

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
DEACON: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

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: 1st Saturday at 10 AM
Benediction: 1st 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 2nd
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 1st 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:

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| <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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 20 – 26, 2017

MONDAY - NO MASS

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – THE PRESENTATION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY)
7:00 PM + Daya Arsaculatratne – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. CECILIA)
7:00 am + Elena Pestritu – *Dorin Pestritu*
1:15 PM - Confessions with **St. Mark School** in the church

Thursday (FERIAL)
7:00 am + Edward Musgrove – *Connie Voll*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC)
7:00 am + Clara Gunsch – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Saturday (FERIAL)
9:00 am + Rosa Maria Clemente – *Leonor Fonseca*

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Mark Fonseca - *Leonor Fonseca*
11:30 am - Int. of the Catholic Women's League

Presentation of Mary – Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on Earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

St. Cecilia – *Patron Saint of Musicians* – According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. Since the time of the Renaissance she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ.

St. Andrew Dung-Lac was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of this group were beatified on four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonized by Pope John Paul II. Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese, and the Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. Severe persecutions were again launched three times in the 19th century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship.

Offertory Collection

Nov. 11/12, 2017

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,941.80
Sunday loose	\$526.90
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)	\$ 1,212.23
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,680.93
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 465.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)	\$ 241.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 706.04

Thank you for your generosity.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Today (Nov. 19) is the deadline for shoeboxes to be brought back to the narthex.

Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Sun. Nov. 19	7:00 pm	(H)	Young Adults Coffee House
Mon. Nov. 20	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Nov. 21	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. Nov. 22	7:15 pm	(M)	9:30 choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Nov. 23	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(L)	Young Catholic Adults (S.M.Y.C.A.)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Nov. 24	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. Nov. 25	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

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

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.



THANK YOU to all the great people who attended our **Italian Spaghetti and Salad Bar Supper** on Nov. 5th. This was a fine fundraising event toward the

purchase of a power wheel chair for our parishioner, Clem Baumtrog. **Over \$3,000** was gathered through your donations, the proceeds from the dinner and the 50/50 Draw. What a pleasure it was for your St. Mark's Knights of Columbus to be happily involved in this wonderful project. Also, many thanks go out to 25 volunteers who gave of their time in preparing and presenting this fine dinner. Thanks also go out to Tyrone Miller, chef and culinary arts teacher, along with his students from Resurrection High School, for a delicious Italian meat sauce.

– John Deneau, Brother Knight and Event Chair

Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 25 & 26	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	B./C. Morgan	A./J. Rye	N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	M. Serschen	J. Germann	T. Lee
Lector:	K. Smith	D. Bristol	C. Mackid
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Phillip	B. Coutinho J./K. Snyder	B. Voisin M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Montag	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith L. Macedo C. Dokis	G./T. MacNeil L. McCullough	T./K. Boettger A. Monte

School Liturgies coming up ...

Wed. Nov. 22	1:15 PM	Advent Confessions with St. Mark School (church)
Wed. Dec. 6	afternoon	Advent Confessions at St. Dominic School
Fri. Dec. 15	9:30 AM	Advent Mass with St. Mark School (church)
Wed. Dec. 20	10:00 AM	Advent Mass with St. Dominic 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 and a form concerning the Sacramental Preparation that will begin in January 2018. **If you have a child who is requesting 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 at the Parish Office. Completed forms are to be submitted at the Enrolment Mass...**

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 to request the Sacrament of First Eucharist (Gr. 2) or the Sacrament of Confirmation (Gr. 7).

Angel Tree

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. 3rd**. 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

St. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving Food Drive Update...

St. Mark's School added another 335 lbs. to bring their total to 990 lbs. The staff and students at Resurrection High School collected 1,552 lbs. This will keep us stocked well into the new year! Thanks also to the teachers and students at St. Mark's school for sorting all this food.

-- St. Vincent de Paul of St. Mark's Church

S.M.Y.C.A.

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

YOUNG ADULTS

■ Coffee House – TODAY! (Nov. 19) from 7-9pm

Join us in the parish hall for coffee, board games, and great live music! This event is open to ALL AGES! *Hope to see you there!*

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

StMarksYoungCatholicAdults @StMarksYCAAdults

StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus Events

Mon. Nov. 27 – Bingo at FHLTC

Tues. Nov. 28 – Monthly meeting

Nov. 12 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.



Advent Reconciliation Services

(Multiple priests available for confession)

Tues. Dec. 12	1:00 pm	St. Francis Parish
Wed. Dec. 13	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Parish
Wed. Dec. 13	7:00 pm	St. Aloysius Parish
Thur. Dec. 14	7:00 pm	St. Mark's Parish
Tues. Dec. 19	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Parish

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

St. Teresa's Parish Hall, 44 Leonard St., **Kitchener**

Sat. Nov. 25th after the 5 p.m. Mass and **Sun. Nov. 26th** after the 10 a.m. Mass. 50/50 Draw, bake table, raffle table, new and gently used table and silent auction. Lunch of sausage and sauerkraut, fried onions on a bun, hot dogs, ham and eggs, beverages and desserts. Sponsored by St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League. For more information call 519-743-4525.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DINNER

St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, **Elmira**.

Friday, Dec. 1st at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be ordered through the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 519-669-3387. Adults \$16.00; children 6-12 years \$8.00 and children 5 & under are free. Limited number of tickets available. Pre-purchased take-out tickets can pick up their meals at 5:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on gift baskets! Last chance to purchase tickets is Wed. Nov. 29th. Funds raised for this event will go towards the Building Maintenance Project.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS when you have lost a loved one

Join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman at **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish**, 16 Cooper Street, **Cambridge** on **Mon. Dec. 11** from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. No cost for this event. Please call to reserve a seat: 519-658-4443. (If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.)

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