

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. 9 – 15, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Joan Nugent – Mike & Eleanor Lawlor

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 noon - Int. of Wayne McKay – Andrew & Colleen Coe

Thursday (MEMORIAL - MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY)

7:00 am + Barbara & Robert Kopperson – St. Vincent de Paul

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM)

7:00 am - Special Intention

Saturday (FEAST – EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS)

9:00 am + Leodegario Canete – Leovina Canete

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

Sat. 5:00 PM + Cimermanic Family

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

11:30 am + Sarah Ramon – John & Linda Deneau & family

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follow every Wednesday noon Mass.

Holy Name of Mary – The Feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary originated in Spain and was approved in 1513. In 1683, Pope Innocent XI extended the celebration of the feast day to the universal Church, to be celebrated on September 12th, four days after the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother. With the revisions of the *Roman Missal* in 1970 following the Vatican Council II, the feast day was removed from the universal calendar, although the Votive Mass remained. However, Pope John Paul II in the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, issued in 2003, reinstated the feast day, technically as an "optional memorial." Meaning "lady, beautiful one, or well-beloved," the name "Mary, being the name of the Blessed Mother, deserves special respect and devotion.

St. John Chrysostom was born in Antioch about 347 A.D., and with St. Athanasius, St. Gregory Nazianzen and St. Basil, he forms the group of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church. As Archbishop of Constantinople, his courageous stance against the vices of even the wealthy caused him to be exiled several times. As a result he died in 407, still in exile. In 1204 his body was brought to St. Peter's in Rome but was returned to the Orthodox on November 27, 2004 by Pope John Paul II. His silver and jewel-encrusted skull is now kept in the Vatopedi Monastery on Mount Athos in northern Greece, and is credited by Christians with miraculous healings. His right hand is also preserved on Mount Athos, and numerous smaller relics are scattered throughout the world. His feast in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite is celebrated on January 27.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened. The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 9	7:15 pm	(B)	Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Sept. 10	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Exec. meeting
Wed. Sept. 11	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Sept. 12	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Sept. 13	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
Sat. Sept. 14	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

In chapter 14 of Luke's gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way.

When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second.

In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish.

Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else. ■

Wisdom & Works of Mercy (10-WEEK DVD SERIES)

STARTING THIS WEEK! Join us for this small group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. We'll meet **Monday evenings in the Basement from Sept. 9th to Nov. 18th (7:15 to 9:00 p.m.)**. Please register on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Weekly Offertory Report for Aug. 30/Sept. 1, 2019

Offertory Collection:	\$ 2,737.98
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 1,363.27
Total Offerings This Week:	\$ 4,101.25

Weekly Budget: \$ 5,200.00
Under Weekly Budget: (1,098.75)

Year-to-Date Report for Week 35

Weekly Offerings:	\$ 109,539.39
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 44,126.50
Total Offerings This Year:	\$ 153,665.89

Yearly Budget to Date: \$ 182,000.00
Under Yearly Budget: (28,334.11)



Sept. 14 - 15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan	N./J. DeSouza N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	J. Deneau	T. Angel	I. Kangaloo
1 st Reader:	M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	R. Kubica
2 nd Reader:		T. Lee	M. Monte
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	I./D. Culley P. Drohan	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Kubica
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis G. MacNeil	T. Lee M. Lynch L. Riedel	E. Weiss C./K. Dignam

TMIY **THAT MAN IS YOU!**
Becoming A Man After God's Own Heart

Men, mark your calendars. *That Man is You!* begins Saturday Mornings, Sept. 14th to Dec. 7th from 7:15AM to 9:00AM in St. Mark's Parish Hall. *That Man is You!* combines scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. For more information, please visit www.TMIY.org or call Ian Kangaloo 226-808-4733 or Marc Murchie 416-729-6401.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/st-mark-catholic-church

"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. 24th until Nov. 26th in the Basement at St. Mark's.** The cost is \$45. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Faith, please send your name and contact information to the parish office (stmark@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 will begin in the Fall. 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.
★ If you have already spoken to Fr. Steve or Pam in the office, please send us an email (stmark@rogers.com) to confirm your interest, and include your full name and phone number.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Sep. 9 - Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
- Sep. 10 - Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
- Sep. 11 - Lay Parish Ministers
- Sep. 12 - Rev. Jeffery Oehring
- Sep. 13 - Rev. Heitor Antunes
- Sep. 14 - Rev. Young Hoon Kim

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.

C.W.L. NEWS

C.W.L. BOOK SALE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Come shop for a wide assortment of books and DVD's in the St. John Room. All proceeds will be put toward wrapping up our accessible door costs.



'One Heart, One Soul' kickoff coming soon!

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries.

Our parish is in the current wave of parishes participating in the campaign, and our campaign Kickoff Weekend is scheduled for Sept. 21-22.

Here are a few Frequently Asked Questions as we near the kickoff. (A compilation of all the FAQs are available throughout the campaign at www.oneheartonesoul.ca.)

▶ **How were the parish financial goals established?**

Each parish's campaign goal is established by the costs associated with the projects they want to achieve. However, the campaign's Clergy Committee established a minimum threshold for each parish's campaign target – namely, the parish's 2017 combined offertory and building fund collections. This ensures that parish campaigns are large enough to achieve meaningful parish projects, while also remaining an achievable target relative to each parish community's capacity. It also ensures that the ministries shared by the parishes are funded in a significant way.

▶ **How does the campaign and the Diocese handle privacy of information?**

The Diocese of Hamilton takes seriously the responsibility to maintain strong privacy protection for personal information. As an initiative of the Diocese, the campaign abides by the Diocesan Privacy Policy, which can be reviewed by visiting www.hamiltondiocese.com/privacy.php.

▶ **Why do you emphasize personal visits to parishioners?**

Personal, face-to-face contact remains the single best way to ask for support. It emphasizes the personal nature of giving, allows for a thorough presentation of the campaign case, gives potential donors the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback, and allows volunteers to express their own enthusiasm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

I am hoping to begin Children's Liturgy of the Word sometime soon after the Thanksgiving weekend. This will be offered at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass and will be open to all children from age 5 up to Grade 3. During Children's Liturgy of the Word, the children are dismissed after the opening prayer where they will learn the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly (in more simplified language) and learn about the message of the readings, which they will be encouraged to share with their parents after Mass. The children will return back to the church after the prayers of the faithful, to join their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

To run this, I am looking to form a team of eight people to help out with this program. If you are interested in helping out, please see me after Mass or leave your number at the office with Pam.

Pastoral Reference Letters

If you are applying for a teaching position in a Catholic School, please be advised that Pastoral Reference letters will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.



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