

# St. Mark Catholic Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Steve Murrin  
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**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:

- |                                                |                                                |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <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.*

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions for the Week



Nov. 13 – 19, 2017

### MONDAY - NO MASS

#### Tuesday (FERIAL)

2:00 PM - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care  
7:00 PM - Int. of Ralph & Marcella - *the Flood family*

#### Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Int. of the Catholic Women's League  
2:15 PM - Gr. 4 Bible Celebration at St. Mark School

#### Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Helen Vida - *Marcia Frank*

#### Friday (MEMORIAL - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY)

7:00 am + The Macedo Family - *Luiz*

#### Saturday (Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul) (Our Lady's Saturday)

9:00 am + The Vida Family - *Marcia Frank*

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

*Prov. 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31++; 1 Thess. 5:1-6; Mt. 25:14-30*

Sat. 5:00 PM + Olivia Baptista - *Jose Baptista*

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

11:30 am + David Dorscht - *Zennie Sunga*

**St. Elizabeth** born (1271) in Spain. One of the miracles attributed to her is the "miracle of the roses." After the king had discovered she was leaving the palace to take food to the poor he forbade her to do it, however, she never gave up and every day she would give food to the poor behind the King's back. One winter day, she was carrying pieces of bread hidden in her dress. The King saw her going out and stopped her asking, "What you are carrying?" She answered, "Roses, my lord." He didn't believe because it was winter. He asked her to show him the roses. Obediently she unfolded the dress and there were roses instead of bread.

**Saint Peter's Basilica** was originally built in 323 by the emperor Constantine. The basilica was constructed over the tomb of Peter the Apostle, the Church's first Pope. The construction of the new church spanned over 200 years before its completion. It was dedicated on Nov. 18, 1626. **Saint Paul's Basilica** is located outside the original walls of Rome. It was also originally built by the emperor Constantine though it was destroyed by fire in 1823. The Basilica was built over St. Paul's grave. Pope Pius IX consecrated the Basilica in 1854.

### Offertory Collection

Nov. 4/5, 2017

Sunday envelopes .....	\$ 2,423.80
Sunday loose .....	\$314.20
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) .....	\$ 1,212.23
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,949.23</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 880.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) .....	\$ 241.04
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,121.04</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### 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 shoe box filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Empty boxes are now available for pick up in the narthex. Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church next Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Nov. 13</b>	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Nov. 14</b>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting
<b>Wed. Nov. 15</b>	7:15 pm	(M)	9:30 choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<b>Thur. Nov. 16</b>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. Wine Tasting
	7:00 pm	(L)	Young Catholic Adults (S.M.Y.C.A.)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<b>Fri. Nov. 17</b>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
<b>Sun. Nov. 19</b>	7:00 pm	(H)	Coffee House (hosted by SMYCA)

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

**In this week's Gospel**, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens — friends and family members of the bride — to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves: Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

### New Living With Christ Sunday Missals for 2018

Available for purchase in the narthex - \$5 each



If you would like to buy a gift to make Christmas special for a child, please choose an angel from the tree in the narthex, purchase your gifts, and return them to the church, unwrapped with the angel attached, **no later than Sun. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please do not buy clothing, as we do not know the sizes (winter accessories accepted). Toys, games, mittens, hats, scarves or any other appropriate gifts are appreciated. Gift cards/certificates are most welcome, especially for older children (please include the receipt; and no more than \$25/card). Any donations of wrapping paper or gift bags are also always appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and support! - *St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

## Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 18 & 19	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G. Johnston T./T. Morgan	T./T. Morgan	N./B./B. Starr
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	J. Flanigan	T. Boettger
Lector:	J. Deneau	V. DeVries	O. Sirju
Ushers:	K./S./T. Friesen	F./B. Seaward P. Drohan	C. Dignam F. Sawarna M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen D. Weber C. Dokis	A. Joseph H. Kress M. Lynch	B./S. Markides F. Kangaloo

### School Liturgies this month ...

Wed. Nov. 15 2:15 PM Gr. 4 Bible Celebration at St. Mark School  
 Wed. Nov. 22 1:15 PM Advent Confessions with St. Mark School (church)

### Candidates Preparing for the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation

If you have a child attending Grade 2 or Grade 7 at either St. Mark's or St. Dominic's Schools, you should have received a letter this past week concerning the Sacramental Preparation that will begin in January 2018. If you have a child who is requesting one of these Sacraments but not attending one of these grades or not attending one of the parish schools, you may pick up the information in the sacristy before or after Mass or at the Parish Office.

