

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:

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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions:

Sept. 26 – Oct. 1, 2017

MONDAY - NO MASS

Tuesday (FEAST – ST. JOHN DE BREBEUF & ST. ISAAC JOGUES)
7:00 PM - Int. of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)
7:00 am + Thomas Greaney – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

Thursday (FERIAL)
7:00 am + Mrs. Vida – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Friday (FEAST – ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, ST. RAPHAEL)
7:00 am + Ted Nizolek – *Aunt Helen & Uncle Keith*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. JEROME)
9:00 am + Clara Gunsch – *Connie & Donna Voll*

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Sat. 5:00 PM + Rebol Family – *the Cimermancic family*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
11:30 am - Int. of Donna McGlynn – *Zennie Sunga*

Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. He and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec in 1636 to work among the Huron Indians in the New World. It is estimated that they saw the conversion of 70,000 people before these Jesuits were martyred. They were canonized in 1930.

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. Ordained as a priest in 1600, he spent most of his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of women, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

St. Wenceslaus (11th c.), patron saint of Bohemia, and parts of Czech Republic. A devout Christian, he proved a gifted ruler and a genuine friend of the Church. Non-Christian nobles conspired against him and on September 28, 919, he was assassinated on the doorsteps of a church. He is best known from the Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslaus."

St. Michael, St. Gabriel, 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.

St. Jerome was born around 342 AD and around the age of 12 he traveled to Rome to study grammar, philosophy and rhetoric, and around 366 AD he was baptized as a Christian. He wrote extensively defending the virginity of Mary, however, nothing was so legendary as his translation of the Bible, spending his entire life translating the scriptures from Hebrew and Old Latin.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Sun. Sept. 24	*7:30 pm	(CH)	Taizé Service (* new time)
Mon. Sept. 25	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Sept. 26	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
Wed. Sept. 27	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
Thur. Sept. 28	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Sept. 29	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. Sept. 30	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group
Sun. Oct. 1	12:30 pm	(H)	Refreshments with Yasmen Family

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. 16/17, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,094.30
Sunday loose	\$380.33
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	<u>\$ 1,235.31</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 3,709.94
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Mortgage envelopes	\$ 185.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	<u>\$ 246.81</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 431.81

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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 **NEXT 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.

LITURGICAL ROLES			
Sept. 30 / Oct. 1	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	B./C. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>	N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	<i>Can you help?</i>	J. Germann	L. Masbad
Lector:	K. Friesen	D. Bristol	S. Roma
Ushers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	B. Coutinho J./K. Snyder	<i>Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Rye	<i>Can you help?</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith L. Macedo C. Dokis	M./L. Fernando D. Henri	R./P. Masbad B. Starr
★ Sign-Up Sunday is NEXT WEEKEND ★			



Taizé Service

Sunday, Sept 24th at 7:30 p.m.*

* Please note new time ↑



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. All are 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.

C.W.L. News

Mark your calendars!...

Sept. 24 – Taize Service (7:30 PM * *new time*)

Sept. 30 – League Development Day – *St. Joseph, Guelph*

Oct. 19 – Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, St. Agatha

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*



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.



Pray to End Abortion

Abortion is a major problem all over the world, with millions of lives being terminated every year. This is especially a tragic problem in Canada, as there are no abortion laws whatsoever, which means a child's life can be taken away even days before birth!

From **Sept. 27th** to **Nov. 5th** we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. *40 Days for Life*[™] saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by **Prayer and Fasting** for an end to abortion, as well as attending a **Peaceful Vigil outside of Freepoint Hospital**, (where abortions take place every week), for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm, 7 days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider **Adopting-an-Hour** a week; which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is *sacred* and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by calling Ewelina at 519-589-2919 or Patrick at 519-748-5548. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you **sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site** to prevent one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site.

K-W Right to Life "LIFE CHAIN" MEMORIAL – Sunday, October 1st from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in front of **Kitchener City Hall** (200 King St. W.). We remember over 4 million lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. For more information, contact K-W Right to Life at 519.746.5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MASS – Wed. October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish** (29 Midland Dr., Kitchener) with Bishop Douglas Crosby.

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