

# 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  
Wednesday 12:00 NOON  
Thursday, Friday 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, please  
see chapel bulletin board  
Divine Mercy – Sundays 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 it to be on any:

Tues. 7 PM  Wed. 12 NOON  Thur. 7 AM  Fri. 7 AM  Sat. 9 AM  
 Sat. 5:00 PM  Sunday 9:30 AM  Sunday 11:30 AM

**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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Intentions for the Week** 

**October 21 – 27, 2019**

**Monday – NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)  
**7:00 PM** + Elijah Lund – *The Staff at St. Mark School*

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)  
**12:00 noon** + Leodegario Canete – *Leovina Canete*

**Thursday** (FERIAL)  
**7:00 am** + Evelyn Osmond – *Carlos & Leonor Fonseca*

**Friday** (FERIAL) **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**7:00 am** – Int. of Gerald & Helen Kieffer – *M./M. Woodhouse*

**Saturday** (FERIAL)  
**9:00 am** + Anne Yvonne Hartwell – *J. Petrovich & B. Hartwell*

**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + The Cimermancic Family  
**Sun. 9:30 am** + Christina Winget – *Pat & Margaret Drohan*  
**11:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

**Meetings & Events This Week:**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Oct. 21</u>	10:00 am	(CH/H)	Gr. 10 Teaching Mass & Retreat
	7:15 pm	(B)	Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Oct. 22</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
<u>Wed. Oct. 23</u>	10:00 am	(CH/H)	Gr. 10 Teaching Mass & Retreat
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Oct. 24</u>	10:00 am	(CH/H)	Gr. 10 Teaching Mass & Retreat
	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(L)	Parish Council Meeting
<u>Fri. Oct. 25</u>	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<u>Sat. Oct. 26</u>	10:00 am	(CH/H)	Grade 10 Teaching Mass & Retreat
	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!

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

**St. John Paul II** – Traditionally, the feast of a saint is celebrated on the anniversary of his/her death, the day the person left for his/her eternal abode. However, in the case of Pope John Paul II, his feast was fixed for October 22, when his pontificate was officially inaugurated. John Paul II of Poland was elected on October 16, 1978, becoming the first Slav pope and the first non-Italian pope in 455 years since Dutch Pope Adrian VI, who served from 1522 to 1523. Six days later, on October 22, he inaugurated his pontificate with a solemn High Mass in Rome's St. Peter's Square. John Paul II died on April 2, 20015, after leading the Church for over 26 years. Pope Benedict XVI beatified him on May 1, 2011, establishing October 22, the day of his inauguration, as his feast day. Three years later, Pope Francis officially declared him a saint on April 27, 2014, along with Pope John XXIII.

**Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.**

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. The second, about humility, will be read at Mass next Sunday. This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer, and while the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point.

God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers.

God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart. ■

<b>Weekly Offertory Report for Oct. 12/13, 2019</b>	
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,223.95
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 1,401.35
<b>Total Offerings This Week:</b>	<b>\$ 4,625.30</b>
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>
<b>Year-to-Date Report for Week 41</b>	
Weekly Offerings:	\$ 129,707.23
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 50,199.00
<b>Total Offerings This Year:</b>	<b>\$ 179,906.23</b>
<i>Yearly Budget to Date:</i>	<i>\$ 213,200.00</i>
<i>Under Yearly Budget:</i>	<i>(33,293.77)</i>
<b>Mortgage Offerings to date this year:</b>	<b>\$ 21,382.50</b>

**Communion to the Sick** – We are in need of a caring volunteer to join our team. We take turns visiting Lanark Retirement Home on **Sunday mornings** to take Holy Communion to the residents, for which they are most grateful. Please speak to Fr. Steve after Mass, or contact the parish office at 519-571-9200 or [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com), if you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Begins Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> (9:30 Mass)**

We're happy to be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word weekly during the 9:30 Mass, starting Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Children aged 5 to grade 3** will be called up to the front of the church after the opening prayer and dismissed with their catechists to listen to a simplified version of that day's Gospel. Children will then return to their pews after the prayers of the faithful. **No registration is necessary**, just bring your children to Mass.



