

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-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week



October 19 – 25, 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 21 (FERIAL)

12 noon + Christine Reilly – John Meenan

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 24/25

Exodus 22:21-27; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat. 5:00 PM + Alice Da Costa – Justina Costa

Sun. 9:30 am + Manuel Toscano – Anthony Toscano & Family

11:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Mark

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. 19 8:00 pm Hall Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed. Oct. 21 6:00 pm Church First Reconciliations (& rehearsal)
Sat. Oct. 24 7:15 am Hall That Man Is You!

Oct. 24/25	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	M. Dufresne	J. Flanigan	L. Gimenez
Ushers:	S./J./G. Morgan, C. Weber, B. Benner	V. Chen, M. Murchie, F./B. Seaward, M. Walser	C. Dignam, B./C. Voisin, E. Weiss, D. Feick
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia, H. Psutka	T./K. Boettger	K. Dignam, B. Denomme

Update on COVID-19 Protocols:

A Letter from Bishop Crosby

A letter to Parishioners from Bishop Crosby released on October 7, 2020. Read [here](#).



Visit the Carmelite Monastery

1127 Carmel-Koch Road, RR1, St. Agatha NOB 2L0

Monday, October 26, 2020 anytime between 2 and 6 p.m.

A minimum donation of \$50 is sincerely appreciated.

This is a different year for the Sisters since we can't have a dinner and we are hoping people will still donate to help the Sisters. Any questions, please contact Jane Malleck at 519-503-1343.

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God? ■



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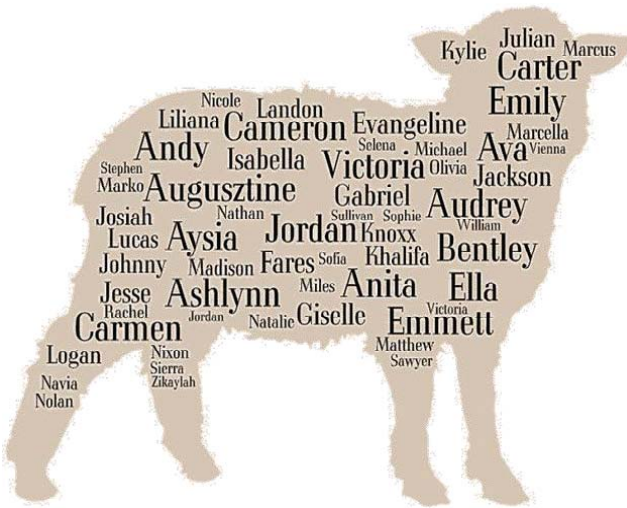
St. Mark's Parish congratulates all of the boys and girls who received their **First Holy Communion** on October 17 & 18...

Andy	Emmett	Knox	Olivia
Audrey	Giselle	Madison	Sofia
Cameron	Jordan	Michael	Victoria
Carter			William

*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.*

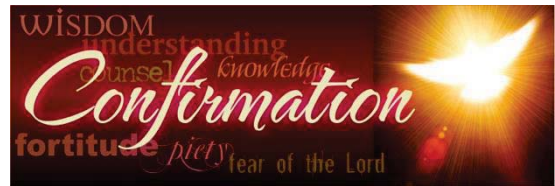


This year the Feast of All Souls, November 2, falls on a Monday and Mass will be celebrated that evening at 7:00 p.m.

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.

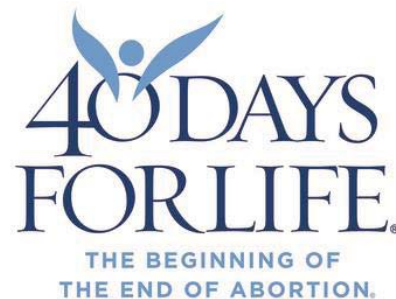


Sacrament of Confirmation

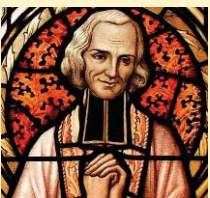
*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on
Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.*

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 is being sent to all parents, outlining the changes to this year's celebration, as well as online material for your child to prepare for the Sacrament.

The first step in this process is for parents to CONFIRM enrolment to the sacrament by contacting Pam at the Parish Office by phone or email (519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com).



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.



*God no more takes His eyes off us
than does a mother take them off her
child who is just starting to walk.*

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