

# 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.

**ANOINTING 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday  | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.*

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Mass Intentions for the Week

May 7 – 13, 2018

**Monday - NO MASS** (EASTER FERIAL)

**Tuesday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**2:00 PM** - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care  
**7:00 PM** + Gabriel D'Souza – Ryan D'Souza

**Wednesday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**7:00 am** - In Thanksgiving – Kathy Smith  
**9:30 am** - **SCHOOL MASS at St. Dominic Savio School**

**Thursday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Carmen Cardoza – St. Mark's Society of Vincent de Paul  
**9:30 am** - **SCHOOL MASS with St. Mark School** (in the church)  
**3:00 PM** - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care  
**6:00 PM** - Confirmation Rehearsal

**Friday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Souls in Purgatory – Luiz Macedo  
**7:00 PM** - **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION with Bishop Crosby**

**Saturday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**9:00 am** + Edel Quinn – Legion of Mary

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (MOTHER'S DAY)

*Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
**Sun. 9:30 am** + Giulia Donato – Pietro Donato  
**11:30 am** + Olivia Baptista – Jose and family

## Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. May 7</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. May 8</u>	6:30 pm	(J)	Search and Rescue
	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Executive meeting
<u>Wed. May 9</u>	9:30 am	(H)	St. Mark School Gr. 7 Retreat
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. May 10</u>	6:00 pm	(CH)	Confirmation Rehearsal
	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(M)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. May 11</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	9:45 am	(H/CH)	St. Mark School Gr. 2 Retreat/Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
<u>Sat. May 12</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

**Today's Gospel** follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is agape. The second is philia. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God. Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded. ■

<b>Offertory Collections</b>	<b>April 28/29, 2018</b>
Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,457.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52).....	\$ 1,229.54
First Communion.....	\$ 997.30
Loose monies .....	\$ 435.55
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,120.32</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 214.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52) .....	\$ 271.04
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 485.04</b>
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

**St. Mark's S.V.D.P. White Box Collection for April was \$446.65.** Many food donations have also been received, for which we are grateful. With your ongoing support we continue to serve food to the less fortunate within our parish boundary. Thank you for your generosity.

**Grade 7's ... don't forget!**  
**CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL**  
**Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

From Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May, 11<sup>th</sup> Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools proudly celebrate **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**.

As part of this very special week, we are honoured and pleased to provide our Catholic community with a special **letter** from our spiritual leader, Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I. – as well as a special **video** in which Bishop Crosby speaks to the immense value Catholic education brings to Ontario, Canada and the world. Please see both here:

[www.wcdsb.ca/catholic-education-week-2018](http://www.wcdsb.ca/catholic-education-week-2018)

## Liturgical Ministers

MAY 12 & 13	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	M./V. McCullough	N./A. Gallagher C. Chacon
Commentator:	J. Deneau	J. Germann	I. Kangaloo
Lectors:	B. Crawley B. Burns	T. Germann V. DeVries	B. Starr L. Masbad
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	I./D. Culley F. Seaward	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen A. Bendia C. Dokis	T. Angel T./K. Boettger	B. Starr B./C. Voisin

**Rose Sunday (May 5/6):** Today members of the Knights of Columbus will be distributing rose appliques for a good will offering. All monies will go to local Right to Life organizations.



### Spring Planting ... let's meet!

Those who signed up in the Fall to indicate an interest in "church grounds", as well as any other interested parishioners, are asked to come to a brief meeting after Mass this **Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

## May Crowning of Mary

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 6:30pm, mass at 7:00pm followed by the crowning of Mary in our Grotto. Everyone is invited to bring a flower(s) to present to Mary during the crowning and extra flowers will be available. Reception will follow.

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

**"MARCH FOR LIFE" BUS TRIP** – Thur. May 10<sup>th</sup> sends a bus to Ottawa Parliament Hill for the annual March for Life. Call 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca to sign up. Early reservation ensures a bus seat. The cost is \$50 or sponsor a student by sending your cheque to K-W Right to Life, 215 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener N2H 4T9. This event generally draws over 20,000 participants.

**"WALK FOR LIFE" FUNDRAISER** – Sat. May 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration 10am. Walk begins at 10:30am, from Historic St. Paul's Church (137 Queen St. S. Kit.) (3 km). We invite your participation to walk or sponsor one of over 70 walkers for our largest fundraiser. Call 519.746.5433 for pledge forms or see our *Spring News & Views*. Call 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

## 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!

Upcoming activities include **Mothers' Day flowers** and a **Silent Auction**. Watch for details in upcoming weeks. All proceeds to the St. Mark Accessible Door Project.

## Congratulations

to the children of St. Mark's School and the parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday (May 6) at 2PM. Especially today, please keep them in your prayers:



Savannah A. Benjamin D. Lucas L. Connor R.  
Alyssa A. Aimee F. Lucas M. Clark S.  
Kylie B. Ava F. James M. Quintin S.  
Lucas B. Sophia G. Kay-Dee P. Maksym W.  
Carter B. Evan G. Kendra P. Yousef Z.  
Emily C. Danielle J. Melanie P.

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever present in our lives, grant your loving grace to our First Holy Communicants. Help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship whenever they receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light throughout the course of their lives, always leading these blessed children one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.*

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**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.*



## '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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