

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions:

Sept. 18 - 24, 2017

MONDAY - NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Dennis Flood – *the Flood family*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang)

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

Thursday (FEAST – ST. MATTHEW)

7:00 am + Dean Gallant – *Shirley Sanvido*

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Int. of Fr. Don Sanvido – *St. Mark's Legion of Mary*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO))

9:00 am + Kay Murphy – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

Sat. 5:00 PM + Ginny Jans – *Jocelyn Keller*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Lynn Coutinho & Fr. Bill Trusz – *Ben*

11:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sts. Andrew Kim Tai-Gon, 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 - Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way.

St. Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his piety and charity, as well as the gift of the stigmata, which has never been explained. He became a priest in 1910, but was permitted to remain at home because of his poor health. Padre Pio became popular with the people he encountered and soon began to attribute supernatural occurrences to him. For example, he was said to levitate, and able to perform miracles. In 1947, Fr. Karol Wojtyla visited Padre Pio who prophetically told him he would rise to the highest post in the Church." Fr. Karol Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II in 1978.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 18	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Sept. 19	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
Wed. Sept. 20	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
Thur. Sept. 21	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. 22	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

Offertory Collections

Sept. 9/10, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,153.89
Sunday loose	\$658.78
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	<u>\$ 1,235.31</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,047.98
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 665.35
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	<u>\$ 246.81</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 912.16
Grotto Fund	\$ 510.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Taizé Service

Sunday, Sept 24th at 7:00 p.m.

HOSTED BY ST. MARK'S C.W.L.



The Taizé community "wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples." Founder Brother Roger was especially eager to bring Catholics and Protestants together. Taizé worship is being incorporated in a wide variety of churches, Protestant and Catholic, and its pattern of devotion is emulated in other monastic communities around the world.

Light refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome!



**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.



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.



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. 24 – Taize Service

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. - *Kim Friesen, President*



Knights of Columbus September Calendar

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

Yasmen Family Sponsorship

1-year Anniversary Celebration!

Thanks to the generous support of our parish community, last year on September 19, 2016, the Yasmen family arrived to Kitchener from Lebanon. Please join us in the parish hall on **Sunday, October 1st following the 11:30 a.m. Mass** to celebrate this wonderful milestone, meet the family (if you haven't already) and enjoy some light refreshments. Don't miss the photo display in the narthex of the Yasmens' first year in Canada.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

As a couple it is important to spend time with each other. Take the time to plan something for the two of you to do together at least once a week. Try something new – it will add variety and spice to your life. Have each spouse take a turn planning the activity, but keep it simple. A walk on a new trail, hot chocolate instead of coffee, a new recipe that you will cook together – these will bring moments of joy, not stress. Both quantity and quality of time together matter in a marriage, so try something new and watch for a positive impact!

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

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

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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