

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 6 – 12, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 PM + Barb Diemert – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Wednesday (FERIAL – EASTER)

12 noon + Alex Alferez – *Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Cormier*

Thursday (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 am + All Victims of Terrorist Attacks – *Leonor Fonseca*

6:30 PM - **FIRST RECONCILIATION** – *with Grade 2's*

Friday (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 am + Jesse Lambert – *Marilyn Dufresne*

11:00 am - **MASS AT ST. DOMINIC'S** for Catholic Education Week

Saturday (FERIAL – EASTER)

9:00 am + Isabel Fonseca – *The Fonseca Family*

9:45 am - **FIRST RECONCILIATION** – *with Grade 2's*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

Sat. 5:00 PM - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am + Giulia Donato – *Pietro*

11:30 am - Intentions of Nathan Kolbas – *The Flood Family*

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Thursday, May 9th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 11th from 9:45 – 10:45 AM

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*

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. May 6</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:15 pm	(B)	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
<u>Tue. May 7</u>	6:30 pm	(L)	Separated/Divorced Level III
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Executive meeting
<u>Wed. May 8</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. May 9</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. May 10</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sat. May 11</u>	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

OFFERTORY REPORT

April 27/28, 2019

Sunday & Easter envelopes	\$ 2,516.25
Sunday Pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 1,268.54
Loose monies	\$ 548.25
TOTAL EASTER SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,333.04

Mortgage envelopes	\$ 152.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ..	\$ 261.81
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 413.81

Easter Flower Memorial Donations \$ 1,255.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)..... \$ 20.00

Next Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.
in the Boardroom (St. Luke Room)

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice. ■

 *Liturgical Ministers*

May 11 – 12	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	N./J. D'Souza N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	Sr. Kathleen	J. Germann	M. Smith
1 st Reader:	M. Dufresne	C. Mackid	M. Monte
2 nd Reader:	B. Crawley	T. Germann	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	B. Coutinho I./D. Culley	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen K. Smith; F. Tully	T. Angel T./K. Boettger	B. Starr C./K. Dignam

MONTH OF MAY

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance." (PAUL VI: ENCYCLICAL ON THE MONTH OF MAY, NO. 1).



Crowning of the Statute of Mary in the grotto will take place immediately following the Saturday 5 PM Mass on May 11th.

Everyone is invited to bring flowers to present to Mary during the crowning, and extra flowers will be available. Light refreshments to follow.

Today is Rose Sunday – The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Rose Sunday next weekend, **May 4/5**. Members will be distributing rose appliques for a good will offering. All monies will go to local Right to Life organizations.



Calling All Gardeners! We've got Spring Fever! All those who are interested in helping to tend the church gardens this Spring, please contact Judy at tjswartz@rogers.com. We will have a meeting in mid-May.



Newly Baptized

With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God: **Lincoln, Amelia and Emily**



Congratulations Newlyweds

Congratulations to **Jorge Da Costa & Jamie Moseychuck**, joined in Holy Matrimony this Saturday, May 4th, 2019. May God shower your new life together with many blessings!

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 rajg@hotmail.com. Commitment is twice a month.

North of 60 is a program to send food to the families in Baker' Lake, a part of the Nunavit area. **Our Church is collecting tomato sauce.** If you would like to assist, we are collecting **680ml cans of Hunts or Primo tomato sauce.** This may be plain or the original, or thick and zesty, or cheesy or basil. **NO OTHER SPICES** please. If you wish to participate, please bring the food to the Church by May 15th. Thank you once again.

Calling All Camp Brebeuf Alumni – Come one, come all! This is your opportunity to give back to Camp Brébeuf, spend some time with your mom and have some fun! We are planning a beautification – volunteer work morning on **Saturday, May 11th** – things will get started around 9am. We will provide you with work (flowers, cleaning, organizing, etc.), followed by lunch and our open house celebration. **Who's welcome? Staff and Camper alumni and their moms.** What to bring? Gardening gloves and implements (trowels, hoes, etc.) We hope to make this place shine, as our open house is happening day of and the bishop will be coming to bless the new dining hall on May 23. Please email our director if you plan to attend: jason.gould@campbrebeuf.ca

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- May 6 - Rev. Ed Henhoeffer
- May 7 - Msgr. P.-P. Jean-Pierre
- May 8 - Our Parish Community
- May 9 - Rev. Joseph Michel
- May 10 - Rev. Francis Salasiar, CSC
- May 11 - Rev. Roshan D'Souza, CSC

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.*

May 12th is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead His people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

Mass with Fr. Greg Merkley

Congratulations are extended to Fr. Greg Merkley who was ordained to the priesthood this weekend. He will celebrate his First Mass in Oakville where he spent his first internship year. **Next weekend, May 11th/12th, Fr. Greg will be at St. Mark's**, preaching at all the Masses, and celebrating the 11:30 Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome.



Priestly Ordination of Raphael Ma, C.R.

The Congregation of the Resurrection cordially invites you to the Priestly Ordination of Raphael Ma, C.R. You may remember Raphael from when he spent the summer here as a seminarian in 2013. Thank you for your support and prayers over the years! This joyful event will take place on **Saturday, June 15th** at 11:00 a.m. at **St. Mary's Church, Kitchener**. Light reception will follow.



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