

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
DEACON: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:00–4:30 PM or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
First Tuesday evening of the month at the
7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open – see
Chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10 AM
Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We invite you to register. Please fill out a
form from the church lobby and drop it off
at the parish office. Please call if you would
like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM
Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd
Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A
Preparation Meeting is held on the
Wednesday evening preceding the baptism.
Please fill out a form from the church lobby
and drop it off at the parish office at least 6
weeks in advance.

HOSPITAL VISITATION
Please advise the office of area hospital
admissions to request a pastoral visit or the
Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS
Father will bring Communion to the sick on
the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the
office to schedule a 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 the beginning of Mass.

If you require a **Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours.

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 check ✓ 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a 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 a few months in advance.

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:

Oct. 23 – 29, 2017

MONDAY - NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Mary Beth Zister – *Gerry & Terry Gerth*

WEDNESDAY - NO MASS

THURSDAY - NO MASS

FRIDAY - NO MASS

Saturday (FEAST – ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE)

9:00 am - Int. of the Bediako-Cra Family

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 22:21-27; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat. 5:00 PM + Cimermancic Family

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am - Int. of Brendan Flood – *the Flood family*

★ **Please note there will be no Masses** on Wed., Thur. and Friday of this week, while Fr. Steve is away at the annual Clergy Seminar.

Sts. Simon and Jude – These two apostles share the same feast day, probably because they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia where it is said they had both been sent, but in actual fact we know nothing for certain about them beyond what is told us of their being called as Apostles in the New Testament. St. Jude is the author of a short Epistle which forms part of the New Testament.

Prayer to St. Jude for difficult situations

Most holy Apostle, Saint Jude Thaddeus, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Help me know that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me: consolation in my sorrow, courage in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Ask our loving Lord to fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in God's healing powers. Thank you, Saint Jude Thaddeus, for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe, and inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has been given to me. Amen.



Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Oct. 23	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Oct. 24	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
Wed. Oct. 25	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
Thur. Oct. 26	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Oct. 27	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. Oct. 28	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

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

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

Offertory Collections

Oct. 14/15, 2017

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,495.72
Sunday loose	\$385.40
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12+52)	<u>\$ 1,235.31</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,116.43
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 120.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12+52)	<u>\$ 246.81</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 366.81
Evangelization of the Nations	25.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the construction of the new grotto to our Lady of Fatima. With the help of several substantial donations, a total of \$14,450.70 was raised. Expenses so far have been \$10,841.29, leaving \$3,609.41 to cover the remaining work which includes lighting, a waterfall behind the statue and landscaping in the spring. Thank you also to Greg and the many hands that were involved in the construction and making everything come together in time for the celebration.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.



LITURGICAL ROLES			
OCT. 28 & 29	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	B./C. Morgan	T./T. Morgan	N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	J. Germann	B. Starr
Lector:	J. Deneau	D. Bristol	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	K./S./T. Friesen	B. Coutinho J./K. Snyder	C. Dignam F. Sawaya M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	Montag	Seaward	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith L. Macedo C. Dokis	M. Walsler R. Groothuis J. Detzler	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Oct. 22, 2017)

At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday.

Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the Missions. The collection this Sunday is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

As agreed by the Holy See and the Bishops of Canada, a portion of the Canadian contributions to this collection assists mission dioceses in Northern Canada.

"How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervour, joy and generosity. I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples." (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 261).

St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian

Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar SUNDAY, NOV. 5th

5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Back again! Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, this dinner is 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, wine/beer bar and plenty of fun.

All proceeds from this year's Dinner and 50/50 Draw will go toward the purchase of an electric wheelchair for our parishioner, Clem Baumtrog, stricken with Parkinson's Disease. **Tickets NOW ON SALE after all weekend Masses in the Narthex until Oct. 29.**

Adults: **\$12** | Children 4-12 yrs.: **\$7** | 3 yrs. and under: **FREE**
Family Rate: 2 Adults & 3 children: **\$40**

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 #ToastyToes2017 again this year by collecting donations of NEW SOCKS from **Oct. 15 until Nov. 5** to distribute to area residents of shelters and those served by our local soup kitchen and self-help food bank. **Socks are the MOST requested item at shelters, but are the LEAST donated.** Clean, dry socks are essential to healthy feet. A drop-off bin is in the narthex.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Pray to End Abortion

Sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Ewelina at 519-589-2919 or Patrick at 519-748-5548. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site to prevent one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. Details on the poster in the narthex.

S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35)



Halloween Hijinks – This Saturday, Oct. 21st at

7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Our evening will include pumpkin carving, with a prize for the most creative design, and end with Glow-In-The-Dark Capture-The-Flag! Admission is \$5 to cover the cost of the pumpkins.

For full event details, visit our Facebook at [SIMarksYoungCatholicAdults](https://www.facebook.com/SIMarksYoungCatholicAdults). RSVP via email at SIMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com, or on Facebook.

Christmas Caroling – Saturday, December 16th from 7 – 8:15 p.m. in the church.



Knights of Columbus October Calendar

Mon. Oct. 23 – Bingo at Forest Heights L.T.C.

Tue. Oct 24 – Monthly Meeting

Sun. Nov. 5 – Pasta Supper

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Thursday, November 2

Mass on this day will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.



On this day, and throughout the month of November, the Church calls our thoughts to our beloved dead.

We are reminded to pray for our dead, and offer acts of charity and Mass intentions for the repose and union of their souls to God. By doing so, grace enables us to remember the bond of love that existed in life and strengthen that bond, undefeated by death. **During Mass that evening, the names of our beloved dead will be called out and Mass offered for their intention.**

To include your beloved dead for the intentions of Mass that day, please place the names of the deceased on a blank envelope and place in the Offertory Collection or give to Pam, at the Parish office.

If you would like to request a candle to burn in their memory during Mass, please leave a **\$5 offering for each candle** you request. These will be **4-day candles** that you may take home at the end of Mass or leave for them to continue to burn in the church.

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Faith, you may leave your name and contact information with the parish office to be enrolled in The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (commonly referred to as R.C.I.A.). This is a formation and preparation process that will **begin in October** and consist of weekly Wednesday evening meetings that will continue until the last week of Lent, March 21st.

To become a full member of the Catholic Faith, a person must receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The program, therefore, is for people who have (1) never been baptized; (2) been baptized in another Christian Faith and are now seeking to be accepted into full communion with the Catholic Church, and (3) been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received both Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

PREPARING CATHOLIC TEACHERS

If you are a student studying to become a teacher and planning to teach in the Catholic School System, you will eventually need to obtain a pastoral reference from your parish priest, that asks if the person practices their faith and if they are active in the parish. If you are a potential teacher, therefore, and if you are not currently active in the parish, I advise you to consider signing up for a ministry in the upcoming weeks.

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