

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Intentions for the Week** 

**September 24 – 30, 2018**

**Monday - NO MASS** (FERIAL)

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 PM** + Adeline Dias – *Agnelo & Dolorosa*

**Wednesday** (FEAST – ST. JOHN DE BREBEUF & ST. ISAAC JOGUES)

**7:00 am** – Int. of St. Mark’s Catholic Women’s League

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)

**7:00 am** – Int. of Tin Min

**Friday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Scott Fleming – *Yvonne McIsaac*

**7:00 PM** – **WEDDING REHEARSAL**

**Saturday** (FEAST – ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, ST. RAPHAEL – ARCHANGELS)

**9:00 am** – Int. of Fernando Clemente – *Fonseca family*

**2:00 PM** – **WEDDING**

**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38—43, 45, 47-48*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Michael Rebol – *Cimermanic family*

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Helen & Walter Lutka – *Nick & Sharon Cerantola*

**11:30 am** – Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark’s

Sts. John De Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and companions, also known as The Canadian Martyrs, were eight Jesuit missionaries from Sainte-Marie among the Hurons. They were ritually tortured and killed on various dates in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century in Canada, in what is now southern Ontario, and in upstate New York, during the warfare between the Iroquois (particularly the Mohawk people) and the Huron. They have subsequently been canonized and venerated as martyrs by the Church.

St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael – The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>Sept. 15/16, 2018</b>
Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,143.15
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12=52).....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies .....	\$ 496.10
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,839.71</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 400.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12=52) .....	\$ 254.88
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$654.88</b>
Mission Co-op for the Piarist Fathers.....	\$ 100.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	

**The One Thing is Three**

Please join us for this 10-week group study, beginning this **Wed. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 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

**Meetings & Events This Week:**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Sept. 24</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Sept. 25</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
<u>Wed. Sept. 26</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women’s Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(M)	“The One Thing is Three” DVD series
<u>Thur. Sept. 27</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Sept. 28</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men’s group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers’ Group
<u>Sat. Sept. 29</u>	10:30 am	(L)	Writers’ Group

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

**In today’s Gospel**, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week’s Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today’s Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God’s kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus’ name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God’s judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone. ■

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

*Liturgical Ministers*

SEPT. 29-30	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:			
Commentator:		B Sawarna	
Lectors:	K Friesen B Crawley	C Mackid N Higgins	B Starr M Oram
Ushers:	L Macedo I Cimermancic	F Seaward J DeSousa M Walsler	C Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis K. Friesen	T. Boettger A. Joseph H. Kress T. Lee	C./K. Dignam I. Kanggaloo B. Starr

*Save the Date!*

**Italian Spaghetti & Salad Supper**

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> | 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Hosted by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus  
Proceeds to the Automatic Door Fund!



*Catholic Teaching on Angels*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition."

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.



**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**C.W.L. News**



- ♦ Next Mass for CWL Intentions: Wed. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7am
- ♦ 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. \$8 each or 2 for \$15.

♦ **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.

**Diocese to move ahead with capital campaign**

The Diocese of Hamilton has decided to move forward with a Parish-focused capital campaign after a recent study found support from 83 percent of the respondents. The planning study was conducted from May through June by the Steier Group, a campaign consulting firm, and included more than 900 clergy and lay participants. Under the proposed campaign plan, 75 percent of the funds raised would go to the Parishes for projects of their choosing, 15 percent to diocesan ministries and 10 percent to support Parishes in need. On the diocesan campaign website, [www.hamiltondiocese.com/campaign](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/campaign), you can find a letter from Bishop Crosby about the study and the campaign, plus a more detailed summary of the planning study results.

**TONIGHT** *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. **JOIN US TONIGHT** for our "Praise, Worship and Thanks Hour," Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: Needs of the Church in Canada – Sept. 30** – Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly (in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Western regions). Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs. On the day of the collection, an appropriate intercession may be added in the Prayer of the Faithful. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance. "Challenges and favours which the Lord gives ... are the ways by which he wanted his Church founded and established by the Apostles and Disciples. This is the same grace he has made to the Church in Canada, by which it has taken all its force and growth, and is sustained and maintained by patience and long-suffering in peace and union with Our Lord, all as he is pleased to permit."

- ST. FRANCOIS DE LAVAL, first Bishop of New France, from a letter to the Vicar General of the Diocese of Quebec, 15 February 1686



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