

# 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:** 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:

☐ 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.*

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**May 14 – 20, 2018**

**Monday - NO MASS** (FEAST – ST. MATTHIAS)

**Tuesday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**7:00 PM** - In Thanksgiving – *Kathy Smith*

**Wednesday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Ed Gagnon – *John & Elaine Kelly*

**Thursday** (EASTER FERIAL) \* **NO MORNING MASS**

\* **7:00 PM** - **Mass & Crowning of Mary**

**Friday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Eamonn Hand – *Julie & Guy Burkholder*

**Saturday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**9:00 am** - In Thanksgiving – *Kathy Smith*

### SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** - Int. of Artur & Robert Ochinski

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

**11:30 am** + Jose Almeida & Anuciacao Costa – *B. Ferreira*

### Offertory Collections

**May 5/6, 2018**

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,393.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,196.77
First Communion.....	\$ 492.45
Loose monies .....	\$ 563.40
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,646.55</b>

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 615.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 247.96
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 862.96</b>

Pope's Pastoral Works.....\$ 310.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

### May Crowning of Mary

**This Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary at 6:30 PM**

**Mass at 7:00 PM**

May is the month during which we give special honor and attention to our Blessed Mother and it has been a tradition, in our parish, to crown the statue of Mary because Mary is rightly regarded and invoked as Queen as she is the Mother of the Son of God. We will be crowning our statue of Mary in our Grotto beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by the crowning of Mary in our Grotto. Everyone is invited to bring a flower(s) to present to Mary during the crowning (extra flowers will be available). Reception will follow.



~ St. Mark's C.W.L. and Legion of Mary

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. May 14</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. May 15</u>	7:00 pm	(J)	Separated & Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. May 16</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. May 17</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	Rosary; Mass; Crowning of Mary
	8:00 pm	(H)	Reception after Mass
	7:30 pm	(M)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. May 18</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

**Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord**, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers. ■



## Litururgical Ministers

MAY 19 & 20	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	G./S. Morgan N. D'Souza	E./T./T. Morgan	B./B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	M. Monte
Lectors:	M. Dufresne J. Deneau	T. Lee C. Mackid	M. Oram I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	J. Kelly B. Coutinho M. Walser	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	L. Macedo F./Y. Tully	M./L. Fernando H. Kress	S. Markides R./L. Masbad



Many of us like to sing, and all of us would like to honour our God...  
All are invited to an

### Hour of Praise & Worship Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

Meet fellow Catholics and meet new friends. Afterwards we'll socialize and enjoy coffee and cookies. All are welcome ... young and old. Led by Joe Antal, past choir leader and current choir musician, this hour will be an enjoyable way to join in song with friends and get closer to our Lord through song. Remember ... it has been said that singing is praying twice!

### First Communicants ... Don't forget!

St. Mark's Parish invites all First Communicants and their families to attend the **9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** wearing their First Communion clothing. The children will receive their certificates, as well as a blessed medal to commemorate their First Eucharist. After Mass the children and their families are invited to a small reception in the parish hall for cake and refreshments. *Those not able to attend may pick up their certificate any time at the parish office or in the sacristy after Mass.*



### TAKE A STAND FOR FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE!

In violation of their conscience, Ontario's healthcare professionals are being punished for refusing to cooperate in arranging the deaths of other people. They are denied the right of conscientious objection given even to conscripted soldiers in times of national crisis. A Private Members Bill proposing that participation in euthanasia be voluntary was defeated in the Ontario legislature, opposed by 3 of our 4 local MPP's. On **May 15<sup>th</sup>, International Conscientious Objector's Day**, we will gather to demonstrate our deep concern, showing our elected representatives that this is a "ballot box" issue. Gather at 4:45 pm at the office of MPP Diaene Vernille, 607 King Street West, Kitchener. Leave at 6:00 pm.  
For more info: [stephen@democracydefence.ca](mailto:stephen@democracydefence.ca) or 519-743-1263. Visit [www.democracydefence.ca](http://www.democracydefence.ca) to learn about The Democracy Defence Initiative.

## Catholic Women's League News



Our **Book Sale** is on-going so we encourage you to please visit the tables often through the next few weeks. The selection will change as we continue to accept donations. Donated books can be left under the coat racks in the hallway across from the ladies' restroom. Thank you for your support!

**Flowers for Mother's Day** – CWL will be selling potted Mini Roses and African Violets after all Masses this weekend (May 12/13) until they're gone! \$5 each.

All proceeds to the St. Mark Accessible Door Project.



**Congratulations to the Confirmandi** of St. Mark's and St. Dominic's Schools and the parish, who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Especially today, please keep them in your prayers:

Enrique Aguilar  
Maya Ariss  
Alexander Arruda  
Alda Ayala  
Mya Azevedo  
Abigael Badger  
Andrew Barbosa  
Andrew Bishop  
Kobe Bolta  
James Braendle  
Ashley Buendia  
Rylan Butcher  
David Cheryvellath  
Adriana Coslovich  
Shawn DaCosta  
Lauren D'Arsie  
Desmond Deneau  
Olyvia Dixon  
Blaine Dolson

J.T. Ellis  
Jalen Elwin  
Kyle Fernandes  
Lauren Ferrara  
Riley Greig  
Anthony Hauck  
Mackenzie Jackson  
Angel Keleher  
Ashton Lankowski  
Megan Lavery  
Maria Ly  
Marcus Lynch  
Darah Mammoli  
Roman Marinelli  
Joshua McGrath  
Maddox McNorgan-Degen  
Nicolas Miranda  
Brandon Moniz

Sophia Monteiro  
Avery Moules  
Jalen Nelson  
Daniel Niemiec  
Cristiano Novo  
Emma Okello  
Tyson Oliu  
Lorenza Romano  
Adrian Savic  
Ryan Sheppard  
Filip Spisak  
Nathaniel Starr  
Brett Talbot  
Nyla Thomas  
Julia Vasey  
James Videz  
Samantha Warren  
Aaron Whalen



Heavenly 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.



### 'EVENSONG' (EVENING PRAYER)

**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Mary's Church**, 56 Duke St. W. Kitchener. The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, a Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton, hopes to join the North American Ordinariate (The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter) once fully established! Initially, we intend to have Evensong – in traditional English, monthly, on the last Sunday of the month. After Evensong, you are invited to join us in the Lower Hall for a social time, and an address about Anglican Patrimony and its place in the Catholic Church. On May 27th, Father Douglas Hayman, Priest Administrator of The Catholic Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ottawa, will give the address.



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