

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions:

Sept. 12 - 17, 2017

MONDAY - NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL – MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY)

2:00 PM – Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care

7:00 PM + Raymond Laurette – *the Laurette family*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM)

7:00 am – Int. of Katherine Reidy – *Lisa Reitzel*

Thursday (FEAST – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS)

7:00 am – Special Intention – *Michaela Serschen*

3:00 PM – Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

Friday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF SORROWS)

7:00 am + Franz Henke – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. CORNELIUS & ST. CYPRIAN)

9:00 am – Int. of the Schreiter family – *Colm & Kay Dignam*

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Joe Hinsperger – *the Flood family*

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *José Baptista*

Most Holy Name of Mary - In accordance with Jewish custom our Lady's parents named her eight days after her birth, and were inspired to call her Mary. The feast of the Holy Name of Mary therefore follows that of her Birthday, as the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus follows Christmas.

St. John Chrysostom was born in 344 and as a priest was elevated to the See of Constantinople. The content of his sermons, his exegesis of Scripture, were never without a point. Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty and he became one of the greatest lights of the Church.

St. Cyprian was important in the development of Christian thought and practice in the third century, especially in northern Africa. Saint Augustine remarks that Cyprian atoned for his anger by his glorious martyrdom.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross recalls the finding of the Cross in Jerusalem by Saint Helen, and the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection, built by her son St. Constantine, and dedicated in 335.

Our Lady of Sorrows recalls the 7 sorrows that Mary suffered as Mother of God. 1) The prophecy of Simeon. 2) The flight into Egypt. 3) The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. 4) The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross. 5) The Crucifixion. 6) The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross. 7) The burial of Jesus.

St. Cornelius was elected Pope in 251 and one of his documents shows the extent of organization in the Church of Rome in the mid-third century: 46 priests, 7 deacons, 7 subdeacons and estimated number of Christians totaled about 50,000.

Offertory Collections

Sept. 2/3, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,102.14
Sunday loose	\$484.55
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	<u>\$ 1,235.31</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,822.00
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 500.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	<u>\$ 246.81</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 746.81
Missionary Co-op (<i>Diocese of Gumaca, Philippines</i>).....	\$ 1,013.60

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Liturgical Roles for September: *Altar Servers, Lectors & Commentators, Ushers, Gift Bearers and Eucharistic Ministers:*

Please continue to sign up (until Thanksgiving) as you are available.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 11	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Sept. 12	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting
Wed. Sept. 13	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
Thur. Sept. 14	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Sept. 15	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. Sept. 16	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

Meeting Rooms: CH = Church H = Hall B = Basement

M = St. Matthew Room J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word 'church' in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community. In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church. Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.



First Friday Devotions of the Sacred Heart

Beginning in October, 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 month of September is dedicated to
Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial
the Church celebrates on September 15.*





PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN GR. 2 AND GR. 7

PLEASE NOTE:



Preparation for the Sacraments of **First Eucharist** and **Confirmation** will begin in January 2018. Toward the end of October, a letter will be sent home to all parents of Catholic grade 2 and grade 7 students attending St. Mark and St. Dominic schools.

For those people not attending one of these schools, please leave your name and contact information with Pam at the parish office to ensure that you also receive the same information.

Enrollment for both Sacraments will take place on the weekend of the 1st Sunday of Advent, **December 2nd and 3rd** during the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

The celebrations of these Sacraments will take place on:

First Eucharist: Sunday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m.

Confirmation: Friday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. with *Bishop Crosby*



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.

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.

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. 19th here at St. Mark's Parish.** The cost is \$45. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249

C.W.L. News

We reconvene in September! Stay tuned for all the details but in the meantime, mark your calendars!...

Sept 17 – Vocations Mass – *Blessed Sacrament, Burford*

Sept 21 – Parish Council General Meeting

Sept 30 – League Development Day – *St. Joseph, Guelph*

Oct 19 – Parish Council General Meeting

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. Have a safe and blessed summer. Kim Friesen, President



Knights of Columbus September Calendar

Sept 12 - Executive meeting 7:30 pm

Sept 23 - Installation of Officers 6:00 pm (followed by supper in parish hall)

Sept 25 - Bingo at Forest Heights Home 6:45 pm

Sept 26 - General Meeting 7:30 pm

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

September tends to bring order to the joyful, but sometimes chaotic summer months. Now is a great time to sit as a family and set some family goals for the coming year. Your goals might include: increasing the time you will spend together as a family; setting a specific number of meals you will eat together (at a real table!); agreeing to detailed ways in which you will increase your faith practices; deciding on the amount of exercise you will engage in as a family; agreeing to increase the patience you will have for each other. The possibilities are endless! Remember, setting goals will both help you accomplish something beneficial and send a message that your family is a priority.

Submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250

The Diocese wants your input!

What supports do families need from the Church? What are the pressures they face in their day to day lives? What are the challenges, joys, highs and lows in families today? Where do they seek support when it is needed? Where do they see the role of the Church in their lives and in helping them cope with everyday life issues and events?



The Diocese of Hamilton, through the Family Ministry Office, wants to hear from you on these topics. You can contribute by:

1. Attending the Symposium for Families on Sept. 23rd beginning with Mass with Bishop Crosby at 9:30 and ending at 4 p.m.

... OR ...

2. Filling in the online survey posted on the website at:

<http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/symposium-on-family>

The more people who engage in both these events the greater the knowledge we will gather. Family matters - help us discover how the Diocese can help you in the most important role of family. For more information call 905-528-7988 and ask for Teresa (ext. 2250) or Wendy (ext. 2241).

CURSILLO 2017 – We all know God, but how many of us

truly know God on a personal and intimate level? A 3-day Cursillo weekend, which is a short review of Christianity, is designed to help you on that journey. If you are 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend: **Women: Oct. 12-15 Men: Oct. 26-29** For more information speak with a "Cursillista member" in your parish, or Google cursillohamilton.org, or contact:



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