

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Basil Markides – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 PM
Wednesday 12:00 NOON
Thursday, Friday 7:00 AM *
Saturday 9:00 AM
(*First Friday 7:00 PM followed by Benediction)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:15–4:30 PM or by appointment.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration – Spots available, please
see chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy – Sundays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary – First Saturday at 10 AM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – We invite you to become a registered parishioner. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES / PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

BAPTISM – Baptisms are celebrated during Sunday Mass. Two months' notice is required. Please pick up a baptism form in the church lobby, introduce yourself to Father after Mass and give him your completed form at that time. Dates for preparation and the baptism will be confirmed by the parish office only after you have met with Father.

MARRIAGE – At least 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to set up an appointment.

ANointing OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of hospital admissions to request Anointing or a pastoral 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 Mass.

If you require a Mass card please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours, or call the office to make pick-up arrangements.

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 choose 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 it to be on any:

Tues. 7 PM Wed. 12 NOON Thur. 7 AM Fri. 7 AM Sat. 9 AM
 Sat. 5:00 PM Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday 11:30 AM

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

*Please submit requests as far in advance as possible to reserve preferred dates.

Sunday Masses may only be requested twice per year.

All other requests will be satisfied on weekdays.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

Mass Intentions for the Week 

Sept. 30 – Oct. 6, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS)
7:00 PM + Leodegario Canete – *Leovina Canete*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS)
12:00 noon + Diana Borg – *Cutting family*

Thursday (FERIAL)
7:00 am + Hung Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*

9:30 am – **School Mass with St. Mark School**

2:00 PM – **Mass at Bankside Terrace**

First Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI)
★ 7:00 PM + Karol Czarniecki – *Marilyn Dufresne*

First Saturday (FERIAL) (Our Lady's Saturday)
9:00 am + Gus DeFreitas – *Diane & Alan Bendia & family*

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sat. 5:00 PM + Juan & Esmeria Reyes – *Myra Theoret*

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Mo Tran – *Tim Tran*

2:00 PM – **BLESSING OF ANIMALS** (outside)

Praise & Worship... Love music and looking for an opportunity to praise God? You are invited to join Ron & Rick Denomme on **Tuesday, October 8th** at 7:30 p.m. for 40 minutes of Praise & Worship. Join us!

Weekly Offertory Report for Sept. 21/22, 2019

Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,135.72
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 1,401.35
Total Offerings This Week:	\$ 4,537.07
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>

Year-to-Date Report for Week 38

Weekly Offerings:	\$ 119,991.09
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 50,199.00
Total Offerings This Year:	\$ 170,190.09
<i>Yearly Budget to Date:</i>	<i>\$ 197,600.00</i>
<i>Under Yearly Budget:</i>	<i>(27,409.91)</i>

'One Heart, One Soul' Campaign Video

If you missed this video at Mass last weekend, or had a hard time hearing it, or wish to send it to someone, the video can be found at this link: <https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/watch>

Thanksgiving Food Drive – St. Mark's Society of Saint Vincent De Paul is conducting our Thanksgiving food drive. We are in need of **dry pasta, rice, canned fruit, cans of soup (540ml), jam, peanut butter, canned tomatoes and tomato sauce.** If you care to donate, please place the items in the narthex in the blue bin. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Today is White Box Sunday – St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have their White Box in the narthex today for anyone wishing to make a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 30	7:15 pm	(B)	Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Oct. 1	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
Wed. Oct. 2	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Oct. 3	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Oct. 4	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
Sat. Oct. 5	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!

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

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor. In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (*The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.*) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God. ■

"Toasty Toes" Sock Drive

St. Mark's is happy to support #ToastyToes2019 again this year by collecting donations of NEW, WARM sock (no dress socks) from **Oct. 10 until Nov. 10** for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Waterloo Region. **Socks are the most requested but LEAST donated item at shelters ... and wet or worn out socks can lead to a multitude of foot-related health problems.** Last year the campaign collected 32,400 pairs of new socks. Twenty social profit groups benefited from these donations. Men's socks are most needed, but women's and children's socks are also welcome. See white donation bin in the narthex.



