

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week 

September 10 – 16, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

2:00 PM - MASS AT LANARK HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

7:00 PM + Maria & Bronislaw Buzek – *Joanna & Stan Buzek*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Irene Thompson – *Guy & Julie Burkholder*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM)

7:00 am - Int. of Greg Merkley

3:00 PM - MASS AT FOREST HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

Friday (FEAST – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS)

7:00 am + Dora Lamers – *Gerry Lamers*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF SORROWS)

9:00 am + Ruth – *Madeline Kuepfer*

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Lauren Montenegro – *Mary Jo Flood*

11:30 am + Jose Almeida & Anuciacao Costa – *B. Ferreira*

St. John Chrysostom, born in Antioch about 347 A.D., With St. Athanasius, St. Gregory Nazianzen and St. Basil, he forms the group of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church. 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.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on September 14, recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.



The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows commemorates the seven great sorrows which Mary lived in relation to Her Son, as they are recorded in the Gospels or through tradition. Today we are invited to reflect on Mary's deep suffering: 1. At the prophecy of Simeon: "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." (Luke 2:35). 2. At the flight into Egypt: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt." (Mt 2:13). 3. Having lost the Holy Child at Jerusalem: "You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." (Luke 2:48). 4. Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary: 5. Standing at the foot of the Cross; "Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25). 6. Jesus being taken from the Cross; 7. At the burial of Christ.

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. 18th 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.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Sept. 10</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Sept. 11</u>	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Executive mtg.
<u>Wed. Sept. 12</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Sept. 13</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Sept. 14</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
<u>Sat. Sept. 15</u>	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

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

Today's Gospel

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret." ■

Offertory Collection

Sept. 1/2, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,190.84
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies	\$ 687.85
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,079.15

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 737.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 254.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$991.88

Mission Co-op for the Piarist Fathers \$ 295.00

Thank you for your generosity.



SEPT. 15-16	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:			
Commentator:	B Crawley	P Enticott	B. Starr
Lectors:	K Friesen	V DeVries T Lee	M. Oram
Ushers:	L Macedo I Cimermancic	P Drohan J Kelly	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis K. Friesen	S. Cerantola E. Kelly G. MacNeil L. Riedel	I. Kangaloo B. Starr
PLEASE, If you are scheduled for a ministry and are unable to attend that particular Mass, please find a replacement so that we are not left looking for ministers at the last minute before Mass begins. Thank you			

We are all the body of Christ. We are His hands and His voice. After we are all back from our summer holidays, and settled in, there will be an opportunity to join our voices together for an hour of singing, praise, worship and thanks to our God for the many blessings he showers on us. Everyone is invited to join our **"Praise, Worship and Thanks Hour"** on **Sunday, Sept. 23rd** at 7:30 p.m. in the church for singing and prayers, followed by snacks, coffee and fellowship. It is a joyous and spiritually uplifting time, and there is no cost to participate. Hope to see you there!
~ Joe Antal (Praise and Worship Leader)



RCIA 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 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.

Flooding in India

As you may be aware, the Indian state of Kerala has suffered devastating floods in which hundreds have died and over a million have been displaced. Many concerned Catholics in the Diocese have enquired as to how they can assist. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is supporting their partner, Caritas India, who is providing direct assistance on the ground in Kerala. **Donations can be made directly to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** by visiting their website (<https://www.devp.org/en/articles/development-and-peace-caritas-canada-extends-helping-hand-those-affected-devastating-floods>) which contains information about the floods and a link to an online donation page. Donations are also accepted through mail, and address information can be found on the website.

Francis Doyle,
Director of Stewardship and Development
DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

C.W.L. News



- Next General Meeting: Thursday, September 20th. Mark your calendars and watch for details next week!
- Next Mass for CWL Intentions: Sunday, Sept. 26th at 7 a.m.
- 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 planned for later this fall. 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!
 - ✓ **Cheeseballs:** Join us in making, selling or eating (or all of the above!) these tasty concoctions with all proceeds to the Accessible Door Fund. We plan to take orders over the next few weeks and have them ready for pickup by September 27/28...perfect timing for Thanksgiving or could even be frozen for Christmas.
- 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.

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. This is also in accordance with Canon Law (536.1), which states:

"In every parish of the diocese, a Pastoral Council shall be established, if the diocesan Bishop, after consulting with the Council of Presbyters, so decides. The pastor presides over the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is composed of members of the congregation together with those of the parish staff who have pastoral care by reason of their office. The Pastoral Council assists in promoting pastoral action in the parish."

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 Process (September 16th to October 7th)

Nomination forms will be available next weekend.

You may nominate another person or yourself.

Completed nomination forms may be placed in the collection basket or submitted to the office.

Nominations will be accepted up to Thanksgiving Weekend, Oct. 7th.

Weekend of October 14th

Ballot forms made available with (standing) names of people nominated for parish council.

Election for Parish Council (Weekend Mass on Oct. 20th/21st)

Based on the number of nominations, eight names will be present on the ballot

Election will take place before/after Saturday and Sunday Mass on October 20th and 21st.

- 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.

~ Fr. Steve

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