

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



Feb. 14 – 20, 2022

Seating is restricted to 50% capacity and physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) between households, until further notice. Masks are mandatory. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Helen & Walter Lutka – Nick & Sharon Cerantola

★ followed by **Benediction and Devotion to icon of St. Joseph**

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Albert & Theresa Prince – Margaret Gregg

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Deceased Members of St. Mark's Parish – L. Fonseca

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 19-20

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25++; 1 Cor. 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Sat. 5:00 PM + Maria Clemens – C.M. Siscoe

Sun. 9:30 am + Mary Fast – Nick & Sharon Cerantola

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



Luke 6:17, 20-26 ♦ Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.



BENEDICTION & DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH

★ **Wednesday, Feb. 16th after the 12 noon Mass**

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring the St. Joseph icon program. This program is intended to honour St. Joseph and encourage prayer for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations. **The icon will be in the parish from February 12-20.** Please take a moment before or after Mass to approach the icon and offer a prayer.

Sewing Blankets for St. Mary's Hospital

The hospital accepts donations of different sized blankets to send home with patients. The next sewing date will be **Sat. Feb. 19th from 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** This past Fall, we were able to deliver 79 blankets and approximately 30 tote bags to St. Mary's hospital, for which they were very grateful! **If you would like to participate in sewing blankets, please contact Betty at 519-743-0908.**



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
A PRIVATE INTENTION**



You may request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul. Public intentions will be published in the bulletin and on our website; private intentions will not. 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 First Communion & Confirmation

If you have not yet contacted the parish to enroll your child for the Sacrament of First Communion (grade 2), or Confirmation (grade 7), please email Pam at the parish office a.s.a.p. (stmark@rogers.com) and **provide the following info: Child's name, school, grade and preferred email address.** We will then send you an enrollment form to complete and return with a photo of your child's baptism certificate. Preparation for these sacraments will take place via emailed materials for you to study with your child.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. ■



FEB. 19-20	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	S. Benner	T. Angel	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	I./D. Culley	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	P./D. Fernandez	P. Fernandez P. Enticott	P. Fernandez E. Weiss

“Tech Meets Parenting: A Balancing Act”

The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region invites you to join in on a virtual event – **“Tech Meets Parenting: A Balancing Act”** on **Thursday, Feb. 24th** from 7:00-8:00pm. This family-focused event will explore our relationship with technology. We will discuss the importance of and tactics around being a good role model and setting boundaries at all ages. Space is limited, register today at: <https://www.ccfowr.org/speaker-series>.

That Man is You! Saturday mornings Jan. 29th - April 30th at 8:15 am on ZOOM. *That Man is You!* honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! Visit www.tmiy.org for more information. Until we return to our breakfast meeting format, men watch a 30-minute video during the week, then meet online to discuss, via Zoom, on Saturday. Please contact Ian at ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions and to receive the weekly email with the Zoom link and access to the videos.

VOCATION SEEDS ♦ 6th Sun. Ordinary Time ♦ Feb. 13, 2022

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation... 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.

The Witness of Faith in the Home

Second talk in the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series

Join us on **Wednesday, Feb. 16th** from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** for this wonderful talk by Connie Clark. Connie is the author of numerous books, booklets and articles for parents, catechists, teens and kids. Sharing engaging personal stories, encouragement, and practical ideas, Connie helps families recognize their beautiful, vital role in the Christian community and in the family of God. She will focus on how parents, grandparents, teachers, aunts, uncles, catechists and everyone can guide families as they grow in faith.

The entire series runs once per month until June and is presented 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.

C.W.L. NEWS...



♦ **Fri. March 4th** – Come celebrate **World Day of Prayer** as we celebrate the theme: **I Know the Plans I have for You.** The women of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland have prepared the service this year. The evening will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by a video presentation.

♦ **Sat. March 5th** – Save the Date! 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Lift Jesus Higher Rally** will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and virtually live-streamed. Please visit www.ljhr.ca to register.

♦ This week you will receive an email with information about our **Instructed Vote and nomination info for the upcoming elections.** Please consider nominating your St. Mark's C.W.L. sisters. Let's live our Mission Statement: "The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service."

KNIGHTS' NEWS ...



♦ **St. Joseph pilgrim icon** – Now at St. Mark's from Feb. 12-20. Details on page 1 of this bulletin.

♦ **K of C Ontario Charities 50-50 Online Raffle** – Next Early Bird Draw: March 1st. Jackpot Draw March 31st. To buy tickets visit: <https://www.kofcontario5050.com>.



Potato Blitz – Bring your spuds to the Church over the next few weeks and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.

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

FEB. 14	FEB. 15	FEB. 16	FEB. 17	FEB. 18	FEB. 19
Msgr. Ivan Vuksic	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.	Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.	Rev. Jerrek Scherber, L.C.	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.

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.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Evenings with His Excellency

BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER

Live Online OR In-person (Hamilton)

Friday, March 11th ♦ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

2nd Friday of every month: April 8 ♦ May 13 ♦ 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: www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com. or view past sessions on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/mxz7dtuv>

Do you use our Pre-Authorized Debit Plan?

Don't forget to pick up your box of special envelopes in the narthex for 2022 ... Many important collections that are not covered by your automatic withdrawals are included in this box. Please take yours home the next time you're at Mass.



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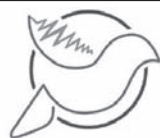
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