

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sept. 23 – 29, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Barry Kieswetter – *Donna Lienhardt*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12:00 noon + Rose Agius – *Cutting family*

Thursday (FEAST – St. Jean De Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues & companions)

7:00 am + Adeline Dias – *Agnelo & Dolorosa Dias*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)

7:00 am + Special Intention

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Derek Hudson – *Yvonne McIsaac*

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Sat. 5:00 PM + Rebol Family

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Pat & Grace Feeney

11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sts. John De Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and companions, also known as The Canadian Martyrs, were eight Jesuit missionaries from Sainte-Marie among the Hurons. They were ritually tortured and killed on various dates in the mid-17th century in Canada, in what is now southern Ontario, and in upstate New York, during the warfare between the Iroquois (particularly the Mohawk people) and the Huron. They have subsequently been canonized and venerated as martyrs by the Church.

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. Ordained as a priest in 1600, he spent most of his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

Weekly Offertory Report for Sept. 14/15, 2019

Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,426.75
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 1,401.35
Total Offerings This Week:	\$ 4,828.10
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>

Year-to-Date Report for Week 37

Weekly Offerings:	\$ 116,855.37
Pre-authorized debits:	\$ 50,199.00
Total Offerings This Year:	\$ 167,054.37
<i>Yearly Budget to Date:</i>	<i>\$ 192,400.00</i>
<i>Under Yearly Budget:</i>	<i>(25,345.63)</i>

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!



Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Sept. 23</u>	7:15 pm	(B)	Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Sept. 24</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus General meeting
<u>Wed. Sept. 25</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Sept. 26</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(J)	Knights of Columbus District meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Sept. 27</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<u>Sat. Sept. 28</u>	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

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money. ■

"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.

Opening School Masses:

St. Mark School - Thursday, October 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the church
St. Dominic School - Thursday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the school

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.

Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 28 - 29	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:	Sr. Kathleen	J. Germann	M. Smith
1st Reader:	B. Crawley	J. Flanigan	D. DeSouza
2nd Reader:		T. Germann	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	L. Macedo	L. Koehler F. Seaward M. Walsler	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis G. MacNeil	T./K. Boettger S. Cerantola	S. Markides M. Monte B. Starr

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™ PRAY TO END ABORTION

From September 25th to November 3rd, 2019 we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life™ saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by **Prayer and Fasting** for an end to abortion, as well as attending a **Peaceful Vigil** outside of Freeport Hospital (where abortions take place every week), for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm (7 days a week). **St. Mark's Parish has adopted all hours on Saturday, October 26th.** We encourage volunteers to consider **Adopting-an-Hour** a week; which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is *sacred* and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at 40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by 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 as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. *You are also invited to join us for the OPENING RALLY* which will be held on **Tuesday, October 1st at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr, Kitchener.** Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Crosby** at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow; please come to pray for the success of this campaign and the protection of ALL LIFE in our country!

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 (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 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. 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, or (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. 23 - Rev. Jiri Macenauer
- Sep. 24 - Rev. Arthur Scidmore
- Sep. 25 - Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny
- Sep. 26 - Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
- Sep. 27 - Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
- Sep. 28 - Rev. Msgr. Ted Slaman

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.

► **TOUR OF THE WORKING CENTER WITH JOE MANCINI**

Thursday, September 26th - We are very excited to be able to bring this experience to you. Have a glimpse at the behind the scenes of this amazing organization. Our tour will start at the Hacienda Market, then St. John's Kitchen, and the Queen Street building. Car pooling available, we will gather at St. Mark's parking lot at 5:50 p.m., or you may meet us at the Hacienda Market (1254 Union St., Kitchener) at 6:30 p.m.. Please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 to register.

Kickoff Weekend is here for 'One Heart, One Soul' Campaign!

This is Kickoff Weekend for our parish! 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 or parishes participating in the campaign, and you'll soon be receiving a packet of information in the mail. Once you have read over the information, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the effort.

In the meantime, here are a few Frequently Asked Questions:

(A compilation of all the FAQs is available throughout the campaign at www.oneheartonesoul.ca.)

► **Are cash pledges the only kind of gifts?**

Because many of the needs of the campaign will require immediate funding, gifts of cash and appreciated securities are generally sought. But trust and estate gifts are welcomed. Donors considering a planned gift should contact the diocesan development director, Francis Doyle, at 905-528-7988 to discuss the options available.

► **How can I make a gift or pledge to the campaign?**

There will be a number of ways to make a gift or make payments on your pledge to the campaign, including:

- Setting up a pre-authorized gift (automatic withdrawal) from a chequing account
- Setting up a recurring credit card payment
- Paying by cash or cheque through the mail
- Making a stock or securities transfer

► **Can I give online?**

Yes! After you receive your campaign packet in late September, you can go to the campaign website, oneheartonesoul.ca, click on the "GIVE" button at the top and be guided through the process.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - I am hoping to start offering Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass starting soon after the Thanksgiving weekend, 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 and 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 their pews 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 8 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.**

MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND – Thursday to Sunday, October 17 - 20 at **St. Ignatius Oratory, Deemerton.** Free transportation to and from your weekend; all meals provided; comfortable, accessible accommodations. A wonderful opportunity to experience the graces that will empower you to be a better Christian for the Lord for the rest of your life. Contact Betty Enticott (519-743-0908 or penticott@rogers.com) or Marq Weber (519-747-5937 or marg.weber@sympatico.ca). *(Women's weekend scheduled for Spring 2020.)*



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