

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
Wednesday 12:00 NOON
Thursday, Friday 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, please
see chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy – Sundays 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 it to be on any:

Tues. 7 PM Wed. 12 NOON Thur. 7 AM Fri. 7 AM Sat. 9 AM
 Sat. 5:00 PM Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday 11:30 AM

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

*Please submit requests as far in advance as possible to reserve preferred dates.

Sunday Masses may only be requested twice per year.

All other requests will be satisfied on weekdays.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 2 – 8, 2020

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Deceased of Antonio & Amelia De Sousa Family

Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Intentions of Nicolina Correia & Family

Friday (FERIAL)

* 7:00 PM + Maria Silvestre – Joao
- followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Deceased of Antonio & Amelia De Sousa Family

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Sat. 5:00 PM + Geoffrey Chase – Paulette & Cranston Thompson

Sun. 9:30 am + Cimermancic Family

11:30 am + Jack Soares – Maria

Please note, there will be **no Mass on Wednesday** as Fr. Steve will be attending the Priests' Lenten Prayer Day in Waterloo.



During Lent, Mass on Fridays will be celebrated at 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

Weekly Offertory Report for Feb. 22/23, 2020

	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 8
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,648.95	\$ 26,756.40
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,452.58	\$ 12,471.00
Total Offerings:	\$ 5,101.53	\$ 39,227.40
<i>Budget:</i>	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 41,600.00
<i>Under Budget:</i>	<i>(\$ 98.47)</i>	<i>(\$ 2,372.60)</i>
Mortgage Offerings to date this year:	\$ 5,869.00	

St. Vincent de Paul White Box Collection for February \$287.05



Please note: Communion under both species at the weekday Masses will be **discontinued** until the end of flu season.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

Mar. 2 - Rev. Robert Dunn

Mar. 3 - Rev. Ron Cote

Mar. 4 - Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton

Mar. 5 - Rev. Ralph Diodat

Mar. 6 - Rev. Msgr. Paul Boucher

Mar. 7 - Rev. Michael McHugh

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.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Mar. 2</u>	7:15 pm	(B)	A Quick Journey Through the Bible
	8:00 pm	(M/L)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Mar. 3</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Mar. 4</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Thu. Mar. 5</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. 6</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<u>Sat. Mar. 7</u>	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!

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

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God. ■

A.E.D. – What does that stand for?

A big thank-you to our Knights of Columbus, who through their fund-raising efforts, donated to the parish \$2,000 toward the purchase of an **Automated External Defibrillator**.



An A.E.D. is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet **easy-to-use**, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Our A.E.D. is now located next to the fire extinguisher in the narthex (main lobby). Over the next few weeks we will be taking the names of anyone interested in attending a session on first aid and A.E.D. use.

If you would to watch a brief overview of how to use this device, please watch this YouTube video which was produced by Action First Aid: <https://tinyurl.com/qrhkfar>.

 *Litururgical Ministers*

March 7 / 8	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	J. Petrovich
1 st Reader:	K. Krigner	T. Angel	B. Starr
2 nd Reader:		T. Boettger	M. Monte
Ushers:	A. Montag	M. Walsler; I./D. Culley	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		<i>Children's Liturgy Kids</i>	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully	T. Lee; M. Lynch; L. Riedel	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

Winter Saturday Socials! Mark your calendar!

We hope everyone had a great time at the Games Night last Saturday! Now we look forward to two more socials on the calendar... join us!

◆ MARCH 21 - **FAMILY CHILI NIGHT** ~ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Free admission with a non-perishable food item. Join us after Mass for a hearty bowl of chili and fellowship with your parish family.

◆ APRIL 25 - **ADULT WINE & CHEESE** ~ 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

This night is for Adults Only with a goodwill offering. Join us for a relaxing evening with great wine and charcuterie!

Kindly sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend!

