

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

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

Tuesday through Friday at 12:00 NOON
First Saturday of the Month at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

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. A date for 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 start the process..

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Dominic Savio Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Pat Runstedler
3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

St. Mark Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Gary Lankowski
240 Autumn Hill Crescent 519-743-4682

Resurrection Catholic Secondary School

Principal: Marisa Munroe
455 University Avenue West 519-741-1990



"... 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 appear in the bulletin.

If you require a Mass card please call or email 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.

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**



November 8 – 14, 2021

Seating is restricted by physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) between households, until further notice. Masks continue to be mandatory. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Tuesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon – Int. of the Lahey family – *M./M. Woodhouse & family*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY)
12 Noon + Macedo Family – *Luiz*

Thursday (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Maria & Ernesto Camara & family – *D. Costa*

Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Eileen Plouffe – *Maurice*
6:30 PM – Int. of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – Nov. 20-21

Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of Colette Dokis – *Luiz Macedo*
Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am + Beth Lahey McComb – *M./M. Woodhouse & family*

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.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of St. Mark's Prayer Network**



You may request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul. Public intentions will be published in the bulletin and on our website; private intentions will not.

MASS FOR COVID SUFFERERS:

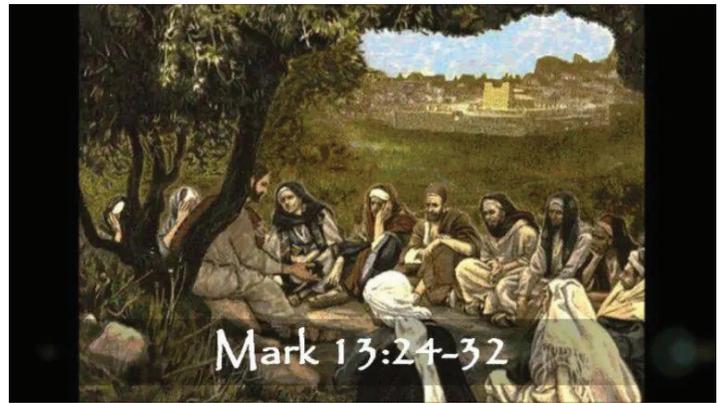
For the Dead, and for Ongoing Sufferers
Next Sunday, November 21st

9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses at St. Mark's

This Mass is for all people who have died as the result of COVID, and, for those that have suffered (and may be still) the devastating effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Join us as we come together in prayer to remember those people that passed or are undergoing the effects of that terrible virus. *This Mass is being presented with the assistance of St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Brother Knights will be available after Mass if you wish more information about their activities here at St. Mark's.*

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.



This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us. ■

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Please remember to return filled shoeboxes to the Church this Sunday, November 14th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

 *Liturgical Ministers*

Nov. 20-21	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	M. Dufresne	T. Boettger	M. Oram
Ushers:	B. Benner E. Miller	V. Chen P. Drohan	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia H. Psutka	T. Angel M. Walsler	E. Weiss F. Kangaloo

UPDATE from St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul

It's been well over a year since we have been able to provide families in need with food hampers from the portable at St. Mark's. Various groups have worked together to provide other distribution options during this difficult period.

Recently, we joined with the Food Bank and used the majority of our remaining funds to support the 'Christmas Bureau' in Waterloo Region. During the Christmas season this project will provide families in our community with gifts for their children and food for a Holiday meal.

As we move beyond the Christmas Season, we do not know if or when we will get back to providing food hampers from our portable as we had in the past. But we do know many families continue to need our help. As in the past, you will find blue SVDP envelopes in your offertory box in the months of November and March. If you are able to provide any financial support it is greatly appreciated. Please know that your generosity will continue to be used in some way to support those in our community who need our assistance the most. Thank you for your continued support.

2021 Ontario Charities 50-50 Online Raffle

Early Bird Draw - Dec. 1, 2021 ♦ Jackpot Draw - Dec. 31, 2021



To purchase tickets:

- visit: <https://www.kofcontario5050.com>
- click the "Buy Tickets Now" button
- select your desired number of tickets and click the "Checkout" button
- fill in your [Billing Information](#), and
 - under "Organization" please select "Kitchener St. Mark's 9276"
 - then click "Continue"
- fill in your [Payment Information](#) and click "Submit Order"
- **You will then receive an email from KofC Ontario with your Order Confirmation ... this is your OFFICIAL TICKET and must be presented if you win, so keep it in a safe place. You will not receive any physical tickets.**

2021-2022 Sunday Missals will be arriving soon ~ Cost will be \$5 each.

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St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, Kitchener FURNACE FUNDRAISING TAKE-OUT DINNER

Next Sunday, November 21st... Pork Schnitzel, Braised Red Cabbage, Warm Potato Salad, Green Beans. \$25 per dinner or 4 for \$90. Fresh Apple Crisp Dessert \$5. Call or email to reserve your dinners by Nov. 17th - 519-576-3860 or stmarys@rogers.com. **Pick up from 5 – 6:30 in the Hall.** Cash, cheque or e-transfer accepted. All proceeds to upgrade St. Mary's HVAC system.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

A Father in the Shadows

Reflection

Patris Corde, 7

(Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis, 2020)

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.

Prayer: For the Needy, the Addicted and the Excluded

Saint Joseph, father in the shadows, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, for the needy, the addicted and the excluded, that these who live in the shadows of this world may find relief through the Father's loving mercy.

V. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

R. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! (Ps 130.1-2)

Action: Let us strive to love others with freedom, to not think of ourselves, but to focus on others, especially those most in need.

Diocese of Hamilton Year of St. Joseph Novena Prayers

C.W.L. News...

♦ **Let's get reacquainted!** It's been a long 20 months since we have gotten together. Mark your calendars for St. Mark's C.W.L. **General Meeting this Friday, Nov. 19th at 7 pm.** We will start with Mass at 6:30 p.m. then we'll come together to pray for each other, catch up, and be informed. Covid protocols will be followed. Not ready to meet in person? You may join us via Zoom (meeting log-in provided closer to the date).



Coping with Christmas - Heartache to Healing Grief Support Group

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult, but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us, along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one.

Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to reduce stress while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. Wednesday, December 1st from 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) at St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement), 80 University Ave. W. at Hemlock, Waterloo.

Advance registration is required ... please call or email the parish office (519-884-9311 / parish@stmichaelw.ca). All Covid precautionary requirements will be in place. Participants will be required to provide contact information and masks must be worn. Please register to reserve your spot by Wednesday, November 17th. Everyone is welcome – bring a friend!



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