

# 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  
Wed., Thur., Fri. 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,  
see chapel bulletin board  
Divine Mercy – Fridays 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)

HAPPY  
*thanksgiving*

DEAR LORD:

Today we give thanks for our many blessings  
*As we pray for those in need.*

We give thanks for our family and friends  
*As we pray for those who are lonely.*

We give thanks for our freedoms  
*As we pray for those who are oppressed.*

We give thanks for our good health  
*As we pray for those who are ill.*

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity  
*As we share our blessings with others.*

On this day of Thanksgiving,  
May the love of God enfold us,  
The peace of God dwell within us  
And the joy of God uplift us.

AMEN.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Intentions for the Week** 

**October 8 – 14, 2018**

**Monday - NO MASS** (FERIAL) *Thanksgiving* **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)  
**2:00 PM - MASS AT LANARK HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE**

**7:00 PM** + Carol Fuhrman – *Ralph & Reta Lienhardt*

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)  
**7:00 am** + Beatrice Pereira – *St. Mark's Legion of Mary*

**Thursday** (FERIAL)  
**7:00 am** + Cimermancic Family  
**3:00 PM - MASS AT FOREST HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE**

**Friday** (FERIAL)  
**7:00 am** + Joe Ucman – *Cimermancic family*

**Saturday** (FERIAL)  
**9:00 am** + Kay Donovan – *John*

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** - Int. of Graeme Jans – *Anne-Marie Caister*

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

**11:30 am** + Olivia Baptista – *Jose and family*

**Thanksgiving Food Drive** – October is the time for local food drives. If you are considering making a donation, perhaps you would consider helping our St. Vincent de Paul Society. It is the time of year when our shelves are nearly empty. We especially need canned meats like tuna, ham and chicken; soups; canned fruit; canned veggies; pork and beans; canned pasta; canned tomatoes; puddings, jello, etc. Any donations you can make are greatly appreciated. We also look forward to receiving the proceeds of the food drives at St. Dominic's and St. Mark's Schools. With thanks and many blessings for a Happy Thanksgiving

~ St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mark's Parish

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>Sept. 29/30, 2018</b>
Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,411.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies .....	\$ 531.50
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,142.96</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 91.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 254.88
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$345.88</b>
Needs of the Canadian Church.....	\$ 559.45
- Thank you for your generosity -	

**Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone**

Whenever we pray, we should always first begin with thanksgiving to God. In fact, the word "Eucharist" is a transliteration of the Greek word *eucharistia*, which is itself a translation of the Hebrew word *berekah* and all three words have the meaning of thanksgiving, or praise for the wonderful works of God. Today, it is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ (EPHESIANS 1:3-10). In turn, we are to share the goods of the earth with all people.



**Meetings & Events This Week:**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Oct. 8</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Oct. 9</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue
<u>Wed. Oct. 10</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series
<u>Thur. Oct. 11</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Oct. 12</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
<u>Sat. Oct. 13</u>	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

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

★ Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting MOVED to Tues. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

**Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark.** For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. ■



OCT. 13-14	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	B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	J Deneau	P. Enticott	B Starr
Lectors:	B Crawley K. Friesen	C Mackid N Higgins	M Oram I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	L Macedo I Cimermancic	J./K. Snyder B. Coutinho	M Monte
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis K. Friesen A. Bendia	T./K. Boettger S. Cerantola H. Kress	C./K. Dignam I./F. Kangaloo

### Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

Sealed nomination forms may be placed in the collection basket or submitted to the office. **Deadline for all nominations is Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** Ballot forms will be made available on October 13/14 with (standing) names of people nominated for parish council. Based on the number of nominations, eight names will be present on the ballot. Elections will take place before/after Mass on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Only people nominated and wishing to have their names standing will appear on the ballot. If you are away the weekend of the elections, you may vote through the office.

