

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions: Sept. 4 - 10, 2017

NO MONDAY MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

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

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Basil Markides Sr. – *St. Mark's Knights of Columbus*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Dean Gallant – *John & Barb Holden*

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

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

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

Saturday (OUR LADY'S SATURDAY)

9:00 am - Int. of Geoffrey Chase – *Chase & Thompson families*

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Mo Tran – *Tim Tran*

11:30 am - Int. of Keith & Helen Reinhardt

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."*



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.

Offertory Collections August 26/27, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,062.90
Sunday loose	\$373.10
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	<u>\$ 1,275.69</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 3,711.69

Mortgage envelopes	\$ 435.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	<u>\$ 252.58</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 687.58

Total Grotto donations to date (July 30 - Aug. 27)..... \$ 13,097.40

St. Vincent de Paul White Box (August).....	\$ 248.60
2017 Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place.....	\$2,316.57

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Roles for September

Altar Servers, Lectors & Commentators, Ushers, Gift Bearers and Eucharistic Ministers: Please continue to sign up for the month of September as you are available. Thank you!

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 4	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Sept. 5	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. Sept. 6	5:00 pm	(J)	Baptism Preparation Meeting
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
Thur. Sept. 7	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. Sept. 8	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

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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.





Knights of Columbus September Calendar

- Sept 12** - Executive meeting 7:30 pm
- 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

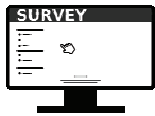
Rosary Procession

The Legion of Mary invites all to join them in a Rosary procession taking place at **Blessed Sacrament Parish** on **Saturday, Sept. 9th** at 3:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Gospel Readings.



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



The Diocese wants your input!

What supports do families need from the Church? What are the pressures they face in their day to day lives? What are the challenges, joys, highs and lows in families today? Where do they seek support when it is needed? Where do they see the role of the Church in their lives and in helping them cope with everyday life issues and events?

The Diocese of Hamilton, through the Family Ministry Office, wants to hear from you on these topics. You can contribute by:

1. Attending the Symposium for Families on Sept. 23rd beginning with Mass with Bishop Crosby at 9:30 and ending at 4 p.m.
... OR ...
2. Filling in the online survey posted on the website at: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/symposium-on-family>
The more people who engage in both these events the greater the knowledge we will gather. Family matters - help us discover how the Diocese can help you in the most important role of family. For more information call 905-528-7988 and ask for Teresa (ext. 2250) or Wendy (ext. 2241).

Thank-you! To all who gave generously to Marillac Place through their annual **Baby Bottle Campaign.** St. Mark's Parish raised **\$2,316.57.** Well done!

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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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 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. Have a safe and blessed summer. Kim Friesen, President



WANTED: St. Boniface Church, Maryhill is looking for a choir director / organist to play for the Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses as well as for weddings and funerals. For more information please contact Father Ron Voisin at (519) 648-2069.

FOSTERING FAITH IN AND THROUGH GRANDPARENTS:

A celebration of the Faith of Grandparents in time for National Grandparents Day. The event will take place at **Basilica of Our Lady Parish, Guelph** (28 Norfolk Street) on **Saturday, Sept. 9th** from 9:30 am- 12:30 pm. Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 9:30 am followed by light refreshments. Then sit back and enjoy two reflections from David Dayler and Anne Jamieson on the importance of our faith lives for our own sake and for the good of generations to come! There is no charge for this event. Your RSVP allows us to plan for the hospitality but walk-ins the day of are most welcome. Please note that we will have faith resources for sale at the event. Register by contacting Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238, or at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

14TH ANNUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER, ST AGATHA

Sunday, Sept. 10th. Gather at BMO Plaza 650-668 first right past the Erb St. & Ira Needles Blvd. round-a-bout. Park in the BMO parking lot behind the bank. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30pm. We walk to St. Agatha Church for a break followed by refreshments after Mass. At Chapel Shrine: Seven Sorrows Rosary at 2:45pm led by St Teresa C.W.L. Members followed by Mass at 3:00pm. with Fr. Raymond Peter. It is a 5km walk one way only. We receive a ride back by anyone who wants to participate in the Mass only. Open to all. Seven Sorrows Rosaries and Prayer cards for sale. Call 519.744.8330 for information. Sponsored by St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. Kitchener.

GRANDCHILDREN GROW UP: BEYOND TOYS TO REAL LIFE ISSUES. We live in a rapidly changing world where children are experiencing and hearing about issues often beyond what we as adults know! Let's talk about some of them, including same-sex attraction, gender identity, healthy sexuality and how to help our grandchildren navigate the "stuff" of their lives. Present or future grandparents, as well as other interested people are welcome to attend. This informative presentation will be given by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. Join us on **Tuesday, Sept. 12th** from 1 – 3 PM at **Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Guelph** (175 Emma St.) in the "Our Lady of the Rosary" Community Room. Free admission; no registration. Sponsored by The Holy Rosary chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!

THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Anthony Daniel Church Hall, Kitchener, on Wed. Sept. 20th from 12:00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Doors open at 11.30 a.m. Admission \$15. Lunch & Door Prizes. Advanced tickets only. Contact Angie Bateman at 519-569-7493 or abateman@gmail.com; or Marilyn Motz at 519-570-4441 or gmmtotz@me.com. If possible tickets may be available at the door. For info call Sheila at 519-743-6069 or sheilamathews2006@yahoo.ca.

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