

# 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:

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Intentions for the Week** 

**October 1 – 7, 2018**

**Monday - NO MASS** (FERIAL)

**Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS)

**7:00 PM** – Int. of the Fleming Family – *Yvonne McIsaac*

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Beatrice Pereira – *St. Mark's Legion of Mary*

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI)

**7:00 am** – Int. of Jim & Pat Woodhouse – *Mike & Melissa*

**2:00 PM** – **MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE**

**7:00 PM** – **BLESSING OF ANIMALS** (outside)

**Friday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 am** – Int. of Nick Gallagher – *the Flood family*

**9:30 am** – **SCHOOL MASS with St. Mark School**

**11:00 am** – **SCHOOL MASS at St. Dominic Savio School**

**Saturday** (FERIAL)

**9:00 am** + Harry Singleton – *the Flood family*

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16*

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

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Venette Padden

**11:30 am** + Catharine Wall – *Helen Boutilier*

**Guardian Angels** – The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "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." A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

*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** – St. Francis, who founded the Catholic Church's Franciscan order, lived in Italy during the late 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. He is remembered for his love for animals and nature. St. Francis died at Portiuncula, Italy on October 4, 1226.

*Prayer for Pets*

*Good St. Francis, you loved all of God's creatures. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing with kindness. St. Francis, Patron Saint of animals, watch over my pet and keep my companion safe and healthy. Amen.*

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

**Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (Feast of St. Francis)**

Bring your pet and join Fr. Steve and Nicholas outside the Church at 7:00 PM



**Meetings & Events This Week:**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Oct. 1</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Oct. 2</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Oct. 3</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. Oct. 4</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. Oct. 5</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 we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark.**

Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith. ■

**Offertory Collection**

**Sept. 22/23, 2018**

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 1,952.90
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies .....	\$ 703.85
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,857.21</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 170.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 254.88
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 424.88</b>
Needs of the Canadian Church.....	\$ 30.00

**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

 *Liturgical Ministers*

OCT. 6 - 7	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	M./V. McCullough	C. Chacon N. D'Souza
Commentator:	K Friesen	J Flanagan	I Kangaloo
Lectors:	M Dufresne J. Deneau	T Angel T Boettger	M Monte B. Starr
Ushers:	A Montag K Friesen	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	B Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia F./Y. Tully	P./B. Enticott S. Sawchuk T. Lee	B. Denomme B. Starr E. Weiss

*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!*



**C.W.L. News**



- Next Mass for CWL Intentions: Sat. Oct. 27 at 9:00am
- **Annual Mass at the Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha:** Save the date! Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. After Mass we will gather for refreshments and an inspirational talk by Father Steve. Please bring a snack to share during our coffee break. There will be an opportunity to shop for religious items and the wonderful preserves homemade by the sisters. We would like to take up a good-will offering of fresh and canned fruits, vegetables, soups (no meat), and/or cash. **Car pooling is available**, we will meet at St. Mark's parking lot for 6:15 p.m. For further information contact Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.
- **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 on November 4<sup>th</sup>. 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!
  - **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.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Pray to End Abortion (Sept. 26 – Nov. 4)**

You can sign up for prayer hours by either going online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or 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. Details on the poster in the narthex.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING RALLY – Wed. October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Agnes Parish** (75 Bluevale Street North, Waterloo) with Bishop Douglas Crosby. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow. Please come and pray for the success of this campaign and the protection of all life in our country!

**Today is White Box Sunday** - The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Sept. 29/30) for anyone wishing to make a donation. Thank you for helping us to assist the less fortunate in our community.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families, let us give thanks for the teachers, trustees and sports leaders in our Catholic schools who educate and encourage our youth to realize their potential as unique children of God. All are invited to celebrate the gift and blessing of Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools by visiting [www.TogetherInFaith.ca](http://www.TogetherInFaith.ca).

**The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

The Waterloo Catholic School Board is looking for a parent volunteer from this area for the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. The Committee meets 4 times a year in the evening and supports school councils. The parent volunteer must have a child registered in a WCDSB Resurrection elementary feeder school. If interested or asking for more information, please email [diana.bumstead@wcdsb.ca](mailto:diana.bumstead@wcdsb.ca).

**Parish Pastoral Council**

The parish does not currently have a parish council, so over the Fall I am hoping to form one to have in place by December. The new council will be formed through the process of nomination and then election and will consist of nine people. Over the year, the parish council will meet probably five times. I invite all parishioners to take part in this process. Along with the Finance Council, the Parish Council is an important component to the parish because it helps shape and define the direction and life of the parish. **Nomination forms are available in the narthex.** You may nominate another person or yourself. Completed nomination forms may be placed in the collection basket or submitted to the office, and will be accepted until Thanksgiving Weekend, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Ballot forms will be made available on October 13/14 with (standing) names of people nominated for parish council. Based on the number of nominations, eight names will be present on the ballot. Elections will take place before/after Mass on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Only people nominated and wishing to have their names standing will appear on the ballot. If you are away the weekend of the elections, you may vote through the office.

**Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: thank you for your contribution and solidarity!** Following the encouragement of Pope Pius XII, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) was established in 1943 under the name Canadian Catholic Conference and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948. Following the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), it became part of the worldwide network of episcopal conferences. As the CCCB President states in his message for the Collection, "Through their Episcopal Conference, the Bishops today continue to work together on doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; relations with Indigenous peoples; questions of social justice, and the development of a culture of life and family." In addition to their national Conference, the Bishops of Canada also meet in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West). The CCCB as well as the regional assemblies include the Bishops of the Latin Church in Canada together with the Eparchial Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. Thank you for your prayers and your financial contribution. SUBSCRIBE TO CCCB NEWS OR FOLLOW US ON TWITTER – To receive CCCB news through our free and confidential e-mail service, please fill out the form at this link: <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/subscribe-to-news>. Follow the CCCB on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/CCCCB\\_CCC](https://twitter.com/CCCCB_CCC)

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