**PRAY TO END ABORTION**

Annual Fall campaign, September 25<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Daily hours in front of Freeport Hospital are from 7am to 7pm. **Our Parish is sponsoring Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** (all 12 hours on this day). We need at least 2 people to sign-up for each hour. In the narthex you will see Adopt-a-Day sign-up sheets on the 40 Days for Life table. Please consider signing up for one or more hours that day. You can sign up for more prayer hours at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or by calling Patrick (519-748-5548) or Ewelina (519-589-2919).

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**



Oct. 26 - 27	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./J. D'Souza N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	G. Balm	T. Boettger	D. DeSousa
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader:	M. Dufresne	J. Deneau	B. Starr
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:		T. Angel	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	J. Kelly; L. Koehler F. Seaward	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Kubica
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis G. MacNeil	B. Seaward M. Walser T. Angel	E. Weiss B. Starr B. Denomme

C.W.L. News...



CWL will be holding a vigil in the chapel, on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5pm till 7pm in honour of 40 Days for Life, and prior to our day in front of Freeport Hospital. **Not able to commit to the 2 hours? That's OK! Join us for a few minutes and a few prayers** as we pray for the sanctity of Life from CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, join other sisters in the league from 7 to 8 am in front of Freeport. Let us ALL come together, and lift up our prayers.



**Preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation**



If you have a child in Grade 2 or Grade 7 at either St. Mark's or St. Dominic's Schools, you will be receiving 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).

Until then, please mark these important dates on your calendar:

**Enrollment Sunday:** Nov. 30 / Dec. 1 at all Masses

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:** Sundays, April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

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 contact the parish office as soon as possible and let us know.

**Feast of All Souls**

**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**



Time is quickly approaching the month of November, in which we are called to commemorate and renew the memory of our beloved dead. Because the feast of All Souls (November 2) falls on a Saturday this year, the Mass of All Souls will be transferred to the following Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. As in the past several years, during Mass there will be a calling of the names of our dead, for whom Mass will be offered. If you would like to have the names of your deceased loved ones included, you are asked to submit their names in an envelope or phone Pam at the parish office. You may also request a candle or candles that will burn at the altar by including a \$5 donation that covers the cost of the candle. Each candle will burn for 5 days and you may leave it at the altar to remain burning or take it to your home after Mass.

K-W Silver Stars presents "SHOW STOPPERS," a one-hour musical variety show on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 317 Franklin Street North, Kitchener. Free will offering.

**RELIT: THE HEART OF EVANGELIZATION** – Do you have family members who have left the Church? If they asked you about your faith, would you know how to respond? Have you ever felt unequipped or ill-prepared to share your faith with others? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are invited to attend this training program. **Relit** is a 2½ day training program to equip, prepare and form you for sharing the Good News of Jesus. It will be taking place at **Blessed Sacrament Church** (305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener) on **November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. The cost for this program is \$70, which includes a participant workbook, snacks and refreshments. You are asked to kindly bring your own lunches. For more information or to register, please contact Janet Smith at 519-656-3291 or at 260churchill@gmail.com.

Annual St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar

SUNDAY, NOV. 3 | 5:00 to 7:00 PM | Parish Hall

Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, now an annual tradition here in our Parish. Bring your family and friends for superb Italian spaghetti, a delicious multi-item salad bar, a great dessert, hot and cold drinks and plenty of fun. All proceeds from the dinner and 50/50 draw will go toward the final payment purchase of a defibrillator for the parish.



Tickets now on sale after all weekend Masses until Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Adults: \$12 | Children 4-12 yrs.: \$7 | 3 yrs. and under: FREE

Family: 2 Adults & 3 children: \$35 (additional guests \$2 each)

To reserve tickets call John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094.

**"Toasty Toes" Sock Drive** – St. Mark's is happy to support #ToastyToes2019 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.** See white donation bin in the narthex.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Pastoral Reference Letters** - If you are applying for a teaching position in a Catholic School, please be advised that Pastoral Reference letters will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

This week, let us pray for...

- Oct. 21 - Rev. Allen Varlaki
- Oct. 22 - Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, MCCJ
- Oct. 23 - Hospitaller Br's of St. John of God
- Oct. 24 - Rev. Stephen Murrin
- Oct. 25 - Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
- Oct. 26 - Rev. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R.

**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.*





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