

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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Mass Intentions for the Week



November 23 – 29, 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. 25 (FERIAL)

12 noon + Macedo Family – Luiz

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Nov. 28/29

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Sat. 5:00 PM + Rosemary Singleton – Flood family

Sun. 9:30 am + Stan Bolger – Eric & Rosemary

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

Meetings & Events This Week:

Mon. Nov. 23 8:00 pm Hall Alcoholics Anonymous

Sat. Nov. 28 7:15 am Hall That Man Is You!

Offertory Report for Nov. 14/15, 2020

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING

MASKS:

A note from Bishop Crosby's October 7th 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](#).

A REMINDER ABOUT LEAVING AT THE END OF 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.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
6:00 PM ♦ 8:00 PM ♦ 10:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30 AM ♦ 11:30 AM

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING



Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

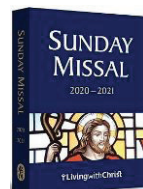
In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones. ■



Every year on the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, before the beginning of Advent, the Church celebrates the **Feast of Christ the King**. This feast was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in the encyclical *Quas Primas*, which acknowledges the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all men, nations and earthly allegiances. By positioning the feast at the end of the liturgical year, it signifies that Jesus Christ is not only King of this world, but also the eternal King, glorified by the saints in heaven, who will one day come to judge all humankind.



Living with Christ
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The Sacrament of Confirmation

will be celebrated on
Tuesday, Nov. 24th at 7:00 p.m. and
Thursday, Nov. 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Please pray with us, that the Holy Spirit will enlighten the minds and touch the hearts of our candidates as they seek to understand more deeply their Baptismal Promises to live a life more closely united to Christ.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES ARE DUE BACK TODAY.

Return filled shoeboxes to the church by Sunday, Nov. 22.
 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, Nov. 30 from 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.

WATERLOO ADVENT NOVENA CANCELLED

Due to COVID-19 the ever popular ADVENT NOVENA which has been attended by hundreds over the past 40+ years will NOT take place this year at St. Agnes Parish. God willing we will be able to resume this tradition in 2021. Blessings of peace, love and good health to all Who have supported and been a part of this beautiful tradition in preparation for Christmas in the past years. Hope to see you next year.

-- Marg Weber

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.*

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

NOV. 23	NOV. 24	NOV. 25	NOV. 26	NOV. 27	NOV. 28
Rev. Bob Stainsby	Rev. Mark Sullivan	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ	Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger	Rev. Greg Merkley	Rev. Piotr Golinski

Prayer for Vocations: God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

It is very important that we pray for our priests, that they may be holy men and fulfill their vocations well. Without them, we would not have the Mass or the Sacraments. Without our priests, we would not have the bright lights of hope in our world to help us navigate in faith. The life of a priest can be very challenging. Our priests need our prayers and support so that they may be the holy men of strength, character, and wisdom that God has called for them to be. Click here for: [A Prayer for Priests, by St. Therese of Lisieux](#)

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS December 16th to December 25th, 2020

You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph
 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1
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Dear friends of the Herb Wittich Depot, Canadian Food for Children, We are writing to inform you of a decision that we regrettably have had to make. As you are aware, the infections of Covid19 are rapidly rising, and restrictions on our day to day activities are becoming more strict.

In order to protect the well-being of our volunteers and all of you who have contact with us, THE DEPOT WILL BE CLOSED IMMEDIATELY. We are hopeful that this closure will be temporary but it is impossible to estimate when we may re-open.

PLEASE DO NOT bring any donations of goods to the Depot until further notice. We also ask you to pray for safety for all as we approach the Christmas season. Please stay safe and stay healthy.

Your friends at the Depot

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.



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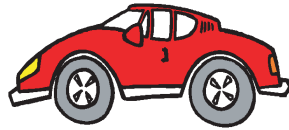
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