

# 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Mass Intentions for the Week** 

**Nov. 19 – 25, 2018**

**Monday - NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 PM** - Int. of Fr. Adrian Lee – *Margo Schimus*

**Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

**7:00 am** + Michael McCormac – *Colm & Kay Dignam*

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. CECILIA)

**7:00 am** + Louise Murphy – *Mary Grace*

**Friday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Ruth & Anthony Hayek – *Ylanda*

**Saturday** (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC)

**9:00 am** - Int. of Mark Fonseca & family – *Fonseca family*

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

*Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37*

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

**Sun. 9:30 am** + John & Joe Coelho – *DaCosta family*

**11:30 am** + Jose Almeida & Anuciacao Costa – *B. Ferreira*

**Presentation of Mary** – Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on Earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

**St. Cecilia** – *Patron Saint of Musicians* – According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. Since the time of the Renaissance she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ.

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac** was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of this group were beatified on four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonized by Pope John Paul II. Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese, and the Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. Severe persecutions were again launched three times in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship.

**Offertory Collection**

**Nov. 10/11, 2018**

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,350.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies .....	\$ 518.75
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,069.21</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 335.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 254.88
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 589.88</b>
Automatic Door Fund.....	\$ 230.00

- Thank you for your generosity -

**Meetings & Events This Week:**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Nov. 19</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Nov. 20</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Nov. 21</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. 22</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	Alpha Reunion
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Nov. 23</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sat. Nov. 24</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

**This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year.** As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us. ■

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**  
**Today (Nov. 18) is the deadline to return filled shoeboxes to the narthex.** Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

**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.

**Liturgical Ministers**

NOV. 24-25	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:	K Friesen	B. Sawarna	I. Kangaloo
Lectors:	M. Dufresne J. Deneau	T Angel J Flanagan	M. Monte M. Oram
Ushers:	L Macedo I Cimermancic	F. Seaward M. Walser	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully K. Friesen	A. Joseph M. Walser T. Angel B. Coutinho	C./K. Dignam I./F. Kangaloo

Any CHILDREN in the parish who are interested in participating in a short musical presentation during the Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Mass are asked to see Fr. Steve after Mass, or call/email and leave your name at the parish office. If there is enough interest, it will require a commitment to attend rehearsals that will follow the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Masses starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent.

**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, check your child's backpack for a letter and a form concerning the Sacramental Preparation that will begin in January 2019. **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 call the Parish Office to have it emailed to you. Completed forms are to be submitted at the Enrolment Mass:**

**ENROLMENT CEREMONY MASS**

(for BOTH Sacraments)

Saturday, Dec. 1 at 5:00 pm *or*

Sunday, Dec. 2 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, **no later than Sun. Dec. 2<sup>nd</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

**C.W.L. Corner**

♦ *Save the date!* Deacon Basil has graciously agreed to facilitate an **Advent Mini-Retreat on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.



**FINAL RESULTS!!**

**Spaghetti Supper, Giant Salad Bar & Silent Auction...**



Thanks to all who came out to our Italian Spaghetti Supper, Giant Salad Bar and Silent Auction on Sunday, November 4, 2018. What a fabulous event! This was a fund-raising event to assist with the purchasing and installation of automatic doors for the extremities of our church building which will aid people, who may have mobile difficulties, to gain entry. This event was the joint effort of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League (the Silent Auction) and St. Mark's Knights of Columbus (the Italian Spaghetti and Salad Bar).

The Silent Auction garnered **\$3,212.00** and the Spaghetti Supper brought in **\$1,061.00**, all of which will go towards the purchase of automatic doors. The 50/50 Draw was split with the Knights and Lindsay Poulin (who will enjoy **\$164.00**).

**THANK YOU to all the fabulous volunteers** who helped put together this double event which will help many of our disabled parishioners and friends alike. Thanks also go out to **Tyrone Miller**, Chef and Culinary Arts Teacher at Resurrection High School, for the great Italian sauces made by his students under his excellent guidance (his third year making these sauces for our dinner!). Also, thanks to the many fine people who donated so many fine items to the Silent Auction. Truly, without your help and interest, this parish activity would not be viable!

~ Kim Friesen, Chair of the Silent Auction for the CWL

~ John Deneau, Chair of the Spaghetti Supper event for the KofC

**ALPHA REUNION at St. Mark's  
Thursday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM  
ST. MARK'S PARISH HALL**



The Alpha Course has proven to be one of the best ways to introduce people to Christ and provide experiences of Christ to all involved. Since 2001, St. Mark's Parish has welcomed over 600 guests to the course and we will be running it again starting in February 2019. We can't think of a better way to start the process than to re-connect with the friends we made at Alpha and to share some food, fellowship, prayer, praise and worship. You will get to preview the dynamic new Alpha Film Series which has been updated for today's audience. We will also have promo materials that can be passed on to friends, family and co-workers with all the details for the upcoming course. Visit [www.alphacanada.org](http://www.alphacanada.org) or email [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com) for more information.

If you have been involved with Alpha at St. Mark's in the past then please join us on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... We look forward to seeing you there!



**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](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/did-you-know) to browse a set of frequently asked questions.

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