

Are you new to St. Mark's Church?

Would you like to find out more about the activities and different ministries that take place in our church. Call Andrea MacLean-Holohan 847-8127 from our Newcomers ministry, she would be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Diocesan News

Apr. 22 – Rocmaura April showers dessert party, live and silent auction in the Club Room, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Contact 643-7090 for more information.

April 22 - Sunday Exposition/Adoration at Holy Trinity from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. with Benediction and Confession.

Apr. 27 - Divine Mercy Catholic School presents "A tribute to Beauty" - a stunning show featuring the nationally recognized DMCS Choir and Alumni. These outstanding students have won numerous NB Music Festival awards. With spectacular harmonies, beautiful faces and even a touch of poetry, this unique tribute to Beauty will be a night to remember... The show will be held at St. Peter's Church. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Backstreet Records, DMCS School office and at the door of the event. All proceeds support Divine Mercy Catholic School.

April 29 - Sunday Exposition/Adoration at St. François de Sales from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. with Benediction & Confession.

April 29 - Parish Roast Beef Dinner, St Joseph's Church, 4347 Loch Lomond Rd, Adults \$15.00, Children \$8.00, beef, potatoes, carrots, peas, rolls, homemade desserts, tea and coffee, tickets available at the Parish Office, doors open 5:00 p.m. for ticket holders, purchase at the door 5:15 p.m.

May 10 – Canadian Mental Health fundraiser – ‘A Day in her Shoes’ at 5:30 p.m. at the Market Square Atrium Saint John. Tickets are \$40, call 633-1705 to purchase tickets.

Pre-Authorized Debit System - If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket in an envelope along with a VOID cheque.

If you are new to the Parish we would like to hear from you, or if you are leaving the area, please let us know.
Register Update:
Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.
Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
New in Parish ____ email: _____ Moving out of ____
Moving within the Parish ____

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MISSION STATEMENT

From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.

Pastor: Father Owen Burns

**Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m.
Sun. 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

Parish Council Chair – Pat Carey

Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry - contact office.

Reconciliation - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

April 21-22, 2018 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4 7-12 1 John 3 1-2 John 10 11-18

April 28-29, 2018 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9 26-31 1 John 3 18-24 John 15 1-8

“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.” – JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in “quiet whispers”, so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

<u>Announced Masses</u>		
Tues. Apr. 24	7:00 p.m.	Scott Donovan
Wed. Apr. 25	6:00 p.m.	Feast of St. Mark
Thurs. Apr.26	7:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League
Fri. Apr. 27	9:00 a.m.	John Sherwood
Sat. Apr. 28	5:00 p.m.	Dianne Cormier
Sun. Apr. 29	9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
	11:15 a.m.	Francesco Graceffa (Anniv.)

<u>Scheduled Events — April 22nd – April 29th</u>			
Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Apr.22	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall
Mon.Apr.23	Girl Guides/Sparks	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	Adult Music Practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tues.Apr.24	RCIA	7:30 p.m.	Room#1
Wed.Apr.25	Feast of St. Mark Celebration	6:00pm	Church
	Brownies	6:30 p.m.	Hall
Thurs.Apr.26	Alpha training	6:30pm	Room#1
Fri. Apr.27	Finance Committee	10:30a.m.	Room#7
Sat.Apr.28	Alpha training	8:15a.m.	Room#1
Sun.Apr.29	Pathfinders	7:00pm	Hall

Refugee Committee will be giving a presentation after all Masses on the weekend of April 28th – 29th.

To Break the Bread
 On the night of the Last Supper, before giving the bread He had in His hands, Jesus broke it in many pieces. The priest does the same action in front of us. Because we are fed by the same bread, we receive the same life, the one of Christ. This same bread, this same life bind us tightly to Christ and to each other. The Apostle Paul spoke magnificently of the breaking of the bread when he wrote: “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body”(1 Cor 10:17). It is the spiritual body of Christ.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, April 15 th	\$ 4,786.85

Religious Formation - 849-5111
 Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162
 Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

April 22 – Final Religious Education Session
April 22 – Confirmation practice 10:05 a.m. for candidates
 And parents

Bible Drive
 Bible Drive...Collecting Bibles to share the Good News in our city. A local group is looking for new or nearly new Catholic Bibles to distribute within Saint John and surrounding areas. The distribution channels will include one-on-one or group street ministry, door-to-door, presentations, and special events. Share the Good News with our neighbours by donating a Bible! Bibles will be collected during the month of April. Bring a Bible with you to Mass and place it in the box marked ‘Bible Drive’ located in the foyer.

Thank you!
 Donations have been made to the Building Fund in Memory of Elizabeth Jardine

Silent Auction and Dessert Buffet
 Donations of new items would be gratefully accepted for the May 11th silent auction and gently used purses and jewelry. Items can be dropped off at the office Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Jackie Beckingham at 849-9521 for more information.

Diocese of Saint John Revitalization – Mass Time Survey
 As part of the ongoing work to revitalize our parishes, we are assessing whether the current Mass times meet the needs of our parish. This weekend, a short survey has been launched to gather your input. Paper copies will be distributed at all Masses, and a link to the on-line survey is being sent out via email and is available on our website at stmarksparish.ca. Completed paper surveys can be placed in the collection boxes at all doors April 21/22 or 28/29 or by returning it to the office before April 30. The on-line survey will be available until April 30.

A Vision for a Revitalized Church
Living out our Baptismal Call

This Sunday, Bishop Robert Harris announces the plan for diocesan realignment. It will result in one of the most significant changes in the structure of our diocese, since we began more than 175 years ago. Why are we doing this now?
 The reason for such a change in our diocese is captured in the vision that was developed first in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, published in 2012. This plan presented the core of our vision for the pastoral life of our diocese. In the last two years through survey, reflection, consultation and prayer our diocese has further refined this vision. It now is our *Vision for a Revitalized Church, Living out our Baptismal Call*.
 The changes announced this Sunday are based on becoming a Church that lives this vision.

- An evangelizing community that gives Jesus Christ to the world
- Full churches for Sunday Mass
- Intergenerational community of children, teens, young adults, middle-age, seniors
- The center of the community life serving those on the margin and most in need
- A community of growing disciples who share their faith, support one another, and lead others to Jesus Christ

May God bless us as we seek to live as missionary disciples of Jesus, sharing the Good News in our world, locally and globally.

A parishioner information session on the revitalization will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Check the bulletin and the website for updates.

Responsible Ministry Protocol
ALL VOLUNTEERS/ALL MINISTRIES – Have you completed your Volunteer form and police check? Has it been 5 years since you did? If so, then we are required under the Responsible Ministry Protocol to update your information! *Anyone who volunteers at the church in any way* is asked to complete a Volunteer/Covenant Form. Those working with youth and vulnerable adults or are in possession of a St. Mark’s building key are also required to have a Police Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Search. Forms are available at the office.