

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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## **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*  
Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*  
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

## **LORD'S DAY MASSES**

Saturday at 5:00 PM  
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM  
*No Children's Liturgy of the Word until further notice.*

## **WEEKDAY MASS**

Tuesday through Friday at 12:00 NOON  
First Saturday of the Month at 9:00 AM

## **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

**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. A date for 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 start the process..

## **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 SOCIETY**

Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.

## **PARISH SCHOOLS**

### **St. Dominic Savio Catholic Elementary School**

*Principal: Pat Runstedler*  
3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

### **St. Mark Catholic Elementary School**

*Principal: Gary Lankowski*  
240 Autumn Hill Crescent 519-743-4682

### **Resurrection Catholic Secondary School**

*Principal: Marisa Munroe*  
455 University Avenue West 519-741-1990



*"... 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 drop it in the mail. Your intention will appear in the bulletin.

**If you require a Mass card** please call or email the parish office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention 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**

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 8 – 14, 2021**

Seating is restricted by physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) between households, until further notice. Masks continue to be mandatory. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

**Tuesday** (FEAST – DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA)  
12 Noon + Hien Tran – *Tim Tran*

**Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. LEO THE GREAT)  
12 Noon + Lauretta Bauer – *Marilyn Dufresne*

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. MARTIN OF TOURS)  
12 Noon – Int. of Pam Olinski & family – *Brenda Denomme*

**Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOSAPHAT)  
12 Noon + Maria Campos – *Campos family*

**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Nov. 13-14**

*Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Brad McFarlane – *Judy Swartz*

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Ron Kirkman – *Marilyn Dufresne*

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

**PLEASE NOTE NEW MASS TIME:**

The Tuesday evening Mass moves to 12 noon beginning Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.

The feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. This church is the cathedra (or chair) of the bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. A Latin inscription in the Church reads: "omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput." Translated, this means, "The mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world."

**Pope Saint Leo I, known as "St. Leo the Great,"** was Pope during the 4<sup>th</sup> ecumenical council that helped prevent the spread of error on Christ's divine and human natures. He also intervened for the safety of the Church in the West as well, persuading Attila the Hun to turn back from Rome. As early as 445, Leo had intervened in this dispute in the East, which threatened to split the churches of Alexandria and Constantinople, leading to the present-day split between Eastern Orthodoxy.

**St. Martin of Tours** left his post in the Roman army to become a "soldier of Christ" as a monk and later bishop. Born in the year 316 in modern-day Hungary, Martin stopped and cut his own cloak into two halves with his sword, giving one half to a freezing beggar. That night, the unbaptized soldier saw Christ in a dream, wearing the half-cloak he had given to the poor man. Jesus declared: "Martin, a catechumen, has clothed me with this garment."

**Josaphat Kunczewicz** was born about the year 1580 and given the name John at baptism. He was born in the then-Polish region of Lithuania of Orthodox parents and eventually became a Catholic and Ukrainian Basilian monk. Chosen bishop, he worked faithfully for the unity of the Church until he suffered martyrdom at the hands of an angry mob in Russia.

**Coping with Christmas - Heartache to Healing Grief Support Group**

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult, but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us, along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one.

Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to reduce stress while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) at St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement), 80 University Ave. W. at Hemlock, Waterloo.

Advance registration is required ... please call or email the parish office (519-884-9311 / [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)). All Covid precautionary requirements will be in place. Participants will be required to provide contact information and masks must be worn. Please register to reserve your spot by Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome – bring a friend!



The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honor and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion. Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross. ■

**Prayers for the Sick...** If you or someone you know is unwell and would like us to include their name in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass, **please call or email the parish office to submit their name.**



**UPDATE from St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

It's been well over a year since we have been able to provide families in need with food hampers from the portable at St. Mark's. Various groups have worked together to provide other distribution options during this difficult period.

