

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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week



November 5 – 11, 2018

Monday - NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Frank Duff – *Legion of Mary*

2:00 PM - **Grade 4 Bible Celebration at St. Mark's School**

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

3:00 PM - **Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care**

Friday (FEAST – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA)

7:00 am + Jean Norcott

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. LEO THE GREAT)

9:00 am + The Macedo Family - *Luiz*

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

Sat. 5:00 PM + William & Bridget Norcott

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

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose & family*

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 Savior 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."

St. Leo the Great was pope from 440 to 461 and a Doctor of the Church. He is surnamed "the Great" and ranks among the most illustrious sovereigns that ever sat on the throne of St. Peter. During his pontificate, the Council of Chalcedon (451) defined that Christ is one divine person with two natures, divine and human. He vigorously defended the unity of the Church and detained the onrush of the barbarians under Attila.

Offertory Collection

Oct. 27/28,

2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,251.15
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies	\$ 398.96
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 3,850.57

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 155.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 254.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 409.88

Evangalization of the Nations (World Mission Sunday)..... \$30.00

- Thank you for your generosity -

LŌŌKING AHEAD....

Gr. 2 / Gr. 7 Enrollment Sunday: December 1st/2nd at all Masses
(for Gr. 2's *seeking First Communion* and Gr. 7's *seeking Confirmation*)

Sacrament of Confirmation: Tuesday, March 26th

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sundays, May 26th and June 2nd

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Nov. 5</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Nov. 6</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Nov. 7</u>	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
<u>Thur. Nov. 8</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Nov. 9</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
<u>Sat. Nov. 10</u>	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

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

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further. ■

Diocesan Newsletter Delivered to Your Inbox...

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton offer a wide range of workshops and educational opportunities during the course of the year. These activities and events are open to all interested parishioners throughout the Diocese. If you would like to keep informed regarding these opportunities for growing in your faith, you are invited to subscribe to a weekly online newsletter by going to the Diocesan Website (www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" button on the right side of the homepage. Your email address will be used solely to provide you with Diocesan Newsletters and will never be shared with any third party.



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

NOV. 10-11	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./A. Gallagher R. Robin
Commentator:	J Deneau	P. Enticott	B Starr
Lectors:	B Crawley K. Friesen	C Mackid N Higgins	M Oram I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	L Macedo I Cimermanic	J./K. Snyder B. Coutinho	M Monte
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis K. Friesen A. Bendia	T./K. Boettger S. Cerantola H. Kress	C./K. Dignam I./F. Kangaloo

Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar

TONIGHT

TONIGHT! SUNDAY, NOV. 4 | 5:00 to 7:00 PM | Parish Hall
Spaghetti, multi-item salad bar, dessert, wine/beer bar and lots of fun!
This year we also have a Silent Auction sponsored by the C.W.L!
All proceeds from this year's Dinner and Auction will go to St. Mark's Accessible Door Fund. Get tickets after Mass or at the door:
Adults: \$12 | Children 4-12 yrs.: \$7 | 3 yrs. & under: FREE
Family Rate (2 Adults + 3-4 kids): \$40 (additional kids \$2 each)

Preparation 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 will be receiving in a couple of weeks 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). **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 call the parish office and let us know.**

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Help bring joy and hope 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 next weekend, November 3/4.** Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 18th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

"TOASTY TOES" SOCK DRIVE ... St. Mark's is happy to support #ToastyToes2018 again this year by collecting donations of NEW, WARM sock (no dress socks) from **Oct. 10 until Nov. 10** for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Waterloo Region. **Socks are the most requested but LEAST donated item at shelters ... and wet or worn out socks can lead to a multitude of foot-related health problems.** Last year the campaign collected 32,400 pairs of new socks. Twenty social profit groups benefited from these donations. Men's socks are most needed, but women's and children's socks are also welcome. See white donation bin in the narthex.



Winter Clothing Drive ... St. Mark's Knights of Columbus invite you to donate your **clean, gently used winter outerwear** (coats, snowpants, 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.

Month of November Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

During November, the Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise." Our faith teaches us that purgatory is the temporary time that a soul is purified before seeing God, and we are, therefore, reminded to pray for our beloved dead to assist them in attaining heaven.



BOOK OF LIFE: All are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in our Book of Life, to be remembered at all the Masses throughout November.

World Day of the Poor: Nov. 18th

On 13 June 2018, the Holy Father released his Message for the 2018 World Day of the Poor, which will be celebrated on Sunday, 18 November. In anticipation of the upcoming World Day of the Poor, the Church in Canada acknowledges and appreciates the work being undertaken by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in working with the poor and in making the World Day of the Poor an annual campaign. This coming 18 November, Society volunteers across Canada will ask their fellow parishioners and members of the community for donations of funds or non-perishable food items for those less fortunate.

Healing Mass for Parents Who Have Lost a Child

Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass for anyone who has lost a child will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 2nd** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King (Hamilton)** at **4:00 p.m.** The Mass is meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief. Anyone who has lost a child of any age, from any cause, including pre-term death or still birth, is invited to this Mass. Please reach out to fellow parishioners who would benefit from attending this healing Mass, especially those who have lost a child in 2018.

Diocesan Capital Campaign: Frequently Asked Questions

Over the next 2½ years, the Diocese of Hamilton will be conducting the *One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign* to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions will appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published will be available throughout the campaign at www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

What is a capital campaign? ... A capital campaign is an effort to raise money in a fairly short time (3-5 years) to pay for a significant project or build up an endowment or heritage fund for future use. For a Catholic Diocese or Parish, this refers to gifts and pledges over and above a parishioner's regular giving to the Sunday collection. Parishioners who make pledges to the Diocese of Hamilton's campaign will have three years to fulfill their commitment.

Who will be asked to give? ... Over the course of the campaign, every parishioner in every Parish in the Diocese will be asked to make a sacrificial gift. **When will the campaign take place?** ... Campaign preparations are ongoing, and the active campaign will take place in four "waves," beginning with a pilot wave that will begin in February 2019. The campaign will conclude when the last wave finishes in early 2021.

Why do the campaign in waves instead of all at once? ... With nearly 120 parishes in the Diocese, it will be more effective to break up the campaign into smaller pieces over time, to give each Parish as much support and direction as possible from the Diocese and the Parishes' consultant, the Steier Group. It also provides options as parishes are assigned to waves. For some Parishes, conducting the campaign in an early wave will allow them to get started on needed projects. Other Parishes will need more time to weigh what projects need to be a priority and to prepare for the campaign.

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