

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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week 

September 17 – 23, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM - In Thanksgiving – *Elaine Kelly*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Dennis Flood – *Flood family*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions)

7:00 am + Margaret Flood – *Flood family*

Friday (FEAST – ST. MATTHEW)

7:00 am - Int. of Gregory Merkley

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Joe Hinsperger – *Flood family*

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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

Sun. 9:30 am + William & Bridget Norcott

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista and family*

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.

Offertory Collection		Sept. 8/9, 2018
Sunday envelopes.....		\$ 2,550.39
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....		\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies		\$ 473.30
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....		\$ 4,224.15
Mortgage envelopes.....		\$ 285.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)		\$ 254.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....		\$539.88
Automatic Door Fund.....		\$ 81.05
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>		

The One Thing is Three

Please join us for this 10-week group study, beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 26th at 7:15 p.m. in the St. Matthew's Room.** This is a video-based program dealing with the best-kept secret of our faith!
No registration required, just show up

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. 18th in the basement meeting room.** The cost is \$45. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Sept. 17</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Sept. 18</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Sept. 19</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Sept. 20</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(B)	Alpha Reunion
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. General meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Sept. 21</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group

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

Today's Gospel

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. ■



SEPT. 22-23	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:			
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	J. Flanagan	
Lectors:	J. Deneau	T. Angel T. Boettger	I. Kangaloo M. Monte
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia F./Y. Tully	T. Angel B. Coutinho M./L. Fernando M. Walser	B. Denomme F. Kangaloo C. Voisin E. Weiss

Parish Pastoral Council

The parish does not currently have a parish council, so over the Fall

I am hoping to form one to have in place by December. This is also in accordance with Canon Law (536.1), which states:

"In every parish of the diocese, a Pastoral Council shall be established, if the diocesan Bishop, after consulting with the Council of Presbyters, so decides. The pastor presides over the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is composed of members of the congregation together with those of the parish staff who have pastoral care by reason of their office. The Pastoral Council assists in promoting pastoral action in the parish."

The new council will be formed through the process of nomination and then election and will consist of nine people. Over the year, the parish council will meet probably five times.

I invite all parishioners to take part in this process. Along with the Finance Council, the Parish Council is an important component to the parish because it helps shape and define the direction and life of the parish.

Nomination Process (September 16th to October 7th)

Nomination forms are now available in the narthex.

You may nominate another person or yourself.

Completed nomination forms may be placed in the collection basket or submitted to the office.

Nominations will be accepted up to Thanksgiving Weekend, October 7th.

Weekend of October 14th

Ballot forms made available with (standing) names of people nominated for parish council.

Election for Parish Council (Weekend Mass on Oct. 20th/21st)

Based on the number of nominations, eight names will be present on the ballot

Election will take place before/after Saturday and Sunday Mass on October 20th and 21st.

- Only people nominated and wishing to have their names standing will appear on the ballot.
- If you are away the weekend of the elections, you may vote through the office.

~ Fr. Steve

C.W.L. News



♦ **Next General Meeting:** Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a very brief business portion following which, we will be watching "Fatal Flaws – Legalizing Assisted Death" – using powerful testimonies and expert opinion from both sides of the issue to uncover how these highly disputed laws affect society over time. This film is about the adoption of—and resistance to—a new cultural philosophy that may affect you at the most vulnerable time of your life. Please take this opportunity to educate yourself and ensure your family understands the issue and your position. Following the presentation, we encourage anyone who can, to stay and pray the Rosary for our intentions related to this issue. Light refreshments will be served.

♦ **Next Mass for CWL Intentions:** Sunday, Sept. 26th at 7 a.m.

♦ **Accessible Door Fund:** We are heading into the fall and ramping up our fundraising activities! We would be so grateful for any help with the following:

✓ **Silent Auction Fundraiser:** We are seeking items that we could include in our auction planned for later this fall. Generally, these would be new items, however we will gladly welcome any donation. Gift cards are popular items. No minimum dollar value as we will bundle some smaller items together. Please drop off your donations to Pam during office hours or call Kim Friesen to arrange pick up (519) 500-1964. Thank you!

✓ **Cheeseballs:** Join us in making, selling or eating (or all of the above!) these tasty concoctions with all proceeds to the Accessible Door Fund. We plan to take orders over the next few weeks and have them ready for pickup by September 27/28...perfect timing for Thanksgiving or could even be frozen for Christmas. **Samples will be available after all Masses this weekend!**

♦ **Postage stamps wanted!** THANK YOU for the wonderful response so far for this on-going project to support the Redemptorists and the charities and missions that they help fund. With the significant reduction in regular mail, stamp supplies are difficult to obtain and they really need our help.

Worship & Praise

We are all the body of Christ. We are His hands and His voice. After we are all back from our summer holidays, and settled in, there will be an opportunity to join our voices together for an hour of singing, praise, worship and thanks to our God for the many blessings he showers on us. Everyone is invited to join our "**Praise, Worship and Thanks Hour**" **NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 23rd** at 7:30 p.m. in the church for singing and prayers, followed by snacks, coffee and fellowship. It is a joyous and spiritually uplifting time, and there is no cost to participate. Hope to see you there!

~ Joe Antal (Praise and Worship Leader)



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.

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