

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener, Ontario N2N 3A2 • 519-571-9200 • www.stmarkcatholicparish.org

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week



May 20 – 26, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

VICTORIA DAY

Tuesday (FEAST – EASTER)

7:00 PM + Francisco De Sousa – Brigida

Wednesday (FERIAL – EASTER)

12 noon - Int. of Fr. Greg Merkley – Margo Schimus

Thursday (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 am + Felix Fernandes – Agnelo & Dolorosa Dias

Friday (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 am + Ruth & Anthony Hayek – Ylanda

Saturday (FERIAL – EASTER)

9:00 am + Maria do Carmo da Silva – Maria Soares

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2; 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

Sat. 5:00 PM + Cimermancic Family

Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Lauren Montenegro – Frank & Maria Caprara

2:00 PM - **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** with St. Mark School

Last weekend's reception for Fr. Greg...

A heartfelt thank-you to members of our C.W.L, Knights, coffee Sunday team and funeral lunch team, as well as all others who lent their hand in organizing, setting up and decorating the hall, making and contributing food, helping to serve and cleaning up. Many hands made light work, and your time and generosity was greatly appreciated!

Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. (Hebrews 10:24)

OFFERTORY REPORT

May 11/12, 2019

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Sunday envelopes | \$ 2,866.25 |
| Sunday Pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) | \$ 1,268.54 |
| Loose monies..... | \$ 627.44 |
| TOTAL EASTER SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... | \$ 4,762.23 |
| Mortgage envelopes | \$ 460.00 |
| Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).... | \$ 261.81 |
| TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... | \$ 721.81 |

Thank you for your generosity

North of 60 – tomato sauce drive

We would like to thank all the parishioners for their monetary donations and the many cans of pasta sauce given to assist the families of Baker Lake, Nunavut. We reached our target of 600 cans! We were also able to purchase 150 cans of sardines, and St. Marks' School has donated 300 boxes of salt. We thank everyone for their generosity. These donations, plus food collected from other parishes will make life easier for the residents of Baker Lake. This food will be transported by barge and will arrive at its destination in late August.

- St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mark's Parish

9 DAY NOVENA FOR LIFE: June 1 - 9, 2019

St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council #9276 is promoting a 9-Day Novena for Life from June 1st to 9th, 2019. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being from the moment of conception to natural death. **Watch next week's bulletin for a special insert regarding this novena.**

Meetings & Events This Week:

| DATE | TIME | ROOM | EVENT |
|--------------------|----------|------|------------------------------|
| <u>Mon. May 13</u> | 8:00 pm | (H) | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| | 7:15 pm | (B) | Consoling the Heart of Jesus |
| <u>Tue. May 14</u> | 6:30 pm | (L) | Separated/Divorced Level III |
| | 6:30 pm | (J) | Search and Rescue |
| | 7:00 pm | (M) | 11:30 Choir practice |
| <u>Wed. May 15</u> | 6:30 pm | (CH) | 9:30 Choir practice |
| | 7:30 pm | (B) | Women's Prayer Group |
| <u>Thu. May 16</u> | 6:15 pm | (M) | Legion of Mary |
| | 7:00 pm | (H) | C.W.L. General Meeting |
| | 7:30 pm | (CH) | 5:00 Choir practice |
| <u>Fri. May 17</u> | 6:00 am | (M) | Men's group |
| | 7:00 pm | (L) | Writers' group |
| | 10:30 am | (L) | Writers' group |

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

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John.

Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others. ■

May is the Month of Mary

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help or sought your intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you do I come,
before you I stand sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions
but in your mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.

