

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week  **April 25 – May 1, 2022**

- Tuesday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon – Int. of Sarah Plante – Colette Dokis
 7:00 PM - C.W.L. Mass
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family
- Thursday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon – Int. of Bernard Crawley – Frank & Beth Seaward
- Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA)
 12 Noon + Peter & Theresa Nguyen – Melissa Nguyen


3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 30 / May 1
 Acts 5:28-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Sat. 5:00 PM + Bill Larocque – Annette Hauck
Sun. 9:30 am + Doug Farwell – Judy Schnarr
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
2:00 PM - FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER


The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The Intentions of St. Mark's Prayer Network

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.

 **Preparation for Confirmation** for children in Grade 7 begins 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 a.s.a.p.

⦿⦿⦿⦿⦿⦿ **Toonies for Tummies** ⦿⦿⦿⦿⦿⦿
A BIG THANK-YOU to all who opened their hearts and wallets and donated \$585 for our cause. With these funds, St. Mark's Men's Group will prepare hot, nutritious meals to be served to guests in the Ray of Hope Community Centre in June. Thanks be to God!

 We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Antonio Claro**, husband of Ilda.
"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."

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

APRIL 25	APRIL 26	APRIL 27	APRIL 28	APRIL 29	APRIL 30
Rev. Patrick McKelvie, C.R.	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)	† Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R.	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

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.



John 20:19-31 ♦ Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed. ■

C.W.L. SELLING MOTHER'S DAY ROSES
Mini Potted Roses
 on sale May 7th & 8th after Mass
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Liturgical Ministers

Apr 30 / May 1	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	V. DeVries	M. Oram
1st Reader:	A. Fernandez	P. Enticott	J. Petrovich
2nd Reader:	S. Rellinger	J. Flanigan	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	B. Benner, E. Miller	I./D. Culley	C. Dignam
Eucharistic:	D./J. Fernandez	J. Swartz, M. Walsler	B./C. Voisin

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 call/email Pam at the office.**

Capital Campaign Update

The following is an update on our Capital Campaign – *One Heart, One Soul*.

Our target goal was \$295,000 and our total pledges were in the amount of \$358,756, which means that we exceeded our targeted goal by 21% with a 51% parish participation.

Of the total amount pledged (\$358,756), the amount paid to date is \$293,490, which leaves a remaining \$65,000 to be fulfilled in pledges. The bottom line is that if all pledges are fulfilled, the parish will have \$334,443.00 to the good. The remaining difference of \$24,000 will support ministries in our Diocese, such as ministry to the hospitals and prisons.

The first prioritized project was the work completed last year to the sanctuary and the total cost was \$42,000. This included expanding and tiling the sanctuary floor; updating the electrical and sound system wiring; installing intake vents; installation of the crucifix; repairing the leak in the roof; repairing water damage to the ceiling over the sanctuary and in the chapel.

The next project will concentrate on the parish hall and the following people are part of the committee that will oversee this part of the project: 1) Ian Kangaloo; (2) Edwina Weiss; (3) Tom Germann; (4) Diane Bendia; (5) Al Bendia; (6) Anna Joseph; (7) Paul Enticott; (8) Ron Denomme; (9) Marc Murchie.

The hall and the kitchen require a lot of work and updating, and the first two projects will be installing a new floor to the hall, St. John Room and hallway, and purchasing new tables and chairs. It has been decided that we will go with either a polished concrete or an epoxy floor depending on the condition of the concrete when the tiles are removed. It is expected that this work will be completed between May 2 and May 6 and the estimated cost is \$24,000.

MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA LUNCH hosted by **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo**, on **Sunday, May 8th** at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. Bring your whole family. Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Children under 8yrs \$10 (first come, first served). For more info and to purchase tickets, please call or email Patrycja at OLOL parish office: 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.

"THE CHOSEN" (Season 1) Study Group ... *The Chosen* is the first multi-season television series about the life of Christ, as witnessed through the eyes of those He impacted. Directed by Dallas Jenkins (The Resurrection of Gavin Stone) and distributed by VidAngel Studios. Join us at **Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo** parish office, starting **Friday, May 6th** from 6-8 p.m. Our study group will begin watching one episode per week of season 1 which will be followed by discussions and fellowship. For more info and to register please email: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com with your name and contact information.

C.W.L. NEWS...

♦ Join St. Mark's C.W.L. on the Feast Day of our patroness saint Our Lady of Good Counsel, **Tuesday, April 26th, Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m.** followed by a light reception in the narthex.

♦ **Please meet St. Mark's new C.W.L. Executive for 2022-2024:**

1st Vice President – Dianne Seymour-Weber

Secretary – Betty Enticott

Treasurer – Carmel Schade

Committee Chairs – Kim Montag, Sue Sawchuk, Vi DeVries

President / Past President – Anna Joseph

A very big thank you to the ladies that have stepped forward to support St. Mark's Catholic Women League! May Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us.

♦ **C.W.L. SELLING MOTHER'S DAY ROSES!** Mini Potted Roses on sale after each Mass on May 7th & 8th ... \$8.00 each.

♦ **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 cwlcfl@tbaytel.net. Meeting ID: **828 4886 9346** / Passcode: **b9Yh73**

Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82848869346?pwd=WmJac2RXZTlhYWdzZlhmNjZBYtKdz09>

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.

The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows

Are you a parent, teacher, youth worker, parish minister, pastor, or other caring relative or friend? **Would you like to know how to offer the teen or teens in your life more support, especially during these challenging times?** Join us to listen to teen expert Roy Petitfils share his practical knowledge on how to ensure no child ever feels invisible. His talk is titled: *The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows*. Roy Petitfils is an internationally recognized expert on understanding and raising teenagers. He is a therapist with a Masters in Mental Health and School Counseling and is an internationally sought after speaker. Author of numerous books, you will find him both educational and engaging. This free event is part of the Diocesan Year of the Family Speaker Series. This session takes place by **ZOOM this Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.** 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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