

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

November 4 – 10, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)
 2:15 PM – Gr. 4 Bible Celebration at St. Mark School
 7:00 PM + Joaquina Costa – Julia

Wednesday (FERIAL)
 12:00 noon – Int. of Fr. Adrian Lee – Margo Schimus & family

Thursday (FERIAL)
 7:00 am + Frank Duff – Legion of Mary
 2:00 PM – Mass at Bankside Terrace

Friday (FERIAL)
 7:00 am + Sarah Miranda – Chona

Saturday (FEAST – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA)
 9:00 am + Anne Yvonne Hartwell – J. Petrovich & B. Hartwell

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 7, 9-14+; 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5; Luke 20:27-38

Sat. 5:00 PM – In Thanksgiving – Tully family

Sun. 9:30 am + Jerry Dufresne – Judy & Lalitha

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

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – This feast celebrates the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Saviour or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

Weekly Offertory Report for Oct. 26/27, 2019		
	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 43
Offertory Collection:	\$ 2,940.55	\$ 136,052.28
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,402.27	\$ 56,275.50
Total Offerings:	\$ 4,342.82	\$ 192,327.78
	<i>Budget: \$ 5,200.00</i>	<i>\$ 223,600.00</i>
	<i>Under Budget: (857.18)</i>	<i>(31,272.22)</i>
Mortgage Offerings to date this year:		\$ 22,805.00

SVDP Whitebox collection for October \$230.20

Winter Clothing Drive ... St. Mark's Knights of Columbus invite you to donate your **clean, gently used winter outerwear** (coats, snowpants, boots, etc.) to the bin in the church lobby. The Knights will take all items to the Salvation Army to aid them in their Coat Drive.



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

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Nov. 4	7:15 pm	(B)	Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Nov. 5	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
Wed. Nov. 6	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Nov. 7	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Nov. 8	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
Sat. Nov. 9	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

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, their country people considered them as sinners.

Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation. ■

PRO-LIFE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Niagara Region Right to Life is once again pleased to offer **The Father Ted Colleton Scholarship Essay Contest** as part of its mandate to reach out to society in an educational format. In particular, Niagara Region Right to Life wishes to help educate and inform the younger generation about the preciousness and possibilities of human life from conception to natural death and how certain threats affect those possibilities in its beginnings. All students in grade 11 or 12, attending a Canadian high school (or being homeschooled in Canada) are invited to participate. Three prizes of \$1,500 (1st), \$800 (2nd) and \$500 (3rd) respectively will be awarded. Candidates are required to submit a personal profile, a letter of recommendation and a 1200-word essay on the following theme:

"Choose a feature film or documentary that deals with sensitive material regarding pregnancy and the abortion issue. Analyze the film as to its content, plot, and main characters and explain how it promotes a positive outlook about human life."

Submit documents via email by Monday, December 2, 2019 to dirocco@theinterim.com.



Nov. 9 - 10	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan	N./J. D'Souza N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	K. Krigner	J. Germann	M. Monte
1 st Reader:	G. Balm	V. DeVries	D. DeSousa
2 nd Reader:		T. Germann	B. Starr
Ushers:	L. Macedo	B. Coutinho J. DeSousa P. Drohan	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis G. MacNeil	B. Coutinho P./B. Enticott	B./C. Voisin F. Kangaloo

Children's Liturgy Program
Every Sunday during the 9:30 Mass

We're happy to be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word, weekly during the 9:30 Mass. Starting THIS WEEKEND **children aged 5 to grade 3** will be called up to the front of the church after the opening prayer and dismissed with their catechists to listen to a simplified version of that day's Gospel. Children will then return to their pews after the prayers of the faithful. **No registration is necessary**, just bring your children to Mass.

THIS WEEKEND!

Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar



SUNDAY, NOV. 3 | 5:00 to 7:00 PM | Parish Hall

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE AFTER MASS OR AT THE DOOR:

Adults: \$12 | Children 4-12 yrs.: \$7 | 3 yrs. and under: FREE

Family: 2 Adults & 3 children: \$35 (additional guests \$2 each)

To reserve tickets call John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Nov. 4 - Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
- Nov. 5 - Rev. Robert Bulbrook
- Nov. 6 - Deceased Priests of the Diocese
- Nov. 7 - Rev. Timothy Higgins
- Nov. 8 - Rev. David Perrin
- Nov. 9 - Rev. Brendan McGrath

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.

Communion to the Sick

We are in need of a caring volunteer to join our team. We take turns visiting Lanark Retirement Home on Sunday mornings to take Holy Communion to the residents, for which they are most grateful. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience, please contact Rose (519-580-5764) or Marc (marc.murchie@outlook.com).

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Help bring joy and hope and the Good News of the gospel to a child living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease, disaster and poverty. This Christmas Season pack a shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Empty boxes can be picked up in the narthex beginning November 9th.**

Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 24th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

* Tuesday, November 5th
Mass at 7:00 p.m.



On this day, and throughout the month of November, the Church calls our thoughts to our beloved dead. We are reminded to pray for our dead, and offer acts of charity and Mass intentions for the repose and union of their souls to God. By doing so, grace enables us to remember the bond of love that existed in life and strengthen that bond, undefeated by death.

* Because the feast of All Souls (November 2) falls on a Saturday this year, the Mass of All Souls will be transferred to the following Tuesday, November 5th and Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

During this Mass, the names of our beloved dead will be called out and Mass offered for their intention.

To include your beloved dead for the intentions of the Mass that day, please pick up an envelope from the narthex, place the names of the deceased inside and place in the collection basket, or give to Pam at the Parish office. **MONDAY IS THE DEADLINE.** If you would like to request a candle to burn in their memory, please include a \$5 offering for each candle you request. These will be 5-day candles that you may take home at the end of Mass or leave for them to continue to burn in the church.



Preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation



If you have a child in Grade 2 or Grade 7 at either St. Mark's or St. Dominic's Schools, you should have received a letter from the parish (via the school) concerning the Sacramental Preparations for First Communion (for grade 2's) and Confirmation (for grade 7's). Please check your child's backpack for this letter.

If your child is seeking one of these Sacraments **but does not attend either of the parish schools** (or is in a different grade), please pick up an enrollment package in the church sacristy, or from the parish office.

Some important dates to mark on your calendar:

Enrollment Sunday: Nov. 30 / Dec. 1 at any Mass

Parents' Information Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 12 after 11:30 Mass

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sundays, April 26th and May 3rd

Sacrament of Confirmation: Monday, May 25th



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. This will help us with our numbers.

"GENDER ISSUES" and "DYING & DEATH IN CHRISTIAN LIFE"

St. Clement Parish, Cambridge is proud to host an evening of lively discussion with Dr. Moira McQueen, LL.B, M.Div., Ph.D. Everyone is invited to join us on **Thursday, November 14th** at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Clement Church Hall, 745 Duke Street, Cambridge.** Free-will offerings will be graciously accepted.



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