

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions
for the Week



November 12 – 18, 2018

Monday - NO MASS

Tuesday - NO MASS *

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Special Intention – *Luiz Macedo*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Terrance Soares – *Mervyn & Theresa Lee*

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

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + George Sehl – *Kathleen*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY)

9:00 am + Jennifer Durante - *Janet & Grant Ertel*

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

Sat. 5:00 PM + Frank Kastelic – *Cimermancic family*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Jose Almeida & Anuciacao Costa – *B. Ferreira*

* Please note there will be No Mass this Tuesday.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary was born in Hungary on July 7, 1207 to the Hungarian King Andrew II and Gertrude of Merania. When her mother was murdered at the age of 6, Elizabeth's perspective on life and death dramatically changed and she sought peace with prayer. Married to Ludwig who supported her giving to the poor, she began to lead an austere simple life, practiced penance, and devoted herself to works of charity. She used her royal position to advance her mission for charity. She wore simple clothing and set aside time every day to take bread to hundreds of poor people in her land. The year after her husband's death, in 1228, Elizabeth joined the Third Order of St. Francis and founded a hospital in honor of St. Francis, where she personally attended to the ill.

Offertory Collection

Nov. 3/4, 2018

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,197.15
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) \$ 1,200.46
 Loose monies \$ 717.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,114.61

Mortgage envelopes \$ 972.00
 Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) \$ 254.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 1,226.88

- Thank you for your generosity -

First Communion & Confirmation: Important Dates...

Gr. 2 / Gr. 7 Enrollment Sunday: December 1st/2nd at all Masses
 (for Gr. 2's seeking First Communion and Gr. 7's seeking Confirmation)

Sacrament of Confirmation: Tuesday, March 26th

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sundays, May 26th and June 2nd

School Confessions for Advent: Father Steve and fellow clergy will be in the schools on the follow dates to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to students in Grades 3 through 8:

Friday, Nov. 23rd at St. Mark School
 Friday, Nov. 30th at St. Dominic School

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Nov. 12	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Nov. 13	6:30 pm	(J)	ATTSAR Search & Rescue
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus executive meeting
Wed. Nov. 14	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series
Thur. Nov. 15	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. general meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Nov. 16	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group

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

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honor and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross. ■



St. Mark's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel welcomes all to our chapel to spend time visiting with our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider making a weekly commitment to an hour of your choice, or by signing up for one of the vacant hours listed below:

Mon. 4-5pm (2nd person needed)	Thur. 1-2pm (2nd person needed)
Tue. 11pm-12midnight	Friday 4-5pm
Wed. 12midnight-1am	Sat. 12noon-1pm
Wed. 5-6am	Sat. 2-3pm
Thur. 11am-12noon	Sat. 4-5pm
Thur. 12noon-1pm	

For more information about our chapel, please contact Colette at 519-576-7490.



NOV. 17-18	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N. D'Souza		C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	T. Boettger	M. Monte
Lectors:	J. Deneau B. Crawley	V DeVries T Lee	B. Starr I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	A Montag K Friesen	P. Drohan J. Kelly	C Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully C. Dokis	M. Lynch M./L. Fernando E. Kelly	B. Denomme B. Starr E. Weiss

C.W.L Corner



- ♦ **Silent Auction** final tally is in progress and will be announced soon! Clearly it was a huge success and we sincerely thank everyone for their participation — by donating, bidding or both! Items yet to be claimed are in the St. John room and can be paid for and picked up after all Masses this weekend or during the week through Pam in the office (bring a cheque or exact cash amount please!).
- ♦ *Save the date!* Deacon Basil has graciously agreed to facilitate an **Advent Mini-Retreat on Thursday, December 6th**. Details to follow!
- ♦ **Nominations for January 2019 Executive Elections** will be opening soon! Please start pondering and praying about how you can share your God-given talents with your Sisters in the League and talk to friends you would like to nominate!
- ♦ **Next Mass for CWL Intentions:** Tues. Nov. 27th at 7 PM.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ♦ Sunday, November 11, 2018

Today 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 near the sanctuary by the statue of St. Joseph.

An invitation to pray to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help

St. Mark's Legion of Mary is inviting all to join them in prayers to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help for their families/friends, for the sick, in thanksgiving, for those who have fallen away from the faith ... for whatever is on your heart. Please join the Legionaries on **Fridays from 11am to 12noon in the chapel.**

"For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Help bring joy and hope 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. Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by next Sunday, Nov. 18th.** Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

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

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.

St. Mark's 4-Choir Fête

The members and families of our four choirs are invited to come together and **share a Pot-Luck Meal on Saturday, Nov. 17th after the 5:00pm Mass.** This includes the 5:00 Saturday, 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday, and Funeral choirs. Please bring a food or drink item to share, your families, and your love of music.



"One Heart, One Soul" Diocesan Capital Campaign:

Frequently Asked Questions... The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign to raise money for every parish in the diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

What are the parishes' responsibilities in the campaign? Every Parish will first assess its needs and determine the projects to which the funds raised for the Parish will be directed. Each pastor will appoint key volunteers who will work with the Diocese and the Steier Group to form a campaign team. That Parish team will help with campaign events and make personal visits to other parishioners to solicit gifts. Priests also will be asked to help with solicitations of some prospective donors.

How will the funds that are raised be split up? This is a Parish-focused campaign, and 75 percent of the funds raised by each Parish will stay with that Parish for the goals and projects of its choosing. An additional 10 percent will be directed toward assisting parishes most in need of support. The remaining 15 percent will be dedicated to shared Diocesan ministries.

Where will donors send their gifts, and where will the money be kept? Donors' gifts and pledges will be held in trust for the Parish and initially kept in a dedicated Diocesan account. The Diocese will disburse the Parishes' funds to them after the payments have been received and the Parish is ready to undertake their projects. The campaign's Clergy Committee has worked with the Diocese to outline when the funds will be distributed to the Parishes.

Why can't I just support my parish directly? Frankly, we hope you continue to support your Parish directly through your regular Sunday giving. This campaign is not intended to divert funds that go toward normal operating needs. The campaign is a special effort to meet needs that go beyond the routine and that can help to set up Parishes (and the Diocese) to thrive for years to come. In short, supporting this campaign is supporting your Parish directly – as well as other Parishes in need and various Diocesan ministries.

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