In the meantime, please mark these **Important Dates** on your calendar:

#### ENROLMENT CEREMONY MASS

(for BOTH Sacraments)

Saturday, Dec. 2 at 5:00 pm **OR**  
 Sunday, Dec. 3 at 9:30 am or 11:30 am

During this Mass, candidates will be asked to come forward after Communion and present their completed form requesting the Sacrament of First Eucharist (Gr. 2) or the Sacrament of Confirmation (Gr. 7).

#### FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

##### Preparation Meetings:

Wednesday, Jan. 17	7:00 pm	Parents only
Wednesday, Jan. 31	7:00 pm	Candidates only
Wednesday, Feb. 21	7:00 pm	Parents only
Wednesday, March 21	7:00 pm	Candidates only
Wednesday, April 18	7:00 pm	Parents only



##### Celebrations of the Sacrament of First Eucharist:

Sunday, April 29, 2018	2:00 pm	for St. Dominic's students
Sunday, May 6, 2018	2:00 pm	for St. Mark's students

#### CONFIRMATION (Grade 7):

##### Preparation Meetings:

Wednesday, Jan. 17	7:00 pm	Parents only
Sunday, Jan. 28	after 11:30 Mass	Candidates only
Sunday, Feb. 25	after 11:30 Mass	Parents only
Sunday, March 18	after 11:30 Mass	Candidates only
Sunday, April 15	after 11:30 Mass	Parents only



##### Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Friday, May 11, 2018	7:00 pm	for both schools
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### C.W.L. NEWS

**Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m.** – General Meeting with guest speakers Doug & Leslie Behl who will be offering a **wine tasting** event for CWL members. Try various selections and some appetizers; get some ideas for the Christmas season, as gifts or for your festivities.



### S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35)



#### ■ Coffee House – Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm

Join us in the parish hall for coffee, board games, and great live music! This event is open to ALL AGES! If you are interested in performing, please email us at the address below. **Sign-up for performers will be open until Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.** Hope to see you there!

■ **Christmas Carolling** – Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the church.

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### Knights of Columbus November Events

**Tues. Nov. 14** – Executive meeting  
**Mon. Nov. 27** – Bingo at FHLTC  
**Tues. Nov. 28** – Monthly meeting  
**Nov. 13 to Dec. 4** – Winter Clothing Drive

### Winter Clothing Drive: Nov. 12 – Dec. 4

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus invite you to donate your **clean, gently used winter outerwear** (coats, snowpants, hats, mitts, scarves, 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.



### November Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

During the month of 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." Our faith teaches us that purgatory is the temporary time that a soul is purified before seeing God, and we are, therefore, reminded to pray for our beloved dead to assist them in attaining heaven.

**BOOK OF LIFE:** All are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in our Book of Life in front of the altar, so that they may be remembered at all the Masses throughout November.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### Spaghetti Supper Report

**50/50 Draw** – Ticket sales for the 50/50 draw totaled \$480. The lucky winner of \$240 was Marie Lynch, who donated all her winnings back to Clem's Power Wheelchair Fund, which puts the total 50/50 ticket sales directly toward this fund. Thanks Marie! Results of the total Spaghetti Supper profits will be published in next week's bulletin. Thanks to all who came out ... we had a FULL house!



**A Message from the Baumtrogs** – THANK YOU!! We are most grateful to everyone who came out to the Spaghetti Supper sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Despite the rain it was a full house. Many thanks also to those who sent donations. We can hardly wait for the power wheel chair to arrive. God's blessings to all. Thank you very much. – Carolyn & Clem Baumtrogs

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