Wishing our Grade 8's at St. Dominic School a moving and spirit-filled retreat at Mount Mary this week!



| May 25 - 26 | 5:00 PM Mass | 9:30 AM Mass | 11:30 AM Mass |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers: | V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan | E./T./T. Morgan | R. Robin N./A. Gallagher |
| Commentator: | K. Friesen | T. Lee | M. Monte |
| 1 st Reader: | M. Dufresne | T. Boettger | I. Kangaloo |
| 2 nd Reader: | B. Crawley | P. Enticott | M. Smith |
| Ushers: | L. Macedo I. Cimermancic | F. Seaward P. Drohan L. Koehler | C. Dignam |
| Gift Bearers: | | Cerantola | Coe |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | K. Friesen K. Smith F. Tully | M. Lynch M. Fernando T. Lee | B. Denomme F. Kangaloo A. Monte |



Articles of Faith

If you or someone you know is looking for the perfect gift to give to a First Holy Communion candidate, the Legion of Mary has articles of faith for sale. They include children's books, rosaries, miraculous medal necklaces, and crucifixes. Please contact Colette Dokis at 519-576-7490.

Calling All Gardeners!

We've got Spring Fever! If you are interested in helping to tend the church gardens this Spring, please contact Judy at tjswartz@rogers.com. We will meet in mid-May.



Help Needed:

Communion to Lanark Long Term Care

If you would be interested in helping to take the Eucharist to the residents at Lanark Heights Long Term Care, or would like more information, please contact Rose Groothuis at 519-580-5764 or jrajg@hotmail.com. Commitment is twice a month.



Relay for Life – Canadian Cancer Society

Dear Parishioners of St. Mark's,
My name is Yousef Al. I am a high school student from Resurrection Catholic Secondary School. I am trying to reach out to everyone in

my community to help me out on my mission. Realizing that some students at my age in my community are diagnosed with cancer has made me more determined than ever to help change the future of this disease. Therefore, I need your help. Would you consider making a donation to help me achieve my goal? Giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a difference. If you are interested in helping the community and making a difference, please follow the following steps:

- Visit www.relayforlife.ca and click on "Donate"
- Search the participant name "Yousef Al"
- When my name comes up, click on "Donate Now" and fill in the details.

Every dollar goes a long way!! Thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

Yousef Al, Grade 11

Resurrection Catholic Secondary School

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT DAY AT THE CHURCH

Friday, May 24th – all day with students from St. Mark School
Monday, May 27th – all day with students from St. Dominic School

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, May 26th at 2:00 PM with students from St. Mark School
Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 PM with students from St. Dominic School

ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION

CARD PARTY – The Best Friends of Big Sisters is hosting their 8th Annual Card Party on **Thursday, May 23rd** at **Conestoga Place**, 110 Manitou Drive, Kitchener. Tickets are \$25. Enjoy an afternoon of cards, draws and lot of prizes including a light lunch of sandwiches, fruit, dessert and refreshments. All proceeds support local youth. For tickets contact Shirley Bourke 519-746-8373.

MARYMOUNT CEMETERY SPRING MEMORIAL MASS – On **Saturday, May 25th** at 11:00 a.m. Most Reverend Matthew Ustrzycki, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, will celebrate the Spring Memorial Mass at **Marymount Cemetery in Guelph**. All are welcome. For more information, please call 519-836-8814 or visit www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE WALK FOR LIFE – **Saturday, May 25th** – Registration 10 a.m. at **Historic St. Paul's Church**, 137 Queen Street South, Kitchener. 3km walk begins at 10:30 am. Prizes, Draws, Good Food, Win a \$150 gift certificate. Special guest: Stephen Woodworth. Call 519-746-5433 for pledge and walk information or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

HIGH TEA BRUNCH – The C.W.L. of **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo** is hosting a High Tea Brunch in honour of Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 26th** at 12:00 p.m. in the church hall. Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and granddaughters, nieces, goddaughters are all welcome (8 years and older). Tickets are \$20 (first come, first served). Please call Patrycja Wiecek at 519-502-6917 or email ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com

DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING AFTER ABORTION – Hosted by The Sisters of Life on **Saturday, June 1st** in **Toronto** for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. Contact The Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722 or toronto@sistersoflife.org

MOTORCYCLE BLESSING – All Motorcycle Riders are invited for a motorcycles blessing. Weather permitting it will take place on **Saturday, June 8th** at 10 a.m. in front of **St. Clement Church in St. Clements**. Please bring any friends who wish to join us. The blessing will be followed by a ride together.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- May 20 - Rev. Frank Freitas
- May 21 - Rev. William Foote
- May 22 - Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus
- May 23 - Rev. L. Dorismond, O.M.I.
- May 24 - Rev. Michael Isabelle
- May 25 - Rev. Antonio Cunha

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.

