

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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Mass Intentions for the Week



Nov. 22 – 28, 2021

Seating continues to be 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 (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Mary & Joseph Petrovich – Rosemary & Jane

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC)

12 Noon + Walt Runstedler – St. Mark Parish

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Bradley McFarlane – Marilyn Dufresne

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Macedo Family – Luiz

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Nov. 27-28

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Sat. 5:00 PM + Claire Mainguy – Brian & Marie Lynch

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Tania Yonan – Grace Tran



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 19th century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Melissa**



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. Cost is \$5 per candle, per week. Simply drop a plain envelope marked "Sanctuary Lamp" into the collection and include the stipend and the person's name you wish to remember.

AN 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.

On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

This is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

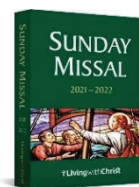


In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see [John 17:6-18](#)), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all. ■



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Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS: December 16th to 24th

You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus 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*

Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 27-28	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Reader:	A. Fernandez	J. Flanigan	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	C. Weber P. Fernandez	L. Koehler M. Walser	T./K. Boettger
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	B. Coutinho A. Joseph	B./C. Voisin

Today's Mass for Covid Sufferers is presented with the assistance of St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. This Mass is for all people who have died as the result of Covid as well as for those that have suffered the devastating effects of the pandemic. Join us as we come together to pray for all those affected:

Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

*You shall not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that roams in the darkness,
nor the plague that ravages at noon.*
PSALM 91:5-6

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbours be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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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 1st 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). 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 17th. Everyone is welcome – bring a friend!



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Knights of Columbus News

General Meeting (via Zoom): Tues. Nov. 23rd at 7:00 PM
A link will be emailed to all members in advance.



2021 Ontario Charities 50-50 Online Raffle

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

To purchase tickets:

- visit: <https://www.kofcontario5050.com>
- click the "Buy Tickets Now" button
- select your number of tickets and click the "Checkout" button
- fill in your Billing Information, and
 - under "Organization" 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.

C.W.L. Membership Dues

Please look for the blue envelope for 2022 membership fees in your December envelopes. All councils have been asked to submit membership renewals as of December 31st each year. This will help National office have an accurate snapshot of our membership at Parish, Diocesan, Provincial and National levels. It will also ensure that The League Magazine will continue to be sent to you, uninterrupted. New members are always welcome.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for....

NOV. 22	NOV. 23	NOV. 24	NOV. 25	NOV. 26	NOV. 27
Rev. Piotr Jurzyk	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ	Rev. Arpee Urquico	Rev. Pawel Jamroz	Rev. David Avila

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.

43rd Advent Novena

St. Agnes Catholic Church, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo

In keeping with the tradition that has been celebrated for many years (though the time of day has changed) please join fellow K-W friends at St. Agnes Parish, beginning Friday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Please note Mass times for the rest of the week: Saturday 9:00 am, Sunday at your own parish (or 9 / 11 am at St. Agnes); Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 am; Thursday, Friday 7:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am. Help us spread the word! Invite a friend to join you in preparing for the beautiful season of Christmas. If you or someone you know could assist in music ministry, please contact Marg Weber at 519-747-5937.



The 2021–2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>



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