

# 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.*

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week



November 16 – 22, 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.

**Wednesday, Nov. 18** (FERIAL)

12 noon + Joaquin Vaz & Francisca Goncalves – M. Silva

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
Nov. 21/22

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Maddy Litschgy – Marilyn Dufresne

**Sun. 9:30 am** – Intentions of Helen Simpson

11:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Mark

### THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please call ahead or email to schedule your visit:  
519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com

### Meetings & Events This Week:

**Mon. Nov. 16** 8:00 pm Hall Alcoholics Anonymous

**Sat. Nov. 21** 7:15 am Hall That Man Is You!

#### Offertory Report for Nov. 7/8, 2020

Offertory Collection:	\$ 2,227.49
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,445.19
<b>Total Offerings:</b>	<b>\$ 3,672.68</b>
<b>Mortgage:</b>	<b>\$ 115.00</b>
DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:	
Combined Special Collection:	\$ 50.00

### MASKS:

A note from Bishop Crosby's  
October 7<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

### NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

#### Prayer for The Eternal Rest

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

*This week's Gospel* speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value.

Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

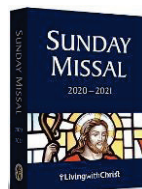
Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us.

Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. ■

### GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Catholic Youth Organization (C.Y.O.) is looking for gently used Christmas decorations for an upcoming event. If you have any ornaments or lights you can donate, please contact Katie at [katiemoncrieffe@campbrebeuf.ca](mailto:katiemoncrieffe@campbrebeuf.ca) or 519-856-4671 ext. 101.



**Living with Christ**  
**2020-2021 Sunday Missals**  
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in the narthex ~ \$5 each

**A REMINDER ABOUT MASS:** When Mass is over, kindly remain in your seats until Father has made his way to the narthex. Those sitting in the back pews should leave the church first, and people at the front should leave last. Thank you for helping us to maintain social distancing for everyone.



# Congratulations

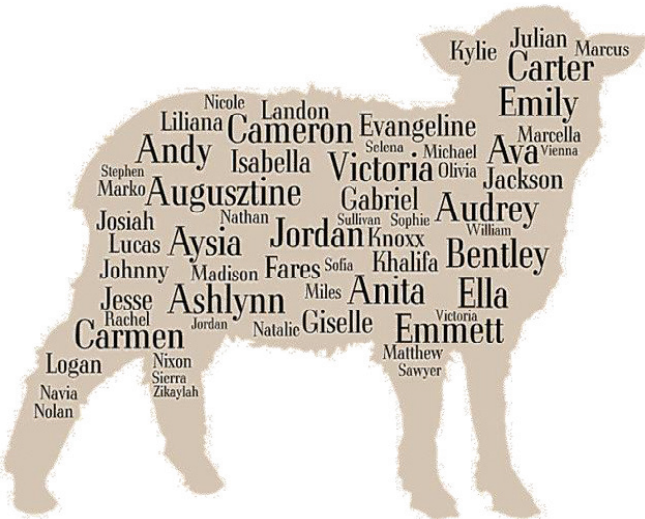
St. Mark's Parish congratulates all of the boys and girls who received their **First Holy Communion** on November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Aysia	Jesse	Josiah
Ashlynn	Ella	Nolan
Sawyer	Sullivan	Kylie
Logan	Stephen	Lucas

*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.*



We have come to the end of First Holy Communions in the parish. Over the past five weeks, we had a total of 56 children who received their First Eucharist and, once again, we offer them our congratulation and prayers. Thank you to the team who helped prepare all the children last winter to receive the Sacrament, and a special thank you to Marie Lynch for all the extra time and effort she gave over the past five weeks – we are grateful for her selfless dedication and devotion to the children.



## The Sacrament of Confirmation

will be celebrated on

**Tuesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. &  
Thursday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

### 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. Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

### Novena of Masses for the Immaculate Conception

In its capacity as our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church, on our Diocese in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00 p.m. from November 29 to December 7 inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Diocesan covid protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

**Coping with the Holidays** ... when someone you love is gone When it does not feel like "Peace on Earth", know that you are not alone. Learn and share strategies for coping at Christmas. Know that your loss is not forgotten. The Diocese of Hamilton is offering an Online Webinar on Zoom on Monday November 30, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. (Participants can join by computer or phone) Cost: Free of charge. Please call to register at 905-528-7988 (ext. 2249) or register online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**St. Jerome's University** ... Are you a student looking at university or a parent wanting to help guide your student to choose a university that lives the values of the gospel? We know you belong here. St. Jerome's University (SJU) is a small, Catholic, liberal arts university federated with the University of Waterloo (UW) and located right at its heart. Think of us as a "neighbourhood within a city" – we are just a few steps across the creek from main campus UW; truly, the best of both worlds! We are a tight-knit residence and academic community with alumni and partners around the world, and no matter how you come to be connected with us, you are a part of SJU. And since we can't bring you to SJU because of the pandemic, we're bringing SJU to you! Explore our campus, programs, and community by connecting with us live and virtually at [www.sju.ca/connect-with-us](http://www.sju.ca/connect-with-us).





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