

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
Wed., Thur., Fri. 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,
see chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy – Fridays 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 one of the following:

7:00 AM on any weekday 5:00 PM on any Saturday

7:00 PM on any Tuesday 9:30 AM on any Sunday

9:00 AM on any Saturday 11:30 AM on any 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 several months in advance.

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. 26 – Dec. 2, 2018

Monday - NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM - Int. of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Int. of Rosemary Singleton - Flood family

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Rosa Maria Clemente - Fonseca family

Friday (FEAST - ST. ANDREW)

7:00 am + Louise Murphy - Madeleine & Eugene Muldoon

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + All Souls in Purgatory - Fonseca family

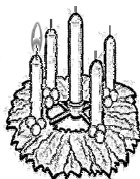
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

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

11:30 am - Int. of Jerome Singleton - Flood family



St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills. Tradition states that Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus." He is commonly portrayed as an old man with long white hair and a beard, often holding the Gospel book or a scroll.

Offertory Collection

Nov. 17/18, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,595.35
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52).....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies	\$ 535.15
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,330.96

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 200.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52)	\$ 254.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 454.88

- Thank you for your generosity -

Parish Council Elections – The following 10 people have been nominated for Parish Council. Next weekend ballot forms will be made available and you are asked to submit your choice of 4 people by December 9, the second week of Advent.



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| 1. Alan Bendia | 6. Ian Kangaloo |
| 2. Diane Bendia | 7. Theresa Lee |
| 3. Rick Denomme | 8. Mark Murchie |
| 4. Marilyn Dufresne | 9. Cathy Voisin |
| 5. Mary Jo Flood | 10. Edwina Weiss |

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 needed and 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.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Nov. 26	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Nov. 27	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
Wed. Nov. 28	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series
Thur. Nov. 29	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Nov. 30	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group

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

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year.



On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all. ■



Ministers, please check your email for the Dec. schedule.

DEC. 1 - 2	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N. D'Souza		C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	J. Germann	B. Starr
Lectors:	B. Crawley	T. Germann P. Enticott	J. Petrovich I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	A Montag K Friesen	J. DeSousa L. Koehler	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia F./Y. Tully	L. Riedel B. Seaward P./B. Enticott	B. Denomme B. Starr E. Weiss

C.W.L. Corner



♦ *Save the date!* Deacon Basil has graciously agreed to facilitate an **Advent Mini-Retreat on Thursday, December 6th**. Watch the bulletin for details!

♦ **Nominations for January 2019 Executive Elections** will be opening soon! Please start pondering and praying about how you can share your God-given talents with your Sisters in the League and talk to friends you would like to nominate!

♦ **Next Mass for CWL Intentions:** Tues. Nov. 27th at 7 PM.

St. Mark's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel welcomes all to our chapel to spend time visiting with our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider making a weekly commitment to an hour of your choice, or by signing up for one of the vacant hours listed below:



Mon. 4-5pm **	Thur. 1-2pm **
Tue. 11pm-12midnight	Friday 4-5pm
Wed. 12midnight-1am	Sat. 12noon-1pm
Wed. 5-6am	Sat. 2-3pm
Thur. 11am-12noon	Sat. 4-5pm
Thur. 12noon-1pm	** 2nd person needed



For more info about our chapel, please call Colette at 519-576-7490.

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



First Eucharist or Confirmation

♦♦ DON'T FORGET ♦♦

NEXT WEEKEND IS THE ENROLLMENT CEREMONY MASS

Come Saturday, Dec. 1 at 5:00PM or
Sunday, Dec. 2 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 Request 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.

40th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA: Dec. 7-15

An Invitation to Prepare Well for Christmas

Nine daily Masses at 6:30AM at St. Agnes Church, Waterloo
Friday, Dec. 7th to Saturday, Dec. 15th.

(Note exception: On Sunday, Dec. 9th you are welcome to attend your OWN CHURCH (or St. Agnes at 9 AM or 11AM.)

Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work or school afterwards! A free will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Daily coffee and fellowship after each Mass. Breakfast in the Parish Centre after Mass on Sat. Dec. 15 only.



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. 2nd**. 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

An Invitation to Pray to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help

St. Mark's Legion of Mary is inviting all to join them in prayers to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help for their families/friends, for the sick, in thanksgiving, for those who have fallen away from the faith ... for whatever is on your heart. Please join the Legionaries on **Fridays from 11am to 12noon in the chapel**.

"For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child

Bishop Crosby will be the celebrant of a healing Mass for those who have lost a child, at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, December 2nd** at 4 pm. Registration is preferred, but not necessary. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Coping with the Holidays...when you have lost a loved one

Join the Family Ministry Office for an afternoon of reflection and for strategies for coping throughout Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman and is being held at **Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton**. The session will take place on **Sunday, December 2nd** from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. The event is FREE of charge. Call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. (If you haven't registered prior to the event you are still welcome to attend.)



DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Frequently Asked Questions... The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign to raise money for every parish in the diocese and for shared ministries. To find out more, please visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca/did-you-know to browse a set of frequently asked questions.

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