MUSIC DURING LENT

The highest point in the Church's year of prayer is the Sacred Paschal Triduum celebrating the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. We prepare for this three-day period during the Season of Lent and prolong it for the great 50 days of the Easter Season ending with the Feast of Pentecost on May 31st.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we refrain from singing the "Alleluia" (a rejoicing praise to God) until the believing community has undergone conversion and is ready to sing this chant with renewed meaning at the Easter Vigil. The "Glory to God in the highest" is also omitted and will not be sung again until Holy Thursday, the beginning of the Easter Triduum.

During Lent, the music setting for the Parts of the Mass will change to plainchant and the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass will be sung. At the Sunday 9:30 Mass, the "Holy, Holy" and the "Lamb of God" will be sung in Latin.

TIME & MONEY: WHAT ARE MY PRIORITIES? – St. Agnes Parish welcomes everyone to a special event as Fr. Toby Collins (*pastor of St. Mary's Parish*), and Francis Doyle (*Diocesan Director of Stewardship*) co-present a great talk on the challenges we can all face with balancing priorities, particularly the pressures around our time and money. Do we own our possessions or do they own us? How can we balance and improve how we use our gifts, such as our time, wealth, and relationships, with freedom from stress and worry? **Sunday March 8th** from 2:00 - 3:00pm at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo**. This is a complimentary event with Q & A and refreshments. For more info on this Education Café series, please visit: <https://saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events/>

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN MEET-UPS – Beginning Thursday, March 5th from 7:30 - 9 pm. **St. Mary's Parish** is launching a weekly meet-up for Young Adults (ages 18-35) in the parish hall, 56 Duke Street West. Continuing every **Thursday during Lent** with guest speakers and group discussions, we will explore topics such as: the origins of Lent, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and reconciliation. Snacks will be provided! We hope to see you there!

C.W.L. News...



◆ **C.W.L. LENTEN RETREAT** for all St. Mark C.W.L. members, **Saturday March 14th** - Journey with us as Father Steve explains the relevance of the Easter Triduum, and leads us through a Teaching Mass, helping us prepare our hearts and souls for Lent. **The day starts with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and will finish at 12 noon.** Confession will be available at the end of our retreat.

◆ **C.W.L. 200 FOR 2020 PROJECT**

St. Mark's C.W.L. is looking for assistance in supplying St. John's Kitchen with much needed items. **From February 15th until March 30th** we will be collecting 200 gently used coffee mugs, 200 spoons (coffee or soup), 200 forks, 200 gently used/new tea towels, and 200 gently used/new bath towels. We have chosen St. John's Kitchen as our community project. They have been providing hot meals to over 300 people a day for the last 30 years, and recently provided a shower program, among other services. Please keep this organization in mind when you go through your cupboards and closets, and donate to this worthy, humanitarian cause.

History of Lent

by Fr. William Saunders

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. In the desire to renew the liturgical practices of the Church, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican Council II stated, "The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer" (no. 109). The word Lent itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencen*, meaning "Spring," and *lencentid*, which literally means not only "Springtide" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls.

Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter. For instance, St. Irenaeus (d. 203) wrote to Pope St. Victor I, commenting on the celebration of Easter and the differences between practices in the East and the West:

"The dispute is not only about the day, but also about the actual character of the fast. Some think that they ought to fast for one day, some for two, others for still more; some make their 'day' last 40 hours on end. Such variation in the observance did not originate in our own day, but very much earlier, in the time of our forefathers" (Eusebius, History of the Church, V, 24).

When Rufinus translated this passage from Greek into Latin, the punctuation made between "40" and "hours" made the meaning to appear to be "40 days, twenty-four hours a day." The importance of the passage, nevertheless, remains that since the time of "our forefathers" — always an expression for the apostles — a 40-day period of Lenten preparation existed. However, the actual practices and duration of Lent were still not homogenous throughout the Church.

Lent becomes more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313.

... to be continued next week ...



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