

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.

ANOIDTING 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:

☐ 7:00 AM on a Weekday

☐ 5:00 PM on a Saturday

☐ 7:00 PM on a Tuesday

☐ 9:30 AM on a Sunday

☐ 9:00 AM on a Saturday

☐ 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week



March 5 – 11, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Burchat Family – *Gerry & Terry Gerth*

Wednesday (OPTIONAL MEMORIAL – ST. PERPETUA & ST. FELICITY)

7:00 am + Robert Crawley – *Larry & Vivi Becker*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Gerard Schoemaker – *Brian & Marie Lynch & fam.*

3:00 PM - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

Friday (FERIAL)

★ **7:00 PM** + Richard Pigeau – *Bruce & Christine Cutting*
- followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Francois Pambrun – *Desneiges Roy*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23++; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Sat. 5:00 PM + Deceased members of the Cimermancic family

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *the McCullough family*



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

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity were Christian martyrs who lived during the early persecution of the Church in Africa by the Emperor Severus. In the year 203, Vivia Perpetua, a well-educated noblewoman, made the decision to follow the path of her mother and become a Christian, although she knew it could mean her death during the persecutions ordered by the Emperor. Eventually arrested with four other catechumens, including two slaves, one of them Felicity, they were all sentenced to be thrown to the wild beasts in the arena. Two days before the execution, Felicity went into a painful labour. The guards made fun of her, insulting her by saying, "If you think you suffer now, how will stand it when you face the wild beasts?" Felicity answered them calmly, "Now I'm the one who is suffering, but in the arena, another will be in me suffering for me because I will be suffering for him." They all went to the arena with joy and calm, and, Perpetua in usual high spirits met the eyes of everyone along the way. We are told she walked with "shining steps as the true wife of Christ, the darling of God." Perpetua called out to her brother and other Christians, "Stand fast in the faith, and love one another. Do not let our sufferings be a stumbling block to you." They died in the year 203.

Offertory Collections

Feb. 24/25, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,295.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,234.15
Loose monies	\$ 479.55
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,009.63

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 304.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 271.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 575.04

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. March 5	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. March 6	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. March 7	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. March 8	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. March 9	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

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer. ■



MAR. 10 & 11	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G/S. Morgan N. D'Souza	M./V. McCullough	B./B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	K. Friesen	C. Mackid	M. Monte
Lectors:	J. Deneau M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna J. Flanigan	M. Oram B. Starr
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	F. Seaward M. Walser	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	L. Macedo K. Smith F./Y. Tully	M./L. Fernando M. Lynch	S. Markides R./L. Masbad

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

(multiple priests available for confession each evening)

Mon. March 5 th	7:30 PM	St. Louis Church, Waterloo
Tues. March 6 th	7:00 PM	St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener
	7:30 PM	St. Agnes Church, Waterloo
Wed. March 7 th	7:30 PM	St. Michael's Church, Waterloo
Thur. March 8 th	7:30 PM	Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo
Tues. March 13 th	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Wed. March 14 th	7:00 PM	St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener
Sun. March 18 th	1:00 PM	St. Jerome's University Community
Mon. March 19 th	7:00 PM	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Tues. March 20 th	7:00 PM	St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha
Wed. March 21 st	7:00 PM	St. Anne's Church, Kitchener
Thur. March 22 nd	7:00 PM	St. Mark's Church, Kitchener
	7:00 PM	St. Clement's Church, St. Clement's
Tues. March 27 th	7:00 PM	St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira

Eusebius, a 3rd century church father, offered the following prayer as instruction for his fellow Christians:

"May I be no man's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides. May I never quarrel with those nearest me: and if I do, may I be reconciled quickly. May I love, seek, and attain only that which is good. May I wish for all men's happiness and envy none. May I never rejoice in the ill-fortune of one who has wronged me. When I have done or said what is wrong, may I never wait for the rebuke of others, but always rebuke myself until I make amends. May I win no victory that harms either me or my opponent. May I reconcile friends who are angry with one another. May I never fail a friend who is in danger. When visiting those in grief may I be able by gentle and healing words to soften their pain. May I respect myself. May I always keep tame that which rages within me. May I accustom myself to be gentle, and never be angry with people because of circumstances. May I never discuss who is wicked and what wicked things he has done, but know good men and follow in their footsteps."



Month of March, St. Joseph

Joseph, virgin-father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray every day for us to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of His grace and striving dutifully in life, may be crowned by Him at the hour of death.

♦ Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is grateful to all those who donated through their monthly **White Box collection** last weekend. Your generosity in the amount of **\$666.50** will help them to assist the less fortunate individuals and families in our community.

Thank You

♦ St. Mark's wishes to thank our Knights of Columbus for their \$300 donation to the **parish mortgage fund**, representing profits from their annual **Pancake & Sausage Supper**, held this year on Feb. 11th. Thank you also to all who came out.

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

PASSION PLAY: Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall.

Open invitation to those wishing to participate. Please call Julio & Sonia Chacon at 519-954-2062 for more info.

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, or Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Way), are a popular Lenten devotion. Many parishes join as a group and pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent to call to mind the Passion of Christ, that is, the journey Jesus took from his condemnation to his death. For centuries, pilgrims to the Holy Land have walked the steps of Our Lord's Passion in Jerusalem, with "stops" along the way to pray and venerate near the places where a significant event is believed to have occurred (such as the place where Jesus met his Mother, where Jesus fell, and where Veronica handed Jesus her veil, etc.). This devotional walk, known as the Stations of the Cross, became one of the most popular and useful ways for the devout to meditate on Christ's Passion. The Franciscans, a religious order with special custody of the sacred places in the Holy Land since the Middle Ages, brought this tradition to their churches in Europe. Pilgrims who could not travel to Jerusalem could experience in a virtual way the Stations of the Cross by following a signposted path around the inside and/or outside of the church. Here the faithful would walk and pray and meditate on the sufferings of Jesus as if they were walking the real places in Jerusalem. Special indulgences were granted to those who made this virtual pilgrimage. From the 18th century, by Papal decree, all Catholic churches were permitted to erect the Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary, with the number of Stations fixed to fourteen.

THE FOURTEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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| ✠ Jesus is condemned to death | ✠ Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem |
| ✠ Jesus takes up his Cross | ✠ Jesus falls for the third time |
| ✠ Jesus falls for the first time | ✠ Jesus is stripped of his garments |
| ✠ The Virgin Mary meets Jesus | ✠ Jesus is crucified |
| ✠ Simon of Cyrene is made to help Jesus bear the Cross | ✠ Jesus dies on the Cross |
| ✠ Veronica wipes the face of Jesus | ✠ Jesus is taken down from the Cross and laid in the arms of Mary |
| ✠ Jesus falls for the second time | ✠ Jesus is laid in the tomb |

"There is no practice more profitable for the entire sanctification of the soul than the frequent meditation on the sufferings of Jesus Christ." – St. Alphonsus de Liguori

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