

# 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week



**Sept. 28 – Oct. 4, 2020**

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

**Wednesday, October 7** (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY)

12 noon Int. of Nicole Kolbas – Flood Family

**Saturday, October 10**

10:00 am - Mass for the response of the souls of all who died in the diocese during the pandemic shutdown (March – June)

**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 10/11**

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

**Sat. 5:00 PM** - Intentions of Parishioners of St. Mark

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Maria Silvestre - Joao

11:30 am + Jo Hinsperger – Flood Family

### Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary – Wed. October 7<sup>th</sup>

Known for several centuries by the alternate title of “Our Lady of Victory,” the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

*Mass followed by Devotions and  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

### 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. 5** 8:00 pm Hall Alcoholics Anonymous

**Sat. Oct. 10** 7:15 am Hall That Man Is You!

### First Holy Communions

**October & November 2020**

Parents of children who were preparing to receive their First Communion in the spring of 2020 (who are now in grade 3) will be receiving a letter via email this week, outlining the procedure for signing up for a date in October or November. First Communions will be celebrated during the weekend Masses beginning after Thanksgiving. If you do not receive this letter, please call the parish office.



### Parking Lot Repairs

The plague of the potholes did not pass us by this year, and it was decided to repair them in the same manner that proved successful last year in an adjacent area. Two large patches will be

fixed at the end of October at a cost of \$3,841.00 plus tax. Until then, please drive carefully.

**Today's Gospel** follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

**40 Days for Life** will be holding their annual campaign of prayer, fasting and prayerful witness 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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or call Patrick or Rita at 519-748-5548 for more information. Thank you for your support of the unborn.





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