

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Oct. 28 – Nov. 3, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Evelyn Gagg – Terry & Gerry Gerth

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12:00 noon + Ron Eagle – Larry & Sharon Koehler

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Robert Wilkie – John Meenan

First Friday (SOLEMNITY – ALL SAINTS)

★ 7:00 PM + Robert Cimermanic – Cimermanic family

First Saturday (All Soul's Day – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)

9:00 am + Bishop John Sherlock – Mike & Veronica Brennan

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 11:22–12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2; Luke 19:1-10

Sat. 5:00 PM – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Ernie & Lisa McCullough – B. & M. Lynch

11:30 am + All Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Hamilton

★ Mass on the Feast of All Saints will conclude with Benediction.

Solemnity of All Saints is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1st. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints – that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. The holy day was eventually established on November 1st by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics.

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. *"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."* Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

Weekly Offertory Report for Oct. 19/20, 2019

	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 42
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,404.40	\$ 133,111.73
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,402.27	\$ 56,275.50
Total Offerings:	\$ 4,806.67	\$ 189,387.23
<i>Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>	<i>\$ 218,400.00</i>
<i>Under Budget:</i>	<i>(393.33)</i>	<i>(29,012.77)</i>

Mortgage Offerings to date this year: \$ 22,765.00

New Living With Christ Sunday Missals for 2019-2020

Available in the narthex - \$5 each

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Oct. 28	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
Tue. Oct. 29	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(L)	Finance Meeting
Wed. Oct. 30	10:00 am	(CH/H)	Gr. 10 Teaching Mass & Retreat
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Oct. 31	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Nov. 1	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
Sat. Nov. 2	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
Sun. Nov. 3	5:00 pm	(H)	Annual Spaghetti Supper

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee.

Remember the Sadducee's and Pharisee were two main religious groups at the time of Jesus. The Sadducees, a more elite and politically influenced group, disappeared when the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. and, therefore, no longer exists. The other group, the Pharisees, were in existence since the 2nd century B.C. and claimed Mosaic authority for their interpretation of Jewish Laws and religious piety; while the Sadducees represented the authority of the priestly privileges. After the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD, Pharisaic beliefs became the foundational, liturgical and ritualistic basis for Rabbinic Judaism. The current day Orthodox stream of Judaism in Israel and elsewhere, is in fact a continuation of the Pharisees' interpretation of Judaism. Most religious Jews in Israel are Orthodox, but there are other streams of Judaism in there too, like the Reformed Judaism, who do not follow Orthodoxy, and thus are not following the kind of Judaism that evolved from the Pharisees. If anyone, therefore, would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate.

In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, remembering that the purpose of a parable is to make an important moral lesson, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us. ■

Today is White Box Sunday - The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Oct. 26/27) for anyone wishing to make a donation. Thank you for helping us to assist those less fortunate in our community.

 *Liturgical Ministers*

Nov. 2 - 3	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N./J. DeSouza	D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon B. Starr; R. Robin
Commentator:		B. Sawarna	R. Kubica
1 st Reader:	B. Crawley	T. Lee	M. Smith
2 nd Reader:		P. Enticott	M. Oram
Ushers:	A. Montag	M. Walser J./K. Snyder	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	T./K. Boettger S. Cerantola	C./K. Dignam D. S-Weber

TODAY: Children's Liturgy "Meet & Greet"
After the 9:30 Mass (Sun. Oct. 27)

Parents and guardians interested in having their children (aged 5 to grade 3) partake in the Children's Liturgy program are invited to a "Meet & Greet" following today's 9:30 Mass in the parish hall. This is a chance for you to meet teachers involved in the children's liturgy and to ask any questions you might be pondering. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Hope to see you! [We are pleased to be offering this new program starting next Sunday, Nov. 3rd at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.](#)

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. 3rd.
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.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Oct. 28 - Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
- Oct. 29 - Rev. Francisco Kwak
- Oct. 30 - Discalced Carmelite Sisters (OCD)
- Oct. 31 - Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
- Nov. 1 - All Saints
- Nov. 2 - All the Faithful Departed

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.*

THANK YOU! St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mark Church and the students and staff at St. Mark and St. Dominic Savio schools for their contributions to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Together we collected 1,513 pounds of food. With your support we are able to provide food assistance for needy families in our community.

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. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience, please contact Rose (519-580-5764) or Marc (marc.murchie@outlook.com).

C.W.L. News...

The C.W.L. *sincerely thanks* Fr. Steve for celebrating the Mass at the Carmelite Monastery followed by the wonderful presentation and discussion regarding Carmelite spirituality. It was so enlightening to understand the origins of the Order, how they connect to the Prophet Elijah, and how the Order has flourished through times of trial and reform under the guidance of St. John of the Cross and St. Theresa of Avila. The concept of needing to proceed to and through the darkness in order to find the light and the poem set to music that Father played to illustrate will comfort us and resonate in our minds and hearts in future times of trial.



FEAST OF ALL SOULS

* **Tuesday, November 5th**
Mass 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.

* 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 5th and Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

During this Mass, 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 the Mass that day, please pick up an envelope from the narthex, place the names of the deceased inside and place in the collection basket, or give to Pam at the Parish office. If you would like to request a candle to burn in their memory, please include a \$5 offering for each candle you request. These will be 5-day candles that you may take home at the end of Mass or leave for them to continue to burn in the church.



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).

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 pick up an enrollment package in the church sacristy, or from the parish office.

Important dates to mark on your calendar:

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

Information Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 12 after 11:30 Mass

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sundays, April 26th and May 3rd

Sacrament of Confirmation: Monday, May 25th

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ PRAY TO END ABORTION

Annual Fall campaign, September 25th to November 3rd. Daily hours in front of Freeport Hospital are from 7am to 7pm. 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. You can sign up for more prayer hours at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by calling Patrick (519-748-5548) or Ewelina (519-589-2919). Thanks to all who came out on our adopted day, Oct. 26th!



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