

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

The Parish Office is open by appointment only.

Please call or email ahead to schedule your visit.

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

Wednesday 12:00 NOON

followed by Adoration and Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOL

Seating capacity in the church is restricted to 30%. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass. Seating will be first come, first served. Under the Ontario guidelines, we ask that:

- all who are not feeling well, or have an elevated temperature, please stay home.
- when you visit the church you wear a face covering over your nose, mouth, and chin. Required by the Face Covering By-law 20-035.
- you practice generous social distancing (minimum 6 ft.) and follow the signs and ushers' directions.
- that you use your washroom before coming to church.

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 SOCIETY

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 drop it in the mail. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass.

If you require a Mass card please call 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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week



October 12 – 18, 2020

Church doors are open 30 minutes before the start of Mass, and seating is restricted to 30% capacity (first come first seated) until further notice.

Wednesday, October 14 (FERIAL)

12 noon + Theresia Bauer – *Trudy Dallosch*

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 17/18

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5ab; Matthew 22:15-21

Sat. 5:00 PM + Alice Da Costa – *Justina Costa*

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

11:30 am + John Bauer – *Trudy Dallosch*#

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please call ahead or email Pam to schedule your visit:
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Meetings & Events This Week:

Mon. Oct. 12 8:00 pm Hall Alcoholics Anonymous

Wed. Oct. 14 6:00 pm Church First Reconciliations (& rehearsal)

Sat. Oct. 17 7:15 am Hall That Man Is You!



First Holy Communion

A letter has been sent to all parents of children who were prepared but not able to celebrate their First Holy Communion last Spring because of the ongoing pandemic. If you did not receive a letter, you may contact the office or see Fr. Steve after mass for a copy of that letter. Rather than having school celebrations, this year children will be receiving their First Eucharist

at one of the Sunday weekend Masses beginning next weekend up to the middle of November. Please say an extra prayer for these children and we will have an opportunity to congratulate them at each Mass.

Congratulations!

With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these **newly baptized** children of God: *Keira Grogan, James O'Brien, Matilda Simone, Cameron Wilson, Abigail Domingos and Darius Knapp.*

Congratulations also to three couples who were joined together in **Holy Matrimony** this year:

*Igor Krivoslykov & Lacey Beer
Mark Mahony & Nicole Blommaert
Egon De Coteau & Tina Casey*

IN MEMORIAM... We offer our sympathy and prayers to those who lost loved ones during and since the pandemic shutdown:

† Clarence Voisin
† Stephanie Gaffney
† Ivan Cimermanic



† Marcella Schnarr
† Leonard Smith
† Alvin Kieswetter

"Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in [last Sunday's Gospel](#), Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.



In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy. (*Loyola Press*)



October is the month of the Holy Rosary

Until about the 15th century hundreds of mysteries were part of the Rosary devotion then the 15 mysteries that we

know today were definitively fixed as "the Mysteries of the Rosary." Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, in 2002 added the five Luminous Mysteries.

Through the meditations of the complete Rosary one recalls and has impressed on his mind, the Popes tell us, "the chief mysteries of the Christian religion," "the mysteries of our Redemption," "the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs." The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as "The Joyful," "The Sorrowful," "The Glorious," and "The Luminous Mysteries."

Power of the Rosary

Pope Leo XIII said, "There is nothing more excellent than that numerous voices pray without interruption from all parts of the world, simultaneously lifting up supplications to the Blessed Virgin Mary as they meditate on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary."

"Say the Rosary every day, to obtain peace for the world."

"Say the Rosary every day..."

Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners...

I'm Our Lady of the Rosary.

Only I will be able to help you.

...In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph."

— OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.



40 Days for Life Annual Campaign of prayer, fasting and prayerful witness takes place this year from September 23 to November 1. Daily hours are from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. across from Freeport Hospital. We are asking that you prayerfully consider signing up for one hour per week or as you are able at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Patrick or Rita at 519-748-5548 for more information. Thank you for your support of the unborn.



This year the Feast of All Souls, November 2, falls on a Monday and Mass will be celebrated that evening at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to have Mass that day celebrated for the repose of the soul of a loved one, you may place the names of those people in one of the collection baskets located in the narthex.

If you would like to have a candle burn in their memory in front of the altar, please include an offering of \$5.00 per candle.

For safety reasons, this year, there will be no pens or paper provided ... you are asked to do this at home and bring it with you to drop off at the church.



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.

This is only for children who were enrolled last year to receive the Sacrament in May but were unable because of the cancellations. A letter is being sent to all parents, outlining the changes to this year's celebration, as well as online material for your child to prepare for the Sacrament.

The first step in this process is for parents to CONFIRM enrolment to the sacrament by contacting Pam at the Parish Office by phone or email (519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com).

| Oct. 17/18 | 5:00 PM Mass | 9:30 AM Mass | 11:30 AM Mass |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Reader: | S. Benner | T. Angel | R. Kubica |
| Ushers: | G. Morgan, C. Weber, B. Benner, P. Fernandez, E. Miller | I./D. Culley, P. Drohan, L. Koehler, T. Lee | T./K. Boettger, I. Kangaloo, J. Smith, D. Feick |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | C. Weber, A. Joseph | T. Angel, M. Walser | F. Kangaloo, E. Weiss |

Diocesan Collections

During the period of shutdown, collections that would have supported various diocesan charities could not take place. For that reason, Bishop Crosby has called for a **Combined Special Collection** in order to help provide for the needs of these charities. **Envelopes for this collection are available today at the church**, and can be returned to the parish next Sunday. All funds received will support the following charities, based on percentages received during last year's collections: *Share Lent, Pope's Pastoral Works, Holy Land (Good Friday), Cura Pastorum Association (Care of Retired Priests), Needs of the Church in Canada, and World Mission Sunday.* Thank you for your generosity.



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