

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

November 18 – 24, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Joaquina Costa – *Fernanda*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12:00 noon + Macedo Family – *Luiz*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – PRESENTATION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY)

7:00 am + Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

3:00 PM – Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

Friday (ST. CECILIA)

7:00 am + Sarah (Barnes) Ramon – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Antero Correia – *Correia family*

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Sat. 5:00 PM – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Marilyn Dufresne – *Judy & Lalitha*

11:30 am + Rosa Marie Clemente – *Leonor*

The Feast of the Presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3 years old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to his grace and dedicate yourself to him, as Mary did.

St. Cecilia was so highly venerated by the ancient Roman Church that her name was placed in the Canon of the Mass. Already in the fourth century there was a church of St. Cecilia in Trastevere, erected on the site where her home had stood. Her martyrdom probably occurred during the reign of Emperor Alexander Severus, about the year 230. In 1599 her grave was opened and her body found in a coffin of cypress wood and the body was found incorrupt. Since the Middle Ages, Cecilia has been honored as patroness of Church music, but there is no source to support this title.

Weekly Offertory Report for Nov. 9/10, 2019

	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 45
Offertory Collection:	\$ 4,113.87	\$ 143,648.42
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,402.27	\$ 56,275.50
Total Offerings:	\$ 5,516.14	\$ 199,923.92
Budget:	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 234,000.00
Over/Under Budget:	\$ 316.14	(34,076.08)

Mortgage Offerings to date this year: \$ 24,382.00

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

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Nov. 18</u>	7:15 pm	(B)	Wisdom & Works of Mercy (last session)
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Nov. 19</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue
<u>Wed. Nov. 20</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Nov. 21</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Nov. 22</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
	6:00 pm	(H)	Legion of Mary Curia Meeting
<u>Sat. Nov. 23</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

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history).

At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties. ■

Toasty Toes 2019 Sock Drive

Thank you to all who dropped off new socks for our 4th Toasty Toes sock drive. Socks are the most requested item at shelters, and the LEAST donated. We collected 362 pairs of socks this year. Thank you for helping to fulfill a great need in our community.

School Confessions for Advent

Fr. Steve and fellow clergy will be in the schools, this Friday and next, to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to students in Grades 3 through 8. Please encourage your children to receive the sacrament:

Nov. 22nd at St. Mark School

Nov. 29th at St. Dominic School

 **Litururgical Ministers**

Nov. 16 - 17	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan	N./J. D'Souza N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	B. Crawley	T. Angel	R. Kubica
1 st Reader: 2 nd Reader:	K. Krigner	B. Sawarna T. Lee	M. Monte D. DeSousa
Ushers:	A. Montag	T./J. Germann L. Koehler	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis G. MacNeil	T. Lee; M. Lynch L. Riedel	B. Starr B. Denomme D. S-Weber

**Candidates for the Sacraments of
First Eucharist or Confirmation**

Sacramental Preparation will begin in January. **If you have a child who is ready for one of these Sacraments but is not in 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 call the Parish Office to have it emailed to you. Completed forms are to be submitted at the Enrolment Mass:**

ENROLMENT CEREMONY MASS

(for BOTH Sacraments)

Saturday, Nov. 30 at 5:00 pm or

Sunday, Dec. 1 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 to request the Sacrament of First Eucharist (Gr. 2) or the Sacrament of Confirmation (Gr. 7).

PRAISE & WORSHIP

with Ron and Rick Denomme

Tuesday, November 26th at 7:30 pm

40 minutes of praise & worship
immediately following the 7pm Mass



Alpha Team Meeting

Immediately after Praise & Worship on Tuesday, Nov. 26th 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.



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.



CWL Membership Dues

Please look for the blue envelope for 2020

membership fees in your December envelopes. All

councils have been asked to submit membership renewals as of December 31st each year. This will help National office have an accurate snapshot of our membership at Parish, Diocesan, Provincial and National levels. It will also ensure that The League Magazine will continue to be sent to you, uninterrupted. **New members are always welcome.** Come out to any General Meeting, talk to members in the Narthex during our membership drive or contact Kim Montag (519) 500-1964 or kim.a.montag@gmail.com for more information.



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 28th 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.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Please see the list of volunteer positions in the narthex. Most needed at this time are Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist. Please see Father Steve with any questions.

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.** Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 24th. Thank you.

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. 1st.** 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*



Annual Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions – Mission activity

was the first action of the Apostles. When the Canadas began, French missionaries, accompanying explorers, continued that action in North America. Four hundred years later, some areas have yet to be fully established. Encouraged by Pope Francis, our home missions need our attention. The 'Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions' hopes to achieve this goal by asking God's blessing on our mission areas. Our Canadian missionaries and the Catholics they serve need our prayers. More information is available in the narthex near the bulletins.



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