THE SHRINE OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER, St. Agatha Cemetery Chapel, St. Agatha, Ontario. Built in 1857 the shrine is open for visitation every Sunday from June 2nd through to September 29th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



SM
SUPERIOR
MEMORIALS
Since 1924

528 Victoria St. N., beside Weston's Bakery
519-745-6136

J Jane Petrovich
B.Sc. M.Sc. B.Ed. OCT
Professional
Tutoring Services

All Grades: JK-12
All subjects including Math,
Science, Language Arts
519-886-0725
oceans@primus.ca



FundEX
INVESTMENTS INC.

- Financial Planning
- Life Insurance
- Investments

3-450 Westheights Dr. 519-746-8423
Robert L. Beaupre
Financial Advisor
fundexinvestments@rogers.com



**Shopping
Locally
Saves Gas**



Delicious Food
Excellent Service
Guaranteed Satisfaction
Catering for all occasions for over 35 years.

Let us serve you today!
519-578-1030

**Ted's
RV Storage**

Cars, Boats
& Trailers
Inside & Outside
519-501-0814

R.T. Hartley Electric Ltd.
Commercial & Residential
Fully Licensed & Insured
ECRA/ESA #7012920
For free estimate
call John 519-502-1972

Natural Stone City Inc.
136-A Ottawa St. S., Kitchener
GRANITE • QUARTZ • MARBLE
Kitchen & Bathroom Installations
20-yrs. Experience | Unmatched Selection
519-489-0441
www.NaturalStoneCity.com
sales@naturalstonecity.com

Something for Everyone...
Independent Living &
Full Service. Call us today
for a personal visit & lunch.

S&R
Lanark Village
Steeves & Rozema Group
'It's All About Choice'

44 Lanark Cres.
519-743-0121

Irvin
Accounting & Tax Services

539 King St E.
519-578-5781
www.irvinaccounting.com

**THE PERFECT SPOT
TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**



**TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL
1-800-268-2637**


**It's
↑ WISE to
↓ ADVERTISE!**

**2M
Taylor**

Alterations & Tailoring
for men, women & children
Custom Tailoring
519.578.6054
milicabojo@hotmail.com

GIBSONS
- home furnishings -

25 Northfield Dr. W., Waterloo
Canadian-made, Handcrafted Solid
Wood Furniture and Home Décor
Exquisite Home Furnishings Since 1981
519-746-7070
gibsons@golden.net
www.GibsonsHomeFurnishings.com



**Westvale Dental
Centre**
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
Dr. George Ho
520 University Ave. W., #202
(University & Ira Needles)
519.571.5050

Remember...
Let our advertisers know
you saw their ad here.




**2M
Taylor**

Alterations & Tailoring
for men, women & children
Custom Tailoring
519.578.6054
milicabojo@hotmail.com

**COLDWELL
BANKER**

PETER BENNINGER REALTY, Brokerage
Independently Owned and Operated

HANNA LEPI SZ
Sales Representative
Years of Experience
Friendly Hassel Free Service
519-742-5800



ERB & GOOD

FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
Family Owned Since 1946
171 King St. S. Waterloo
519.745.8445
www.erbgood.com



PS PHARMASAVE

Prescription Delivery • Medication Reviews
Easy Prescription Transfers
Medication Compliance Packaging
10% Seniors Discount Everyday
12-450 Westheights Dr. 519-584-7484



**Henry Walser
FUNERAL HOME LTD.**

AN INDEPENDENT FAMILY -
OWNED FUNERAL HOME
507 FREDERICK ST.
(at expressway)
519-749-8467



REITZEL HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

665 Superior Drive, Waterloo Ont N2V 2C8
519-884-3510

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Residential
- Radiant Heaters
- Gas Furnaces
- Air Conditioning

**Shop LOCAL • Spend LOCAL
Eat LOCAL • Enjoy LOCAL**

*and support the local businesses
that support your parish*