

# 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  
Wednesday 12:00 NOON  
Thursday, Friday 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, please  
see chapel bulletin board  
Divine Mercy – Sundays 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 it to be on any:

Tues. 7 PM  Wed. 12 NOON  Thur. 7 AM  Fri. 7 AM  Sat. 9 AM  
 Sat. 5:00 PM  Sunday 9:30 AM  Sunday 11:30 AM

**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.

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions for the Week

November 11 – 17, 2019

**Monday – NO MASS**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOSAPHAT)

2:00 PM – Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care

7:00 PM + Glen Raymer – Chona

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

12:00 noon + Virginia Estrada – Evelyn Romero & family

**Thursday** (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Holy Souls in Purgatory – Leonor Fonseca

9:45 am – Grade 4 Bible Celebration at St. Dominic School

**Friday** (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Emma Lerit – Helen Reinhardt

**Saturday** (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Anne Yvonne Hartwell – J. Petrovich & B. Hartwell

## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Malachi 4:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Macedo Family – Luiz

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

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – Jose & family

Josaphat Kunczewicz was born about the year 1580 and given the name John at baptism. He was born in the then-Polish region of Lithuania of Orthodox parents and eventually became a Catholic and Ukrainian Basilian monk. Chosen bishop, he worked faithfully for the unity of the Church until he suffered martyrdom at the hands of an angry mob in Russia.

### Weekly Offertory Report for Nov. 2/3, 2019

	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 44
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,482.27	\$ 139,534.55
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,402.27	\$ 56,275.50
<b>Total Offerings:</b>	<b>\$ 4,884.54</b>	<b>\$ 195,810.05</b>
Budget:	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 228,800.00
Under Budget:	(315.46)	(32,989.95)

**Mortgage Offerings to date this year: \$ 24,066.00**

**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.



**New Living With Christ Sunday Missals for 2019-2020**  
\$5 each ~ while supplies last

**Congratulations** to the winners of the 50/50 Draws at the K of C Spaghetti Supper last Sunday: Winner of the 5:30pm Draw (\$121.00) was **John Devine**. Winner of the 6:00pm Draw (\$53.00) was **Helen Loughlin**. Many thanks for your support!



Reminder to all C.W.L. ladies....  
Membership dues are due next month.

## Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Nov. 11</u>	7:15 pm	(B)	Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Nov. 12</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	K of C Executive meeting
<u>Wed. Nov. 13</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Nov. 14</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Nov. 15</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<u>Sat. Nov. 16</u>	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!

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

Last week marked the end of what is referred to Luke's narrative of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem where he will face his death. In today's gospel account, Jesus has already entered Jerusalem (what is celebrated on Palm Sunday) and now he is teaching in Jerusalem, which will then be followed in Luke's gospel with the passion narratives. As we move through the month of November, up to advent, the theme is end time and today's gospel illustrates this with Jesus' teaching of the after life.

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of marriage as found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection.

According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living and, for Him, we are all alive. ■

**Thanks for remembering!** Please continue to support the War Veterans' program to convert aluminum **POP CAN TABS** into custom wheelchairs. **Drop off your tabs in the blue bin across from the washrooms.** Thank you.



Nov. 16 - 17	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N./J. DeSouza	D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon B. Starr; R. Robin
Commentator:	★ NEEDED ★	J. Flanigan	I. Kangaloo
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	M. Dufresne	T. Boettger J. Deneau	M. Oram M. Smith
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	I./D. Culley J. Kelly	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	★ NEEDED ★	Seaward	Kubica
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	M. Fernando A. Joseph H. Kress	S. Markides M. Monte E. Weiss

**REMEMBRANCE DAY ♦ November 11<sup>th</sup>**

This Monday we pause in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.



**Month of November Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

During November, the Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise." Purgatory is not eternal but its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at each particular judgment. We are, therefore, reminded to pray for our beloved dead to assist them in attaining heaven.

During the month of November, you are invited to inscribe the name of your beloved dead in the **Book of Remembrance** located by the baptismal font.



**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
with Ron and Rick Denomme  
**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**  
40 minutes of praise & worship  
immediately following the 7pm Mass



**Alpha Team Meeting**

Immediately after Praise & Worship on Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a brief meeting for all those who are interested in volunteering for the next Alpha Course set to begin in February 2020. The leadership team will be happy to answer any questions that you might have. Promotional material – with dates and contact info – will be available for us to take as we share with others about this rewarding program.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Program**

Every Sunday during the 9:30 Mass for children aged 5 to grade 3. No registration is necessary, just bring your children to Mass.

**School Confessions for Advent:** Fr. Steve and fellow clergy will be in the schools on the following Fridays to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to students in Grades 3 through 8:

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mark School      Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Dominic School

**C.W.L. Advent Retreat – all welcome!**

Do you ever feel that the hectic pace of life, especially at Christmas has taken control of your serenity? Has your frenzied schedule interfered with time for reflection and quiet moments with God? **St. Mark's C.W.L. invites you** to join them for a time of peaceful Advent reflection and a social on **Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 6:00 PM**, followed by our **Advent Retreat at 7 PM** in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served! You'll hear about:

*How to find God's presence in your everyday life*  
*How to hear God's voice speaking to your heart*  
*How to connect to God, the ultimate source of peace*

**Our presenter is Teresa Hartnett**, Director of the Diocesan Family Ministry Office. All are welcome to attend and share in some peaceful fellowship! No charge, but a freewill offering will be taken up to help with expenses. For more information and to reserve a seat, contact Anna at 519-577-8519 or cjoseph1231@rogers.com.

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

This week, let us pray for...

- Nov. 11 - Rev. Romelito Guillen
- Nov. 12 - Rev. Francis Hubilla
- Nov. 13 - Deceased Consecrated Br. & Sr.
- Nov. 14 - Rev. Ronald Voisin
- Nov. 15 - Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
- Nov. 16 - Rev. Peter Meyer

**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.*

**Next Sunday, Nov. 17 is World Day of the Poor**

The St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Mark's Church would like to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners for your continued support of our mission to help the needy in our area. Your generosity has given us the means to help those less fortunate. If you are interested in joining our society to help the poor, please call 519-571-8485 and leave a message and someone will get back to you.

**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, 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 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

**Important Dates for First Eucharist and Confirmation**

Please mark your calendar:

**Enrollment Sunday:** Nov. 30 / Dec. 1 at any Mass

**Parents' Information Meeting:** Sunday, Jan. 12 after 11:30 Mass

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:** Sundays, April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>



**Christmas Potluck Social**

**Sunday, December 15**  
**1:00 – 4:00 PM**  
**St. Mark Parish Hall**

This is a **FREE** event! Bring a dish and a friend! Please sign-up in the narthex if you plan to attend. This will help us with our numbers.







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