RCIA – If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, please send your name and contact information to the parish office (smark@rogers.com) 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 begins in the Fall. To become a full member of the Catholic Faith, a person must receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Liturgical Ministers

Oct. 5 - 6	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N./J. DeSouza	D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon B. Starr; R. Robin
Commentator:	K. Krigner	J. Deneau	R. Kubica
1st Reader: 2nd Reader:	G. Balm	T. Angel B. Sawarna	M. Monte D. DeSouza
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	J./K. Snyder B. Coutinho	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Kubica
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	B. Coutinho P./B. Enticott	B. Denomme D. S-Weber F. Kanggaloo

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAY TO END ABORTION

Annual Fall campaign, September 25th to November 3rd. Daily hours in front of Freeport Hospital are from 7am to 7pm. **Our Parish has agreed to sponsor Saturday, October 26th** (all 12 hours on this day). We need at least 2 people to sign-up for each hour. In the narthex you will see Adopt-a-Day sign-up sheets on the 40 Days for Life table. Please consider signing up for one or more hours that day. You can sign up for more prayer hours at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by calling Patrick (519-748-5548) or Ewelina (519-589-2919). The **OPENING RALLY** will be held this **Tuesday, October 1st at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener.** Mass with **Bishop Crosby** at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow. Come to pray for the success of this campaign and the protection of ALL LIFE in our country!

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Sep. 30 - Rev. Gary Schlack
- Oct. 1 - Rev. T. Manninezhath, C.M.I.
- Oct. 2 - Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
- Oct. 3 - Rev. Lawrence Parent
- Oct. 4 - Rev. Paul Jamroz
- Oct. 5 - Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino

Prayer for Vocations:

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Thanks to all who have volunteered to get this program going! If you would still like to help but have not yet submitted your name or spoken to Fr. Steve, please email the office or talk to Father after Mass. There will be a planning meeting on October 9th.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major:

Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary".

Feast of St. Michael, Raphael and Gabriel – Sunday, September 29th is the Feast of St. Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, but because it falls on a Sunday this year, the feast is suppressed in favour of the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. It was formerly just the feast of St. Michael, while Saints Gabriel and Raphael were honoured on March 24th and November 24th respectively, but the 1969 revision of the General Roman Calendar put them all together on September 29th. At the end of the 19th Century Pope Leo XIII added the prayer to St. Michael to the prayers recited after Low Masses. Referred to as the Leonine Prayers, they were a set of prayers first promulgated by Pope Leo XIII in 1884 for use after Low Mass but not as part of Mass itself. St. Pius X added an invocation to the Sacred Heart. In its final form the Leonine prayers consisted of the Hail Mary (three times); Hail, Holy Queen; O God our Refuge and strength; the Prayer to St. Michael; and the invocation to the Sacred Heart (three times), striking the breast each time at "have mercy on us." The prayers were usually said kneeling at the foot of the altar. This custom held until 1964 when these prayers were removed from the Mass with the liturgical reforms of Vatican II.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels – Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger. The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. From the Gospel we read: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, man is surrounded by the protection and intercession of angels, particularly our guardian angel: "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (336)."

A PRAYER TO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi – Francis Bernardone was born in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he lived a lavish and irresponsible life. At the age of twenty, he went to war against Perugia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. He left all his possessions and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life. He wore ragged old clothes, begged for food and preached peace. He began to attract followers, and in 1209 with the papal blessing he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans). Then in 1212 with St. Clare of Assisi he founded the foundation of the Order of "Poor Ladies," now known as the "Poor Clares." He also founded the "Third Order of Penance" (the Third Order) which included lay people. He was the first person (recorded) to receive the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) in 1224. He died on October 4, 1226 at Portiuncula, Italy. He was canonized by Pope Gregory IX less than two years later.

ST FRANCIS AND ANIMALS

Francis saw animals as his brothers and sisters and prayed that God would work through him to help them. Birds sometimes gathered while Francis spoke and listened to him. Francis began preaching to them about the ways that God had blessed them. When Francis lived in Gubbio, in the province of Perugia, a wolf was attacking people and other animals. He met the wolf to try to tame it. The wolf charged Francis, but Francis prayed and moved toward the wolf. The wolf obeyed Francis' commands, closing his mouth and lying at Francis' feet. Francis promised that the townspeople would feed the wolf regularly if it promised never to injure another person or animal. The wolf never harmed people or animals again.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS ~ Sunday, October 6th
Bring your pet and join Fr. Steve and Nicholas outside the Church at **2:00 PM**





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