

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

The Parish Office is open by appointment only.

Please call or email ahead to schedule your visit.

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

No Children's Liturgy of the Word until further notice.

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 12:00 NOON

followed by Adoration and Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOL

Seating capacity in the church is restricted to 30%. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass. Seating will be first come, first served. Under the Ontario guidelines, we ask that:

- all who are not feeling well, or have an elevated temperature, please stay home.
- when you visit the church you wear a face covering over your nose, mouth, and chin. Required by the Face Covering By-law 20-035.
- you practice generous social distancing (minimum 6 ft.) and follow the signs and ushers' directions.
- that you use your washroom before coming to church.

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 SOCIETY

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 drop it in the mail. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass.

If you require a Mass card please call the parish office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention 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

☐ 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.

ALL SAINTS

Mass Intentions for the Week



November 2 – 8, 2020

Church doors are open 30 minutes before the start of Mass, and seating is restricted to 30% capacity (first come first seated) until further notice.

Monday, Nov. 2

(All Soul's Day – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)

7:00 PM + All Our Beloved Dead

Wednesday, Nov. 4 (MEMORIAL – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO)

12 noon – Int. of Hugh & Pat Flood – *the Flood family*

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Nov. 7/8

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sat. 5:00 PM + Frank Duff – *Legion of Mary*

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista and family*

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please call ahead or email Pam to schedule your visit:

519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com

Meetings & Events This Week:

Mon. Nov. 2 8:00 pm Hall Alcoholics Anonymous

Wed. Nov. 4 6:00 pm Church First Reconciliations (& rehearsal)

Sat. Nov. 7 7:15 am Hall That Man Is You!

Offertory Report for Oct. 24/25, 2020

Offertory Collection: \$ 1,746.59

Pre-Authorized Debits: \$ 1,445.19

Total Offerings: \$ 3,191.78

Mortgage: \$ 230.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

Mission Sunday: \$ 20.00

Combined Special Collection: \$ 220.00

MASKS:

A note from Bishop Crosby's October 7th letter:



"Those who are unable to wear a mask because of an underlying medical condition which inhibits their ability to wear a mask, are to be admitted to the church, and are to be seated in a designated area at least four metres away from others. They may not come forward to receive Communion with others; the priest or extraordinary minister will bring them Communion where they are seated."

Read the full letter [here](#).



Do you like to paint?

The church washrooms are in need of a fresh coat of paint (walls and stalls) and we are looking for a couple of volunteers who would be willing to freshen them up. Please see Fr. Steve or leave a message at the parish office if you are up to the task.



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes. ■

Charles Borromeo was born in northern Italy in 1538 to an established and wealthy family. As Secretary of State at the Vatican, he played an important role in convincing the Pope (Pius IV) to reconvene the Council of Trent, which sought to address corruption in a sixteenth-century church beleaguered by Protestantism. Under the auspices of that council, beginning in 1563 Borromeo supervised the writing of an accurate catechism, rewrote liturgical texts and music, and began enforcing clerical reform in Rome. Saint Charles Borromeo is the Patron Saint of Catechists, Catechumens and Seminarians.

BAZAARS, BAKE SALES AND FESTIVALS:

A note from Monsignor Kroetsch...

"In many parishes at this time of year there are bazaars, bake sales, and festivals. Unfortunately, this year, because of the current COVID restrictions on gatherings of large groups, and the number of confirmed cases of persons who have contracted the virus, climbing each day, it is not possible for our parishes to schedule or host such events. We are blessed to be able to keep our churches open for public worship and our parish offices and meetings rooms in order to continue our pastoral ministry. However, we are not able to hold gatherings such as bazaars, bake sales, and festivals. We look forward to the day when it is possible to hold these social activities in our parishes."

(FROM A MEMO TO ALL PASTORS, 16 OCT. 2020)



Congratulations

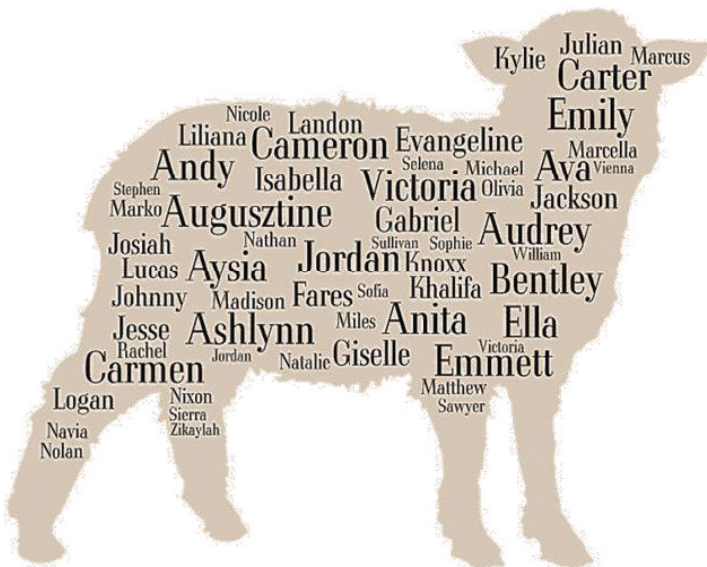
St. Mark's Parish congratulates all of the boys and girls who received their **First Holy Communion** on November 1st ...

Bentley	Anita	Liliana
Gabriel	Selena	Vienna
	Victoria	

*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.*



FEAST OF ALL SOULS – NOVEMBER 2

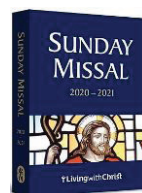
This is a holy day set aside to remember our beloved dead. According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go.

Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin." Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

Sacrament of Confirmation

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on
Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.*

This is only for children who have re-enrolled after their inability to receive the Sacrament in May. A letter has been sent to all parents, outlining the changes to this year's celebration, and preparation material for the sacrament has been emailed to parents who re-enrolled their children. This week we will send the next installment of the preparation material.



Living with Christ
2020-2021 Sunday Missals
will soon be available for purchase
in the narthex ~ \$5 each

Winter Clothing Drive ... St. Mark's Knights of Columbus invite you to donate your **clean, gently used winter outerwear** (coats, snowpants, boots, etc.) to the bin in the church lobby. The Knights will take all items to the Salvation Army to aid them in their Coat Drive.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Help bring joy and hope and the Good News of the Gospel to a child living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease and recently the COVID pandemic, disaster and poverty. This Christmas Season pack a shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Empty boxes can be picked up in the narthex beginning November 7th.** Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 22nd. Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

Toasty Toes VIRTUAL Sock Drive

The annual Toasty Toes Waterloo Region campaign is asking for donations of FUNDS rather than socks this fall due to pandemic precautions. We regret that we CANNOT ACCEPT SOCKS this year. If you wish to support this worthy cause this year, please consider a monetary donation by visiting: www.kwcf.ca/toastytoes



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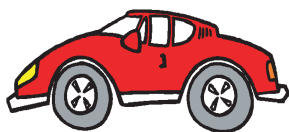
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