St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian

### Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar

**SUNDAY, NOV. 4 | 5:00 to 7:00 PM | 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. This year we also have a Silent Auction sponsored by the C.W.L. All proceeds from this year's Dinner and Auction will go to St. Mark's Accessible Door Fund! **Tickets go on sale next weekend (Oct. 13/14) after all Masses in the Narthex.**

Adults: \$12 | Children 4-12 yrs.: \$7 | 3 yrs. and under: FREE  
Family Rate: 2 Adults & 3-4 children: \$40 (additional kids \$2 each)  
To reserve tickets call John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094.



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Pray to End Abortion (Sept. 26 – Nov. 4)

Daily hours in front of **Freeport Hospital** are from 7am to 7pm. **St. Mark's Parish has agreed to sponsor Wed. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** and together we are committing to filling all the hours on this day. We need at least two people to sign up for each hour. Adopt-A-Day sign-up sheets can be found on the 40 Days for Life table in the narthex. You can also sign up for more prayer hours by either going online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or calling 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.

### The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### C.W.L. News

♦ Next Mass for CWL Intentions: Sat. Oct. 27, 9:00am

♦ Annual Mass at Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha:

Save the date! **Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. After Mass we will gather for refreshments and an inspirational talk by Father Steve. Please bring a snack to share during our coffee break. There will be an opportunity to shop for religious items and the wonderful preserves homemade by the sisters. We would like to take up a good-will offering of fresh and canned fruits, vegetables, soups (no meat), and/or cash. **Car pooling is available**, we will meet at St. Mark's parking lot for 6:15 p.m. For further information contact Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

♦ **Accessible Door Fund:** We are heading into the fall and ramping up our fundraising activities! We would be so grateful for any help with the following:

✓ **Silent Auction Fundraiser:** We are seeking items that we could include in our auction on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Generally, these would be new items, however we will gladly welcome any donation. Gift cards are popular items. No minimum dollar value as we will bundle some smaller items together. Please drop off your donations to Pam during office hours or call Kim Friesen to arrange pick up (519) 500-1964. Thank you!

♦ **Postage stamps wanted!** THANK YOU for the wonderful response so far for this on-going project to support the Redemptorists and the charities and missions that they help fund. With the significant reduction in regular mail, stamp supplies are difficult to obtain and they appreciate our help.



**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** – Children ages 3 – 6 are invited to join this faith formation activity guided by trained catechists who facilitate the child's relationship with God. Running weekly at **St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener**, starting just after Thanksgiving until June, this is a hands-on, discovery-based approach that allows the children time and space to encounter the One who calls each of us by name. Sign up for Thursday morning sessions (9:00–11:00 am) or Thursday afternoons (4:30–6:00 pm). Note: the initial few weeks will be shorter sessions until the children are used to the format. To register please contact St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301 or email [stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com). There is a small fee of \$25.

**WHAT IS PALLIATIVE CARE?** – Palliative care is for our loved ones who have life limiting illnesses. It manages physical and mental suffering and can happen in the home, hospices and hospitals. Palliative care supports families and caregivers and integrates the patient's spiritual and cultural life. But palliative care is so much more than this. Come and learn more from a panel of speakers who have experienced the graces of palliative care: Judy Nairn (*Hospice of Waterloo Region*), Mary Gatschene, R.N. (*Nursing*), Dr. Donna Ward (*Palliative Care*), Marj Goodyear (*Volunteer*), Brianna Flynn-Schlegel (*Family*), Fr. Sam Restivo, C.R. (*Spiritual Care*) & Rob Wintonyk (*Funeral Director*). **Sun. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00-4:30pm in **St. Francis Parish Hall**. Palliative Care is Life-Giving!

**A Special Mass for people dealing with Cancer or other Health Concerns, their families and caregivers, and for Cancer survivors** Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener. The church is wheelchair accessible. Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Emeritus Matthew F. Ustrzycki of Hamilton Diocese. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered by the Bishop and Priests who will be present. Reception to follow. For more info please contact: Estelle at 519-745-1936.

The Waterloo Catholic School Board is looking for a parent volunteer from this area for the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. The Committee meets 4 times a year in the evening and supports school councils. The parent volunteer must have a child registered in a WCDSB Resurrection elementary feeder school. If interested or asking for more information, please email [diana.bumstead@wcdsb.ca](mailto:diana.bumstead@wcdsb.ca).

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