

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener, Ontario N2N 3A2 • 519-571-9200 • www.stmarkcatholicparish.org

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week 

Oct. 26 – Nov. 1, 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 28 (FEAST – ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE)

12 noon + Vincent Plati – *the Plouffe family*

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – Oct. 31 / Nov. 1

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

Sat. 5:00 PM + Indra Sirju – *Marchione & Faragher families*

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

11:30 am + Vincent Plati – *the Plouffe family*

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please call ahead or email Pam to schedule your visit:
519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com

Meetings & Events This Week:

- Mon. Oct. 26** 8:00 pm Hall Alcoholics Anonymous
- Wed. Oct. 28** 6:00 pm Church First Reconciliations (& rehearsal)
- Sat. Oct. 31** 7:15 am Hall That Man Is You!

Offertory Report for Oct. 17/18, 2020

Offertory Collection:	\$ 2,830.85
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,445.19
Total Offerings:	\$ 4,276.04
Mortgage:	\$ 190.00
DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:	
Mission Sunday:	\$ 290.00
Combined Special Collection:	\$ 3,560.00

MASKS:

A note from Bishop Crosby's October 7th letter states:



“Those who are unable to wear a mask because of an underlying medical condition which inhibits their ability to wear a mask, are to be admitted to the church, and are to be seated in a designated area at least four metres away from others. They may not come forward to receive Communion with others; the priest or extraordinary minister will bring them Communion where they are seated.” Read the full letter [here](#).

40 Days for Life Annual Campaign of prayer, fasting and prayerful witness takes place this year from September 23rd to November 1st. 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 week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. ■

Oct. 28 – Feast of 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

Patron Saint of Desperate Situations

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - (*make your request here*) - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour granted me by God and to always honour you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.





Congratulations

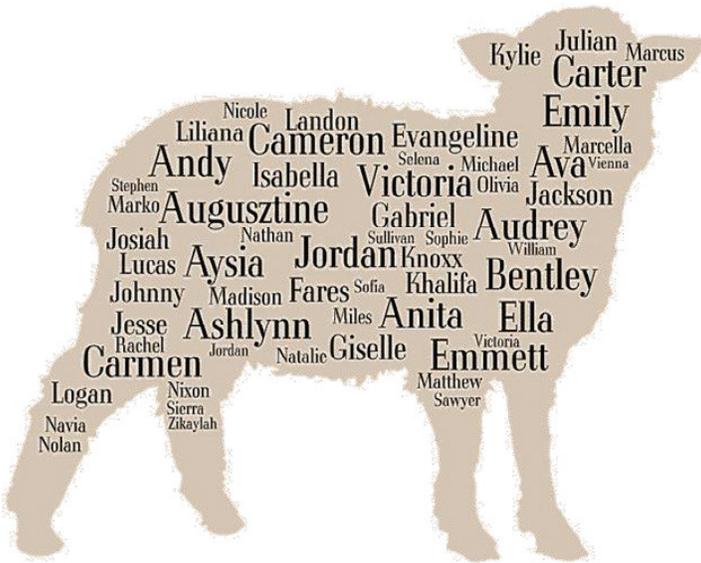
St. Mark's Parish congratulates all of the boys and girls who received their **First Holy Communion** on October 24 & 25...

Isabella	Marko	Nathan	Nicole
Jordan	Natalie	Navia	Nixon
Marcus			Victoria

*Sacred Heart of Jesus,
ever present in our lives,
grant your loving grace
to our first holy communicants.*

*Help still their hearts
with mindful prayer and worship
whenever they receive the Body
and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light
throughout the course of their lives,
always leading these blessed children
one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.*



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.

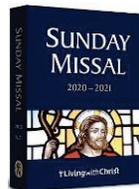


Sacrament of Confirmation

*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 has been sent to all parents, outlining the changes to this year's celebration. Preparation material for the sacrament has been emailed to parents who re-enrolled their children for the November celebration. This is a reminder If you have not replied to reenroll your children, please do so before Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Please contact Pam at the Parish Office by phone or email (519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com).



Living with Christ 2020-2021 Sunday Missals

will soon be available for purchase
in the narthex ~ \$5 each

Capital Campaign

Once again, thank you to everyone who participated and continues to contribute to the capital campaign.

As we approach the end of the first year of the 3-year campaign, to date, \$177,000 has been collected in pledges.



The Sanctuary Floor – It has been decided that we proceed with one of the projects of the campaign to replace the floor of the sanctuary. Committee members for this project are Marilyn Dufresne, Paul Enticott, Larry Koehler, and Colette Dokis. Currently we are in the process of deciding what type of flooring to lay and we are leaning toward porcelain tile. Once there are some options, the committee will share their ideas with you, the parishioners, and keep everyone up to date. If all goes well, we are looking at a target start date in late January 2021.



*"In forgiving the unforgivable,
we come closest to divine love."*

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



528 Victoria St. N., beside Weston's Bakery
519-745-6136

J Jane Petrovich
B.Sc. M.Sc. B.Ed. OCT
Professional
Tutoring Services
All Grades: JK-12
All subjects & including Special
Education & Essay/Report Writing
519-886-0725
oceans@primus.ca

ARC Angels
SACramentals
215 Lancaster St. W.
519.744.8330

CONESTOGA Place
& **Conestoga**
Food Services Ltd.
Delicious Food • Excellent Service
Guaranteed Satisfaction
Catering for all occasions for over 35 years.
Let us serve you today!
519-578-1030



Shopping Locally Saves Gas!

Eat Shop Spend and Enjoy LOCAL
please support the businesses that support your parish

2M Taylor
Alterations & Tailoring
for men, women & children
Custom Tailoring
519.578.6054
milicabojo@hotmail.com

We ♥ our Residents™
Lanark Village

Something for Everyone...
Independent Living & Full Service. Call us today for a personal visit & lunch.
44 Lanark Cres.
519-743-0121

THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!

TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 1-800-268-2637

Remember...
Let our advertisers know you saw their ad here.



ERB & GOOD
FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
Family Owned Since 1946
171 King St. S. Waterloo
519.745.8445
www.erbgood.com

Shop LOCAL • Spend LOCAL
Eat LOCAL • Enjoy LOCAL
and support the local businesses that support your parish

Henry Walser FUNERAL HOME LTD.
AN INDEPENDENT FAMILY - OWNED FUNERAL HOME
507 FREDERICK ST. (at expressway)
519-749-8467

Carrier
turn to the experts
REITZEL HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
665 Superior Drive, Waterloo Ont N2V 2C8
519-884-3510

- Commercial • Radiant Heaters
- Industrial • Gas Furnaces
- Residential • Air Conditioning

