

# 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.

# SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 25 – Dec. 1, 2019

**Monday – NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

7:00 PM - Int. of William Victor – Eric & Rosemary K.

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

12:00 noon + Annette Roussel – Margo Schimus

**Thursday** (FERIAL)

\* 6:00 PM - Int. of Rado & Cathy Krevs – Krista Krevs

**Friday** (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Genevieve Couture – Ernie & Lisa McCullough

**Saturday** (FEAST – ST. ANDREW)

9:00 am - Int. of Steve & Marg Hartman – Krista Krevs

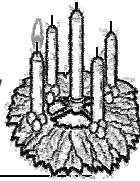
### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Liborio Tavares – A. Toscano & family

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Herb & Sadie Eagle – Judy Kraft

11:30 am – Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark



St. Andrew was a native of Bethsaida in Galilee, a fisherman by trade, and a former disciple of John the Baptist. He was the one who introduced his brother Peter to Jesus, saying, "We have found the Messiah." Overshadowed henceforth by his brother, Andrew nevertheless appears again in the Gospels as introducing souls to Christ. After Pentecost, Andrew took up the apostolate on a much wider scale, and is said to have been martyred at Patras in southern Greece on a cross which was in the form of an "X". This type of cross has long been known as "St. Andrew's cross."

### Weekly Offertory Report for Nov. 16/17, 2019

	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 46
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,282.95	\$ 146,931.37
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,425.35	\$ 62,452.00
<b>Total Offerings:</b>	<b>\$ 4,708.30</b>	<b>\$ 209,383.37</b>
Budget:	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 239,200.00
<i>Under Budget:</i>	<i>(491.70)</i>	<i>(29,816.63)</i>

**Mortgage Offerings to date this year: \$ 25,689.50**

### 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 **this Thursday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 6:00 PM**, followed by our **Advent Retreat at 7:00 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 info and to reserve a seat, contact Anna at 519-577-8519 or cjoseph1231@rogers.com.

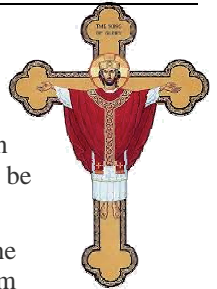
### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Nov. 25</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Nov. 26</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knight of Columbus general meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	Praise & Worship
	8:30 pm	(L)	Alpha team meeting
<u>Wed. Nov. 27</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	6:30 pm	(L)	Finance & Maintenance Meeting
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Nov. 28</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	Advent Retreat w/ Teresa Hartnett
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Nov. 29</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<u>Sat. Nov. 30</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

### Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.



Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all.

The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all. ■

**School Confessions for Advent** – Fr. Steve and fellow clergy will visit St. Dominic School this Friday (Nov. 29) to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to students in Grades 3 through 8.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** – Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church today (Nov. 24). Thank you.

**New Living With Christ Sunday Missals for 2019-2020**  
**\$5 each** ~ while supplies last

**Today is White Box Sunday** – Today is your last opportunity before Christmas to donate to our St. Vincent de Paul Society – a time which is so busy for this group, getting ready to provide food and gifts to needy families for Christmas. Your generosity is most appreciated at this time of year. St. Vincent de Paul has placed their white box at the doors of the church today to accept your monetary support.

## Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 30 / Dec. 1	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N./J. DeSouza	D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	G. Balm	P. Enticott	B. Starr
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	★Reader Needed	J. Flanigan V. DeVries	M. Oram I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	L. Macedo	F. Seaward M. Walser B. Coutinho	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	B. Seaward M. Walser T. Angel	C./K. Dignam F. Kangaloo

### C.W.L. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:kim.a.montag@gmail.com) for more information.

C.W.L. Advent Retreat – please see details on page 1

## VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Please see the list of volunteer positions in the narthex. Most needed at this time are Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers. Any questions, please see Fr. Steve.

**A HUGE THANK-YOU** to the staff and students at Resurrection C.S.S. for the 1,500 lbs. of food they donated to us from their annual food Drive! We are extremely grateful for this incredible gift!

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. 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE** - Stairways to Heaven Gift Shop, located at St. Jacobs Farmers Market Peddler's Village, Waterloo. ALL REMAINING "IN-STOCK" ITEMS ARE 50% OFF including Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts. **Thurs. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and Sat. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00am to 3:30pm. 519-206-0139.**

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Nov. 25 - Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
- Nov. 26 - Rev. Stipe Renic, O.F.M.
- Nov. 27 - Diocesan Cemetery Staff
- Nov. 28 - Rev. Peter Watters
- Nov. 29 - Rev. Ilija Petkovic
- Nov. 30 - Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic

### 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.*

### FOR THE GRIEVING

(further details on the bulletin board)

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 700 King Street West, Hamilton

♦ 1:30pm - Coping with the Holidays When you have Lost a Loved One, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman at the Diocesan Chancery Office in Hamilton. Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

♦ 4:00pm - Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. **God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.**

### Parents of children preparing for the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation



★★ DON'T FORGET ★★  
NEXT WEEKEND IS THE  
**ENROLLMENT CEREMONY MASS**



Come Saturday, Nov. 30 at 5:00PM *or*  
Sunday, Dec. 1 at 9:30AM *or* 11:30AM

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).

**PARENTS:** Please check your child's backpack. If your child did NOT receive a letter and sacramental Enrollment Form through the school, (or if your child is not in one of these grades or not attending one of the parish schools, and is wishing to receive one of these sacraments) please call the Parish Office to have the letter and form emailed to you so that you can fill it out in time for the Enrollment Mass next weekend.



**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
with Ron and Rick Denomme  
**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**  
40 minutes of praise & worship  
immediately following the 7pm Mass



### Alpha Team Meeting

Immediately after Praise & Worship on **Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** 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.





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