

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
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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week 

Sept. 16 – 22, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)
7:00 PM + Mo Tran – *Tim Tran*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
★ 7:00 am + Deceased Members of St. Mark's – *Fonseca Family*

Thursday (FERIAL)
7:00 am + Hung Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*
3:00 PM - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care Centre

Friday (MEMORIAL – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions)
7:00 am + Pat Wilson – *Bernard Crawley*

Saturday (FEAST – ST. MATTHEW)
9:00 am + Derek Hudson – *Yvonne McIsaac*

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7+; Luke 16:1-13

Sat. 5:00 PM - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Marilyn Dufresne – *Gerry & Judy Kraft*
11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose and family*

★ Please note Mass on Wednesday this week is at 7:00 a.m.

St. Andrew Kim Tai-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, companions - The evangelization of Korea began during the 17th century through a group of lay persons. During the terrible persecutions that occurred in the 19th century, 103 members of the Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Outstanding among these witnesses to the faith were the first Korean priest and pastor, Andrew Kim Taegon, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang. Pope John Paul II, during his trip to Korea, canonized these martyrs on May 6, 1984.

St. Matthew – At the time that Jesus summoned him to follow Him, Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax-collector for the Romans. His profession was hateful to the Jews because it reminded them of their subjection; the publican, also, was regarded by the pharisees as the typical sinner. St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist. He was the first to put down in writing our Lord's teaching and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke. In the traditional symbolization of the evangelists, based on Ezech. 1:5-10 and Rev. 4:6-7, the image of the winged man is accorded to Matthew because his Gospel begins with the human genealogy of Christ.

Weekly Offertory Report for Sept. 7/8, 2019	
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,889.23
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 1,363.27
Total Offerings This Week:	\$ 5,252.50
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>
<i>Over Weekly Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 52.50</i>
Year-to-Date Report for Week 36	
Weekly Offerings:	\$ 113,428.62
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 44,126.50
Total Offerings This Year:	\$ 157,555.12
<i>Yearly Budget to Date:</i>	<i>\$ 187,200.00</i>
<i>Under Yearly Budget:</i>	<i>(29,644.88)</i>

FALL MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY SHOWER (No Meat)
Hosted by the Carmel of St. Joseph Guild, **Saturday, September 21st** from 10.45 am – 2.00 pm at the Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R. will be our guest speaker.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 16	7:15 pm	(B)	Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Sept. 17	6:30 PM	(J)	Search & Rescue
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. Sept. 18	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Sept. 19	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. general meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Sept. 20	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
Sat. Sept. 21	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!

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

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally, we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice? ■

"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.

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS
Sunday, September 29th at 2:30 p.m. with Fr. Wayne Lobsinger. Please bring your lawn chair. St. Clement's Cemetery, St. Clement's, Ontario.



Sept. 21 - 22	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:	M. Dufresne	P. Enticott	B. Starr
1 st Reader:	B. Crawley	V. DeVries	D. DeSouza
2 nd Reader:		T. Boettger	M. Oram
Ushers:	A. Montag	T./J. Germann J. Kelly	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	B. Seaward M. Walser T. Angel	F. Kangaloo B./C. Voisin

Opening School Masses

St. Mark School - Thursday, October 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the church
 St. Dominic School - Thursday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the school

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Faith, please send your name and contact information to the parish office (stmark@rogers.com) 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. **★ If you have already spoken to Fr. Steve or Pam in the office, please send us an email (stmark@rogers.com) to confirm your interest, and include your full name and phone number.**



Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Sep. 16 - Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
- Sep. 17 - Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
- Sep. 18 - Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
- Sep. 19 - Rev. Mike Francis
- Sep. 20 - Rev. Wallace Metcalf
- Sep. 21 - Rev. Robert Kiffman

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - I am hoping to begin Children's Liturgy of the Word sometime soon after the Thanksgiving weekend. This will be offered at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass and will be open to all children from age 5 up to Grade 3. During Children's Liturgy of the Word, the children are dismissed after the opening prayer where they will learn the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly (in more simplified language) and learn about the message of the readings, which they will be encouraged to share with their parents after Mass. The children will return back to the church after the prayers of the faithful, to join their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. To run this, I am looking to form a team of eight people to help out with this program. **If you are interested in helping out, please see me after Mass or leave your number at the office with Pam.**

Pastoral Reference Letters - If you are applying for a teaching position in a Catholic School, please be advised that Pastoral Reference letters will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.

C.W.L. NEWS



► C.W.L. BOOK SALE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Come shop for a wide assortment of books and DVD's in the St. John Room. All proceeds will be put toward wrapping up our accessible door costs.

► 100th ANNIVERSARY PRAYER BOOK

"Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call"

Faith is at the heart of all that is done in the League. To celebrate this special Anniversary of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in the Hamilton Diocese, we are preparing a "100th Anniversary Prayer Book." We invite all members and councils to submit an original prayer for this special book. It is an opportunity for Sisters of the League to deepen their faith, to share their gifts and talents in writing a prayer. A copy of the 100th Anniversary Prayer Book will be given to each council. **On Saturday, September 21st, we are collaborating with St. Mark's Writers Group to compose our prayer. Starting with Mass at 9am**, followed by light refreshments. We will gather into small groups to meditate and compile our prayer, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our Writers Group. **The day will end at 11:30am.** Please RSVP by calling Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 or email stmarkcwl@gmail.com

It's almost high tide for our campaign wave

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries.

Our parish is in the current wave of parishes participating in the campaign, and our campaign Kickoff Weekend is scheduled for September 21-22. Here are a few Frequently Asked Questions as we near the kickoff. *(A compilation of all the FAQs is available throughout the campaign at www.oneheartonesoul.ca.)*

► How do you determine the pledge amounts that families are asked to consider? Ask amounts are based on a number of factors: planning study results, families' history of parish support, input from church leadership, and the understanding that for this to be successful it will require sacrificial gifts. In other words, if the amount you are asked for is more than you anticipated, it generally means that you have been a generous supporter of your parish and/or the Diocese and is an indication of the challenge we face in reaching our goal. Through this campaign, we are asking everyone to consider supporting their parish and the Diocese in a meaningful and sacrificial way and in a manner that works well for each family. It is not our intention to offend or embarrass anyone. The amount requested is NOT a demand or an expectation. It is an invitation to participate in this project at whatever level that is sacrificial and meaningful to you and your family. We will be grateful for any support you offer.

► Does a campaign commitment result in tax benefits?

Gifts to the campaign are eligible for charitable tax credits that can significantly reduce the amount of tax you pay. The specific tax credit received is based on the amount of your gift and your taxable income. Donors with specific questions regarding tax benefits should contact their attorney or financial adviser.

► Will we get reminders about our pledges during the three years of the campaign?

Yes, regular giving updates and reminders will be sent through the Diocese.

CATHOLIC SINGER-SONGWRITER CONCERT

Everyone is welcome to a concert by "Spirit Line" at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish on Sunday, October 27th at 2 pm.** Laura and Terry Bachynski are Catholic singer-songwriters from Edmonton who delight in sharing their faith and trust in God through their music. \$20 admission at the door. Pot-luck supper to follow. Sponsored by Cursillo. Questions? Please email Rosemary MacNeil at maceil.rosemary@yahoo.com.



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