius Church	Kitchener
	7:00 pm	St. Agatha Church	St. Agatha
Thur. April 4	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	Kitchener
Tues. April 9	7:00 pm	St. Mary Church	Kitchener
Tues. April 16	7:00 pm	St. Teresa Church	Elmira

Congratulations

St. Mark's Parish congratulates those who received the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** on March 26, 2019.

Please pray with us, that the Holy Spirit will enlighten their minds and touch their hearts as they seek to understand more deeply their Baptismal Promises to live a life more closely united to Christ.



Prayer for Our Newly Confirmed

Father, pour out Your Spirit upon our newly confirmed. Grant them a new vision of Your glory, a new experience of Your power, a new faithfulness to Your Word, and a new consecration to Your service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday, April 18th

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose)

11:00 PM Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 19th

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

(followed by Live Stations in the Hall)

Holy Saturday, April 20th

9:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday, April 21st

9:30 AM Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord

11:30 AM Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Please note, there will be NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel and the Chapel will be CLOSED from 12 noon on Holy Thursday until after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY – April 19th at Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place. Tickets available at the Bar. One-piece fish dinner \$13. Two-piece fish dinner \$15.50 (tax incl.). Dinners include coffee/tea and dessert. Seatings at 1:00, 1:30, and every ½ hour between 4:00 & 7:30 p.m. Take out available from 1:30 to 7:00 p.m.

MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY SHOWER (No Meat) – Saturday, April 27th from 10.45 am – 2.00 pm at the Carmelite Monastery. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. Guest speaker: Very Rev. Michael King. Hosted by the Carmel of St. Joseph Guild.



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