

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.

ANOIDTING 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:

☐ 7:00 AM on a Weekday

☐ 5:00 PM on a Saturday

☐ 7:00 PM on a Tuesday

☐ 9:30 AM on a Sunday

☐ 9:00 AM on a Saturday

☐ 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

September 3 – 9, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (MEMORIAL – ST. GREGORY THE GREAT) **LABOUR DAY**

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + John Pereira – *Anthony Toscano & family*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Irene Thompson – *Bernard Crawley*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Sr. Cecilia Reitzel, SSND – *John & Linda Deneau*

7:00 PM – **WEDDING REHEARSAL**

First Friday (FERIAL)

*** 7:00 PM** + Mo Tran – *Tim Tran*

Saturday (FEAST – THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

9:00 am (*private intention*)

2:00 PM – **WEDDING**

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of Kim & Paul Friesen – *Al & Terry Montag*

Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Lauren Montenegro – *Mary Jo Flood*

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, September 8th, 2018

The traditional date for Our Mother Mary's birthday is September 8th, nine months after her Immaculate Conception which the Church celebrates on December 8th. Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "*She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley.*" The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "*through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.*"

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

Offertory Collection

August 25/26.

2018

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,174.43

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)..... \$ 1,200.46

Loose monies \$ 410.00

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 3,784.89

Mortgage envelopes..... \$ 145.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) \$ 254.88

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$399.88

Mission Co-op for the Piarist Fathers..... \$ 4,525.00

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Sept. 3</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Sept. 4</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Sept. 5</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Sept. 6</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. 7</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

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways. ■



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.



SEPT. 8 & 9	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	M./V. McCullough E. Chang E./T./T. Morgan	C. Chacon N. D'Souza R. Robin B. Starr
Commentator:	J Deneau	B Sawarna	I Kangaloo
Lectors:	M Dufresne	C Mackid N Higgins	M Monte
Ushers:	A Montag K Friesen	J/K. Snyder B Coutinho	C Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis K. Friesen F./Y. Tully	P./B. Enticott S. Sawchuk B. Seaward	C./K. Dignam B./C. Voisin
PLEASE, If you are scheduled for a ministry and are unable to attend that particular Mass, please find a replacement so that we are not left looking for ministers at the last minute before Mass begins. Thank you			

Cursillo is celebrating 50 years in the Hamilton Diocese! Join us here at St. Mark's on **Friday, Sept. 7th**. Ten hours of adoration will conclude with a Mass at 7:00 p.m. as well as Benediction, followed by a light reception. Everyone is welcome.

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 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

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"** on **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)

BIBLE STUDY: "MATTHEW THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM" is a detailed study of the Gospel of Matthew, promising to enrich your knowledge of the Gospel of Matthew far beyond what you may currently know and understand. The second half of the study **starts Wed. Sept. 12th** and runs until Wed. Dec. 12th with a 2-week break between the 6-week sessions. For those who may have missed the first half we do encourage you to attend the second half as there is always something new to learn. All sessions held at **St. Anne's Church Hall**, 268 East Avenue, Wednesday evenings 7 PM – 9:30 PM. Register at 519-745-5302. Remember, one cannot love what one does not know. Learn your Catholic faith and fall deeper in love with Christ and His Gospel!



C.W.L. News



♦ **Next General Meeting:** Thursday, September 20th. Mark your calendars and watch for details next week!

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

♦ **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.

♦ **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.



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.

THE MASS: WALK THROUGH THE LITURGY with Bishop Barron

You'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. *The Mass* will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. Starting on **Monday, Sept. 7th** at 7:30 pm at **St. Louis Church Large Hall** (53 Allen St. E., Waterloo). Call 519-743-4101 for more info or to register. Course is free. Optional workbook is \$25.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener on **Wed. Sept. 19th** from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Doors open at 11:30am. Admission \$15. Lunch & Door Prizes. Please note: All tickets must be reserved, paid for, and picked up before the event. No tickets at the door. Contact Angie Bateman 519-7493 or abateman307@gmail.com

Caregivers need care, too! Are you a personal or professional caregiver? Join us for a **"COURAGE FOR CAREGIVERS" RETREAT DAY**. Rooted in the wisdom of Henri Nouwen and sponsored by the Henri Nouwen Society, it will be held at **Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph** on **Thursday, Sept. 20th**. For more information visit www.henrinouwen.org.

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