

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. 21 – 27, 2022

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

Tuesday (FEAST - CHAIR OF ST. PETER)

12 Noon + Albert & Theresa Prince – Margaret Gregg

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. POLYCARP)

12 Noon + Adelina & Peter Cerantola – Nick & Sharon

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Maria & Ernesto Camara & family – D. Costa

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 26-27

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

Sat. 5:00 PM – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am + Albert & Theresa Prince – Margaret Gregg

11:30 am + Keith Reinhardt – Helen, Kate & Tom

Chair of Saint Peter – This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

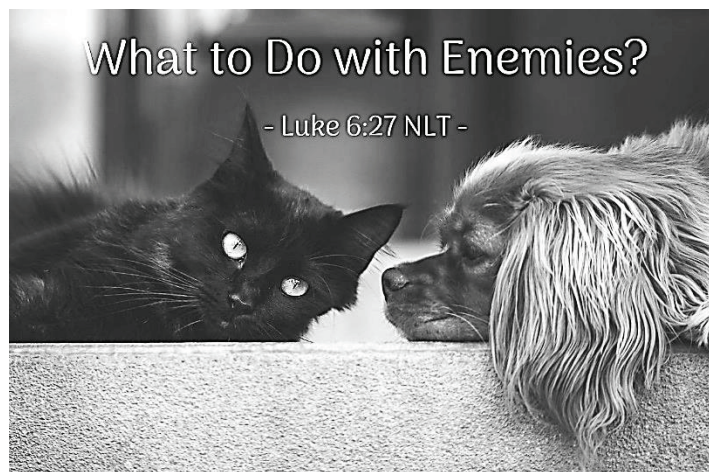
Saint Polycarp was a disciple of Saint John the Evangelist. He was a holy man and the bishop of Smyrna. He sought to be true to the life of Jesus and imitate that life. Saint Ignatius of Antioch told Polycarp "your mind is grounded in God as on an immovable rock."

VOCATION SEEDS ♦ 7th Sun. Ordinary Time ♦ Feb. 20, 2022

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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: 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.

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** (*New Year's Day, St. Vincent de Paul, Good Friday, Easter, Christmas*), as well as all the Diocesan collections (*Seminary Education, Share Lent, Pope's Pastoral Works, Care for Retired Priests, Needs of the Canadian Church, World Mission Sunday*) and even an envelope for C.W.L. membership dues. **Please remember to pick yours up the next time you're at Mass.** Thanks!



Luke 6:27-38 ♦ Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the [Beatitudes](#). Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining. ■

2021 Tax Receipts are now available for pick up in the narthex. Those that are not picked up will be mailed.



FEB. 26-27	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	M. Dufresne	J. Deneau	M. Oram
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Fernandez	M. Walser V. Chen	T./K. Boettger
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber G. Kubisewsky	A. Joseph J. Swartz	I./F. Kangaloo

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 contact Pam at the parish office a.s.a.p. (stmark@rogers.com or 519-571-9200) 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 along with a photo of your child's baptism certificate. Preparation for these sacraments will begin in the next few weeks via emailed materials for you to study with your child.

"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 - 8:00 pm. 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>.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Evenings with His Excellency

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Friday, March 11th ♦ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

2nd Friday of every month: April 8 ♦ May 13 ♦ June 10

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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>

That Man is You! resumes Saturday mornings Jan. 29th through 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. Contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions and to receive the weekly email with the Zoom link and access to the videos.

C.W.L. NEWS...



♦ **Saturday, Feb. 26th** – St. Mark's CWL Meeting of Members. Starting at 9:30 a.m. with Rosary. After a very long awaited time, we are now able to gather and vote on the various changes coming to our CWL Constitution. Your help is needed, please come out and have your say.

♦ **Friday, 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.

♦ **Saturday, 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.lijhr.ca to register.

K of C 2022 Ontario Charities 50-50 Online Raffle

Next Early Bird Draw: March 1, 2022

Jackpot Draw: March 31, 2022



To purchase tickets:

- visit: <https://www.kofcontario5050.com>
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 - under **"Organization"** select **"Kitchener St. Mark's 9276"**
 - then click **"Continue"**
- fill in your **Payment Information** and click **"Submit Order"**
- **You will then receive an email from KofC Ontario with your Order Confirmation ... this is your OFFICIAL TICKET** and must be presented if you win, so keep it in a safe place. You will not receive any physical tickets.



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. 21	FEB. 22	FEB. 23	FEB. 24	FEB. 25	FEB. 26
Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.J.C.)	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.	Rev. Felix Nwatu	Rev. Piotr (Peter) Machnacki, S.A.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.



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.



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