

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

# SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 27 – Dec. 3, 2017

### Monday - NO MASS

### Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Rosemary Singleton – *the Flood family*

### Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Int. of Margo Schimus – *the Legion of Mary*

### Thursday (FEAST – ST. ANDREW)

7:00 am - Int. of Kathy Smith – *the Legion of Mary*

### First Friday (FERIAL)

★ 7:00 PM + Paul Barker – *Joe & Marg Bryson*

### Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am - In Thanksgiving – *Luiz Macedo*

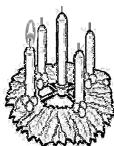
### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Jerome Singleton - *the Flood family*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Dorothy Murphy – *Colleen & Andrew Coe*



**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." He is the patron saint of fishermen.

### Offertory Collection

Nov. 11/12, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,894.80
Sunday loose .....	\$680.60
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) .....	\$ 1,223.77
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,799.17</b>

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 140.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) .....	\$ 264.12
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 404.12</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### 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.



**Society of  
Saint Vincent  
de Paul**

### School Liturgies coming up ...

Wed. Dec. 6	1:00 PM	Advent Confessions at St. Dominic School
Fri. Dec. 15	9:30 AM	Advent Mass with St. Mark School ( <i>church</i> )
Wed. Dec. 20	10:00 AM	Advent Mass with St. Dominic School ( <i>church</i> )

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Nov. 27</b>	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Nov. 28</b>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships ( <i>final</i> )
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus meeting
<b>Wed. Nov. 29</b>	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<b>Thur. Nov. 30</b>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<b>First Fri. Dec. 1</b>	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

**The last Sunday of the Liturgical Year** always ends with the Solemnity of Christ the King. In the Church, there are 3 main orders of celebrations, with the highest being a solemnity. Some solemnities include Christmas, Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, Trinity Sunday, Pentecost, St. Peter and St. Paul; and there are three to Mother Mary – Mother of God, Assumption and Immaculate Conception. Next are Feast days and Memorial days, in that order, that normally commemorate the saints or some Feasts of Our Lord, such as the Triumph of the Cross. Today's Solemnity of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar, having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI for the Roman Catholic Church. In 1970 its Roman Catholic observance was moved to the final Sunday of Ordinary Time from the last Sunday in October. Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in his encyclical letter *Quas primas* of 1925, in response to growing secularism. According to Cyril of Alexandria, "Christ has dominion over all creatures, ...by essence and by nature." His kingship is founded upon the hypostatic union. "... The Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created." The feast has an eschatological dimension pointing to the end of time when the kingdom of Jesus will be established in all its fullness to the ends of the earth. It also leads into Advent, when the Church commemorates the arrival of the newborn king.

*"Domini Nostri Jesu Christi Regis"* (Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)

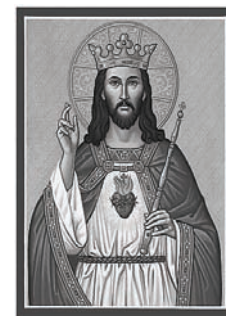
### Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before You. We are Yours, and Yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with You, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Your Most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known You; many, too, despising Your precepts, have rejected You. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken You, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned You; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Grant, O Lord, to Your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor for ever. Amen.





DEC. 2 & 3	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G./S./T. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
Commentator:	B. Burns	L. Rye	B. Starr
Lector:	K. Friesen	G. Rye	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	<i>Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Rye	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen L. Macedo C. Dokis	L. Reidel S. Sawchuk B. Seaward	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

### 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 next weekend:**



#### 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).*



**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, **by next Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</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*

### Novena to the Infant of Jesus

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

*Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0*



### Knights of Columbus Events

**Mon. Nov. 27** – Bingo at FHLTC

**Tues. Nov. 28** – Monthly meeting 7:30 pm

**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)



Wed. Nov. 29	7:00 pm	St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha
Mon. Dec. 4	7:30 pm	St. Louis Church, Waterloo
Tue. Dec. 5	7:30 pm	St. Agnes Church, Waterloo
Wed. Dec. 6	7:30 pm	St. Michael's Church, Waterloo
Thur. Dec. 7	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, St. Clements
	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo
Sun. Dec. 10	1:00 pm	St. Jerome's University, Waterloo
Mon. Dec. 11	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 12	1:00 pm	St. Francis Church, Kitchener
Wed. Dec. 13	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener
	7:00 pm	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Thur. Dec. 14	7:00 pm	St. Mark's Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 18	7:00 pm	St. Anne's Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 19	7:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira
	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener

### CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DINNER

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

**Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** 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. 29<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised for this event will go towards the Building Maintenance Project.

**ADORATION FOR LIFE** – "... a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world to God, the Creator and lover of life..." (St. John Paul II). Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist. Console His heart wounded by abortion and sins against the sanctity of life: **Sat. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 11:00am to 12noon at **St. Mary's Church, 56 Duke St. W. Kit. (side entrance).** Call KW Right to Life for more info 519-746-5433.

### 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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