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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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week 

Sept. 2 – 8, 2019

Monday – NO MASS **LABOUR DAY**

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. GREGORY THE GREAT)
7:00 PM + Bob Pickard – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 noon + John Pereira – *Anthony Toscano & family*

Thursday (FERIAL)
7:00 am + Francisco De Sousa – *Brigida*

First Friday (FERIAL)
★ 7:00 PM + Ruth & Anthony Hayek – *Ylanda*

Saturday (FERIAL)
9:00 am + Lawrence Hymers – *John Meenan*

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9b-10; 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Dr. Joseph Flood – *Sr. Anne Rektor, SSND*
11:30 am + Barb & Bob Kopperson – *Peter & Sandra Appelman*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: MONDAY, SEPT. 2 – LABOUR DAY

St. Gregory, senator and prefect of Rome, then in succession monk, cardinal and pope, governed the Church from 590 to 604. England owes her conversion to him. At a period when the invasion of the barbarians created a new situation in Europe, he played a considerable part in the transitional stage, during which a great number of them were won for Christ. At the same time he watched over the holiness of the clergy and preserved ecclesiastical discipline, as well as attending to the temporal interests of his people of Rome and the spiritual interests of the whole of Christendom. To him the liturgy owes several of its finest prayers, and the name "Gregorian chant" recalls this great Pope's work in the development of the Church's chant. His commentaries on Holy Scripture exercised a considerable influence on Christian thought, particularly in the Middle Ages. Together with St. Ambrose, St. Augustine and St. Jerome, he is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church.



First Friday Devotions of the Sacred Heart

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

Weekly Offertory Report for August 24/25, 2019

Offertory Collection:	\$ 2,872.05
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 1,363.27
Total Offerings This Week:	\$ 4,235.32

Weekly Budget: \$ 5,200.00
Under Weekly Budget: (964.68)

Year-to-Date Report for Week 34

Weekly Offerings:	\$ 106,801.41
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 44,126.50
Total Offerings This Year:	\$ 150,927.91

Yearly Budget to Date: \$ 176,800.00
Under Yearly Budget: (25,872.09)

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Sept. 2</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Sept. 3</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Sept. 4</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Sept. 5</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Sept. 6</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group

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

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about. ■

Wisdom & Works of Mercy (10-WEEK DVD SERIES)

Join us for this small group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. We'll meet **Monday evenings in the Basement from Sept. 9th to Nov. 18th (7:15 to 9:00 p.m.).** Please register on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Keys to Loving Relationships

"Keys" is a 10-week, video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. starting Sept. 24th until Nov. 26th in the Basement at St. Mark's.** The cost is \$45. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249

 **Litururgical Ministers**

Sept. 7 - 8	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N./J. DeSouza		C. Chacon B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	B. Crawley	J. Germann	D. DeSouza
1 st Reader: 2 nd Reader:	Sr. Kathleen	T. Germann J. Flanigan	M. Oram M. Smith
Ushers:	L. Macedo	M. Walsler B. Coutinho J. DeSouza	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	M. Fernando A. Joseph H. Kress	M. Monte B. Starr B. Denomme

TMIY **THAT MAN IS YOU!**
Becoming A Man After God's Own Heart

Men, mark your calendars. *That Man is You!* begins Saturday Mornings, **Sept. 14th to Dec. 7th** from 7:15AM to 9:00AM in **St. Mark's Parish Hall.**

That Man is You! combines scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

For more information, please visit www.TMIY.org or call Ian Kangaloo 226-808-4733 or Marc Murchie 416-729-6401.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/st-mark-catholic-church

RCIA **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 the Fall. 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.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Sep. 2 - Rev. S. Oreethaparambil, CSSR
- Sep. 3 - Rev. Andrew Quarshie
- Sep. 4 - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (C.S.J.)
- Sep. 5 - Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
- Sep. 6 - Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
- Sep. 7 - Rev. Jim Link, C.R.

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.

C.W.L. NEWS

Back by popular demand – the **C.W.L. Book Sale!** We are collecting your donations of gently-used, church-appropriate books and DVD's – please bring them to the St John's Room. We will then sort them for sale. Thank you for your generosity. All proceeds will go toward paying the outstanding balance on our accessible doors!



The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, September 7th

St. Mark's will be hosting a Rosary Procession in honour of the Nativity of our Lady. The procession will take place immediately following the 5pm Mass. Light refreshments to follow.



St. Mary's and St. Jerome's High Schools
30th Year Reunion

Classes of 1988, 1989 and 1990

Saturday, September 14th from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

TANNERY EVENT CENTRE (151 Charles Street West, Kitchener)

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Graduates, Teachers and former Teachers welcome!

For tickets (\$30) or information, please contact:

Heather Mackay at hcdmackay@hotmail.com



FALL MINI-RETREAT AND GROCERY SHOWER

Saturday, Sept. 21st at 10:45 a.m. at the Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha. Rosary, Mass, Personal Reflection, Lunch and Guest speaker.

ADORATION FOR LIFE is back in September starting in 3 locations:

Thursday, September 5th, 11am-11:40 at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows RC Church 56 Duke St. W. Kit. Mass 12Noon.

Thursday, September 5th, 6pm followed by 7pm Mass at St. Agnes RC Church 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo.

Friday, September 6th, 6-7pm St. Teresa RC Church Adoration Chapel 44 Leonard St. Kit. Mass at 7pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

St. Agatha, Sunday, September 15th - 12:00 noon, gather at the Bank of Montreal Plaza 650-668 first right past the Erb St. & Ira Needles Blvd. round-about. Park in the BMO parking lot behind the bank. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30 Walk to St. Agatha church for a break followed by refreshments after Mass. Seven Sorrows Rosary at 2:45pm at the Chapel Shrine followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Celebrant. Fr. George Nowak, C.R. Receive a ride back with Mass participants. Open to all. Seven Sorrows Rosaries and prayer cards for sale by Archangels Sacramentals - Call 519.744.8330 for info.

Join Father Peter Meyer and Sister Jocelyn Monette, NDS for an **IMPERIAL EUROPE WITH OBERAMMERGAU TRIP - MAY 27 – JUNE 5, 2020.** Cost is \$5,315.90 per person and is based on double occupancy and includes all taxes as outlined in the package and airfare. If you would like more information or a package contact St. Teresa of Avila Church Parish Office at 519-669-3387. This trip includes tickets to see the Passion Play which is held every 10 years at Oberammergau. **For more information join us for a presentation on Sunday, September 15th at 11 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira.**



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