

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
No Children's Liturgy of the Word until further notice.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday through Friday at 12:00 NOON
First Saturday of the Month at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

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. A date for 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 start the process..

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 SOCIETY

Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Dominic Savio Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Pat Runstedler
3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

St. Mark Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Gary Lankowski
240 Autumn Hill Crescent 519-743-4682

Resurrection Catholic Secondary School

Principal: Marisa Munroe
455 University Avenue West 519-741-1990



"... 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 drop it in the mail. Your intention will appear in the bulletin.

If you require a Mass card please call or email the parish office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention 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

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.

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 11 – 17, 2022



Monday

2:00 PM - **CHRISM MASS**
(at Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton)

Tuesday

12 noon + Macedo Family – Luiz
12:30 PM - **CONFESSIONS** (parish hall)

Wednesday

12 noon + Terry Krafchick & Mona Simpson – N.S. Cerantola
12:30 PM - **CONFESSIONS** (parish hall)

✠ EASTER TRIDUUM ✠

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 PM - **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
+ Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM - **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

HOLY SATURDAY

* **NO CONFESSIONS TODAY**

8:30 PM - **Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**
+ Intentions of the parishioners of St. Mark's

EASTER SUNDAY - Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18++

9:30 am + Jose Varkey – *Sijimol Jose*
11:30 am + Repose of the souls in whose memory
donations were made toward Easter Flowers

Spy Wednesday ... This Wednesday is known as Spy Wednesday because on this day Judas made a bargain with the high priest to betray Jesus for 30 silver pieces. (Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:1-6)

Good Friday ... UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

On Good Friday, the Church asks that we fast from food and abstain all day from eating any type of meat. Fasting means that we should eat only one meal on Good Friday and avoid any snacking. The age for abstinence is 14 and 60 for fasting. Bear in mind that these ages were established years ago by the church when food was not as plentiful and nutrition not as accessible as it is today. Therefore, if you are in good health, the spirit of these disciplines would be to practice them regardless of age. On Good Friday, we should also refrain from doing any unnecessary work and avoid activities such as shopping.

Easter Flowers

Contributions toward the purchase of Easter Flowers may be made in memory of a loved one; Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be offered for the repose of their souls. Look for the pink box and envelopes in the narthex.



CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 11th at 2:00 p.m.
Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton



The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. The Mass is a celebration of the institution of the ministerial priesthood and is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the sacraments throughout the year, which are then given to the priests to take back to their parishes.

All are welcome to attend this celebration. The Mass will also be live-streamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2gq11W2P5OeXduGZEzIq/videos>



Luke 22:14 – 23:56 ♦ From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God. ■



Thank you to all who signed up to minister at the Holy Week and Easter Triduum Masses.

The diocese has given the okay for all liturgical ministers to resume their ministries at Mass (i.e. altar servers, ushers, gift bearers, readers, Eucharistic ministers). If you would like to resume or sign-up for one of these roles, please see Fr. Steve after Mass, or give Pam a call at the office.

READERS please note:

- ◆ Beginning on Holy Thursday and going forward, we will return to the pre-pandemic format of having two Lectors proclaim the First & Second Readings (and Responsorial Psalm, if not sung) at the Ambo, where the Gospel is proclaimed.
- ◆ Beginning on Easter Sunday, we will return to having a dedicated Commentator to read the Welcome and the Prayers of the Faithful at the Lectern.

USHERS please note:

- ◆ Beginning on Easter Sunday we will return to taking up the collection during Mass, now using long-handled baskets. Father Steve will go over this with you before Mass. Ushers will need to recruit people from the congregation to assist with this task.



Preparation for Confirmation for children in Grade 7 will begin this month with at-home study material emailed from the parish directly to parents who have enrolled their child. If you have not yet enrolled your child, please contact Pam at the parish office before the end of this week.

Called to write? If so, you are welcome to St. Mark's **Writers' Group**.