Recently, we joined with the Food Bank and used the majority of our remaining funds to support the 'Christmas Bureau' in Waterloo Region. During the Christmas season this project will provide families in our community with gifts for their children and food for a Holiday meal. As we move beyond the Christmas Season, we do not know if or when we will get back to providing food hampers from our portable as we had in the past. But we do know many families continue to need our help. As in the past, you will find blue SVDP envelopes in your offertory box in the months of November and March. If you are able to provide any financial support it is greatly appreciated. Please know that your generosity will continue to be used in some way to support those in our community who need our assistance the most. Thank you for your continued support.

## Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 13-14	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Reader:</b>	S. Benner	T. Angel	I. Kangeloo
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller C. Weber	J./K. Snyder	C. Dignam E. Weiss
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	J. Swartz G. Kubisewsky	T./K. Boettger	B./C. Voisin

### REMEMBRANCE DAY ♦ November 11<sup>th</sup>

This Thursday we pause in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.



### 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."* Purgatory is not eternal but its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at each particular judgment. We are, therefore, reminded to pray for our beloved dead to assist them in attaining heaven.

During the month of November, you are invited to inscribe the name of your beloved dead in the **Book of Remembrance** located in the narthex.



### Knights of Columbus – St. Mark Council 9276

Executive Meeting (Zoom) – This Tuesday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### 2021 Ontario Charities 50-50 Online Raffle

Early Bird Draw - Dec. 1, 2021 ♦ Jackpot Draw - Dec. 31, 2021

#### To purchase tickets:

- visit: <https://www.kofcontario5050.com>
- click the "Buy Tickets Now" button
- select your desired number of tickets and click the "Checkout" button
- fill in your Billing Information, and
  - under "Organization" please select "Kitchener St. Mark's 9276"
  - then click "Continue"
- fill in your Payment Information and click "Submit Order"
- **You will then receive an email from KofC Ontario with your Order Confirmation ... this is your OFFICIAL TICKET** and must be presented if you win, so keep it in a safe place. You will not receive any physical tickets.

### 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 and recently the COVID pandemic, disaster and poverty. This Christmas Season pack a shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. Empty boxes are available in the narthex. **Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

2021-2022 Sunday Missals will be arriving soon ~ Cost will be \$5 each.

## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

A Working Father

### Reflection

Patris Corde, 6

(Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis, 2020)

Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities.

#### Prayer: For Workers, Frontline Workers, and the Unemployed

Saint Joseph, working father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, that we may complete the life-giving work that God, Creator of all things, has set us to accomplish and attain the promised rewards.

**V.** Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—

**R.** O prosper the work of our hands! (Ps 90.17)

**Action:** Let us [...] find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work.

Diocese of Hamilton Year of St. Joseph Novena Prayers

### C.W.L. News...

♦ Join us on **Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 to 2:30 to complete our blankets for St. Mary's Hospital. Knowledge of sewing is **not** a prerequisite – there are many jobs to fill. Come join us for an hour or two, if you can't commit to the full day. Fun and laughs will be had while we provide blankets to the needy. Sign-up is available in the Narthex.

♦ **Let's get reacquainted!** It's been a long 20 months since we have gotten together. Mark your calendars for St. Mark's C.W.L. **General Meeting; Friday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** Let us come together to pray for each other, catch up, and be informed. Covid protocols will be followed. Not ready to meet in person? You may join us via Zoom (meeting log-in provided closer to the date).



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:  
Special Intentions of the Schreiber family**



You may request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul. Public intentions will be published in the bulletin and on our website; private intentions will not.

**TAKE-OUT FISH FRY: Friday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall,** 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Take-out ONLY: 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. When purchasing ticket indicate time of pick up. Advance Tickets Available until November 17. Contact St. Teresa Parish Office at 519-669-3387 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.). Adults \$20, Kids (12 and under) \$10. PORTION OF PROCEEDS TO CHARITY. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 8192.



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