

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions: October 3 – 8, 2017

MONDAY - NO MASS (MEMORIAL – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS)

Tuesday (FERIAL)
7:00 PM + Thomas Coyle

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI)
7:00 am - Int. of Marilyn Dufresne

Thursday (FERIAL)
7:00 am - Int. of Nick Gallagher – *the Flood family*
2:00 PM - **MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE**

First Friday (ST. BRUNO)
9:30 am - **SCHOOL MASS with St. Mark School**
★ 7:00 PM + Harry Singleton – *the Flood family*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY)
9:00 am + Ginny Jans – *Jocelyn Keller*

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Sat. 5:00 PM + Veronica & Alfred Broderick – *Gloria Kubisevsky*

Sun. 9:30 am + Terrance Edward McCabe – *G. & J. Groothuis*

11:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's



First Friday Devotions of the Sacred Heart

Beginning this month, Mass on the First Friday of every month will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m., followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The role of **Guardian Angels** is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death. The doctrine develops from Scripture, mostly words spoken by Jesus, (Matthew 18:10) "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." We are all assigned a guardian angel; do you know the name of your angel?

St. Francis - The feast commemorates the life of St Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. Francis' brotherhood included all of God's creation. Much has been written about Francis' love of nature but his relationship was deeper than that. We call someone a lover of nature if they spend their free time in the woods or admire its beauty. But Francis really felt that nature, all God's creations, were part of his brotherhood. The sparrow was as much his brother as the pope. In one famous story, Francis preached to hundreds of birds about being thankful to God for their wonderful clothes, for their independence, and for God's care. The story tells us the birds stood still as he walked among them, only flying off when he said they could leave.

Our Lady of the Rosary is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary in relation to the Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on October 7, the anniversary of the decisive victory of the combined Christian fleet in 1571 at the Battle of Lepanto, defeating an Ottoman fleet off western Greece. It was formerly sometimes known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory.

Offertory Collections Sept. 23/24, 2017

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,256.00
 Sunday loose \$471.50
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... **\$ 1,235.31**
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 3,962.81

Mortgage envelopes.....\$ 160.00
 Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... **\$ 246.81**
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 406.81

Needs of the Canadian Church.....\$ 378.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Sun. Oct. 1	12:30 pm	(H)	Refreshments with Yasmen Family
Mon. Oct. 2	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Oct. 3	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. Oct. 4	7:00 pm	outside	Blessing of Animals
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
Thur. Oct. 5	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
First Fri. Oct. 6	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(CH)	Mass, Exposition, Benediction

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

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Wed. October 4th (Feast of St. Francis)
 Bring your pet and join Fr. Steve and Nicholas
 outside the Church at 7:00 PM

Prayer for Pets – Good St. Francis, you loved all of God's creatures. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing with kindness. St. Francis, Patron Saint of animals, watch over my pet and keep my companion safe and healthy. Amen.

Prayer to our Guardian Angel – Angel of God, My guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here; ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

LITURGICAL ROLES			
OCT. 7 / 8	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G./S./T. Morgan	T./T. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	L. Rye	T. Boettger
Lector:	J. Deneau	G. Rye	M. Monte
Ushers:	K./S./T. Friesen	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	C. Dignam F. Sawaya M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	Montag	Seaward	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully C. Dokis	A. Joseph H. Kress M. Lynch	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian
Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar
SUNDAY, NOV. 6th

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. **Tickets go on sale after all weekend Masses in the Narthex from Oct. 7 – 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. This campaign distributes socks 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. Let's see how many pairs of socks our wonderful parish can collect! A bin will be set up in the narthex for drop off.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Our parish St.

Vincent de Paul Society is having a Thanksgiving food drive. Our stocks are low! All food we collect goes to people in need in our parish. Both St. Mark's School and St. Dominic's School are contributing. If you wish to contribute non-perishable food you can drop it off in the plastic bin at the back of the church. At present, we are in need of jam, canned fruit, canned meat and tuna, canned kidney beans and chickpeas, peanut butter and tomato sauce. Thank you for your generosity!



Our Lady of Fatima Grotto

Donations have been very generous, and construction is expected to begin on the grotto around the middle of the month. It will be located in the courtyard off the narthex of the church, and next Spring, the floor of the courtyard will be replaced with material that will match the grotto. As we progress with the project, I will keep you up-to-date and give a breakdown of costs and donations received. Please keep the date open to attend this parish celebration in honor of Our Blessed Mother:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

6:30 p.m. Rosary ~ 7:00 p.m. Mass

Following Mass, a Candlelight Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the new grotto for the blessing of the statue of Mary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Liturgy will finish by 8:30 and a reception will follow.

C.W.L. News

Mark your calendars!...

Oct. 19 – Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, St. Agatha

Nov. 16 – Parish Council General Meeting

Please don't forget our commitment to Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel every Sunday afternoon from 4-5 and sign up on the sheet on the C.W.L. table in the Narthex if you can help. - *Kim Friesen, President*



40 DAYS FOR LIFE MASS – Wed. October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish** (29 Midland Dr., Kitchener) with Bishop Douglas Crosby.

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.

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.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

– If you are able to serve for the Mass on Friday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. for the Blessing of the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima, you are asked to sign up on the sheet posted in the sacristy. You also must be able to attend practice for that Mass on Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m.

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