We meet with the goals of improving our writing, encouraging one another, and publishing our work. If you write, or aspire to write, fiction or non-fiction that is compatible with Catholic ideals, please contact Jane Petrovich at 226-220-7993. We meet every Saturday online on Skype.

Toonies for Tummies ☺ With your help, St. Mark's Men's Group

is fundraising to supply a hot meal to people in need throughout Waterloo Region. Working with Ray of Hope in their kitchen, our parish men's group will prepare about 200 hot, nutritious meals to be served to guests in the Ray of Hope Community Centre in June. Just \$5 is all it takes to provide a hot, nutritious meal to a person who is hungry in Waterloo Region, but every little bit helps!

Donations can be dropped in the water jug displayed in the narthex. Thanks and God bless!

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR ❖ This week let us pray for...

APRIL 11	APRIL 12	APRIL 13	APRIL 14	APRIL 15	APRIL 16
Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.	Rev. Allison Mahoney, C.S.C.	Permanent Deacons	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday

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.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

† Reverend Joseph Thanh



You may request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul. Cost is \$5 per candle, per week. Simply drop a plain envelope marked "Sanctuary Lamp" into the collection and include the stipend and the name of the person(s) you wish to remember.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum is one liturgical celebration spread over three days that begins with the Evening Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, marking the



passion and death of Christ on Good Friday and ending with the Mass of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday night or Easter Sunday. It marks the end of the 40 days of Lent and celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying He destroyed our death and rising He restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, #18)

The Easter Triduum and the Easter Season which lasts 50 days, therefore, is not simply one feast among others, but as the catechism of the Church tells us, it is the "Feast of Feasts" and the "Solemnity of Solemnities" just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of Sacraments". St. Athanasius called Easter, the Great Sunday and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week, the 'Great week'. In other words, it is the Celebrations of Celebrations. It is what we celebrate every time we attend Mass – it is the very essence of our faith.

Considering that the Easter Triduum is one celebration spread over three day, as Catholics, we are urged to put aside our daily routines and make priority to attend, not just one or two, but all three liturgical celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and either the Vigil Mass of Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday Mass.

C.W.L. NEWS... DAILY PRAYER FOR UKRAINE: This is open for anyone that would like to join. The Provincial Christian Family Life Chair, Colleen Martin, will be reciting the Divine Mercy Chapel with the assistance of an online video **each morning at 8:00 a.m. EST** until there is peace in Ukraine once again. Please feel free to join her any day you wish. If you wish to volunteer to recite the chaplet in person on any day, please email Colleen Martin in advance at cwcfli@tbaytel.net. Meeting ID: **828 4886 9346** / Passcode: **b9Yh73**
Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82848869346?pwd=WmJhc2RXZTlhYWdzZlhmNjZBYtKz09>

The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows

(Fourth talk in the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series) Join Roy Petitfils on **Tuesday, April 26th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** for practical and experiential antidotes on how to assist teens to feel empowered, supported and strong enough so they can come out of the shadows and thrive in their lives. **The entire series runs once per month until June and is presented online via ZOOM. You must register for each talk, but can join in by internet or phone.** To register, or for more information please visit the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/speaker-series> or contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. **PLEASE SEE POSTER IN THE NARTHEX FOR SUBSEQUENT TALKS.**

Celebration of Priesthood & Consecrated/Religious Life 2020-2022

Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to an Appreciation Mass on **Tuesday, May 3rd** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** (Hamilton) starting at 7:00 p.m. We will celebrate and honour our brothers and sisters who have chosen the Priesthood or Consecrated/Religious Life and have marked their 50th Anniversary serving the Diocese of Hamilton in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Please visit the website: [Celebration of Priesthood and Religious Life Dinner](#) or call Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682 for further details.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass ☞ As COVID-19 continues to

challenge all of us, we have sadly had to make the decision to cancel the Anniversary Mass for 2022. Bishop Crosby would still like to honour those celebrating special milestones, so we invite you to click the following link to request a letter and certificate from the Bishop honouring your anniversary: <http://crm.hamiltondiocese.com/registermass/weddinganniversary.aspx>



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