# 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**

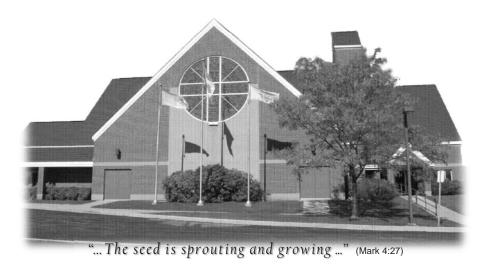
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
No Children's Liturgy of the Word until further notice.

#### **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.



<u>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</u> – 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

#### 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.

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The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention is \$10 per Mass.							
I would like to have Mass(es) celebrated for:							
$\Box$ the intentions of (living) <b>OR</b> $\Box$ 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 4 - 10, 2022

Tuesday (FERIAL)

**12 Noon** – Int. of Jordan, Tammy & Tim Bellingham and Jessica Drovan – Frances Musclow

Wednesday (FERIAL)

**12 Noon** + John Horvath - Nick & Sharon Cerantola

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Eileen Plouffe - Moe

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of Sherri, Tim, Megan & Amy Ware - F. Musclow

12:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - April 9-10

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Sat. 5:00 PM + Patrick Weber - Carol & family
Sun. 9:30 am + Maria Campos - Carol & family

**11:30 am** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark



## STATIONS of the CROSS follow the 12 noon Mass on Fridays during Lent.

#### **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 in the narthex with envelopes for donations.



#### LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

### The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for: † Jeannette Belliveau-Lavoie



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.



#### **Toonies for Tummies**

### Ray of Hope

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!

#### **VOCATION SEEDS • Fifth Sunday of Lent • April 3, 2022**

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton ... <a href="mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com/vocations">vocations@hamiltondiocese.com/vocations</a> | www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

#### John 8:1-11 ◆ Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery



The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus'

cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in <a href="Mark 12:13-17">Mark 12:13-17</a>. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See <u>Luke 18:9-14</u>).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Annual Potato Blitz (Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus)
Approximately 500 pounds of potatoes were collected during our annual
Potato Blitz, and all proceeds went to the House of Friendship.

Great thanks to all who donated!

## Liturgical Ministers

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER – All ministers are asked to sign up in the narthex for any dates you are available.

April 9-10	5:00 рм Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	A. Fernandez	J. Stankiewicz	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	B. Benner E. Miller	P. Drohan L. Koehler	C. Dignam
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber H. Psutka	M. Walser T. Angel	K. Dignam I. Kangaloo

#### **First Communion & Reconciliation**

Preparation for these sacraments has begun. If you are not receiving the study sessions via email, please contact the parish office.



*Called to write?* If so, you are welcome to the 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.



Betty and the Sewing Group would like to thank all those who generously donated blankets, comforters, quilts, fabric or funds toward the blanket-sewing initiative to benefit St. Mary's Hospital. With your help

they were able to assemble 86 blankets and 76 cloth tote-bags to donate to the patients at St. Mary's Hospital.

#### **Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group**

Wednesday evenings – **April 20 to May 25** – 7:00-8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) at **St. Michael's Parish**, 80 University Ave. West, Waterloo. This program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one or a significant loss, and follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee, but you must register by April 13<sup>th</sup> by contacting St. Michael's parish office at 519-884-9311 or parish@stmichaelw.ca. For more info visit <a href="https://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support">www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support</a>.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

### Evenings with His Excellency BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER

Live Online <u>OR</u> In-person (Hamilton)

Next Session: Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> ◆ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Remaining dates: May 13 and June 10

Join Bishop Lobsinger online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Church (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton). Each month we will methodically go through the "Catechism of the Catholic Church". **There is no registration, no fee and no homework.** Come ready to learn and ask all the questions you always wanted to ask about our Catholic Faith.

Watch live online at: <a href="www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com">www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com</a> or view previous sessions on YouTube at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mxz7dtuv">https://tinyurl.com/mxz7dtuv</a>

#### 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: <a href="mailto:cwlcfl@tbaytel.net">cwlcfl@tbaytel.net</a>. Join Zoom Meeting: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82848869346?pwd=WmJac2RXZTlhYWdzZlhmNjZBYytKdz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82848869346?pwd=WmJac2RXZTlhYWdzZlhmNjZBYytKdz09</a>

Meeting ID: 828 4886 9346 / Passcode: b9Yh73

#### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR** | This week let us pray for...

APRIL 4	APRIL 5	APRIL 6	APRIL 7	APRIL 8	APRIL 9
Rev. Franjo Sprajc	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Rev. Tom Moisan	Rev. David Weise	Rev. Pablito Labado

**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.

#### The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows

- 4th talk in the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series -

Join Roy Petitfils on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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. Roy has spent his life helping teens so they will not feel invisible. He will provide insights into how parents/teachers/parish staff/others can help ensure no child ever feels this way. An internationally sought-after speaker and recognized expert in understanding and raising teenagers, Roy is a therapist at Pax Renewal Center in Lafayette, Louisiana, and holds a Masters in Mental Health and School Counseling from the University of Louisiana. Roy uses humor, passion, clinical and life experience to help adults connect with teens and teens to know, understand and love themselves.

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 <a href="https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/speaker-series">https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/speaker-series</a> or contact Teresa Hartnett at <a href="thtps://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com">thtps://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com</a> or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. PLEASE SEE POSTER IN THE NARTHEX FOR SUBSEQUENT TALKS.

#### Canadian Food for Children (CFFC) requests your help

The Catholic parishes in our area have always been so generous with donations to CFFC, donations particularly of <u>clothes</u>, <u>housewares</u>, <u>school supplies</u>, <u>bedding</u> and <u>hygiene goods</u>. With the onset of Covid two years ago, our donations drastically diminished. If your parish has not already heard of our present needs, we are appealing to you now to help us. With springtime approaching, many of us are tidying up and cleaning out drawers and cupboards, moving and/or downsizing. Why not give those gently used, unwanted items a new home? Our warehouse is located at 843 Guelph Street in Kitchener and we are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. to accept your donations. If desired, an expanded "Wish List" can be accessed by emailing <a href="mailto:pinn@golden.net">pinn@golden.net</a>. We thank you in advance for helping us clothe and provide for the poor in so many Third World Countries.

#### PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Interfaith Prayer Service Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. St. Anthony Daniel R.C. Church, Kitchener. ALL ARE WELCOME.





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