

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

The Parish Office is open by appointment only.

Please call or email ahead to schedule your visit.

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

Wednesday 12:00 NOON

followed by Adoration and Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOL

Seating capacity in the church is restricted to 30%. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass. Seating will be first come, first served. Under the Ontario guidelines, we ask that:

- all who are not feeling well, or have an elevated temperature, please stay home.
- when you visit the church you wear a face covering over your nose, mouth, and chin. Required by the Face Covering By-law 20-035.
- you practice generous social distancing (minimum 6 ft.) and follow the signs and ushers' directions.
- that you use your washroom before coming to church.

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. Dates for preparation and the 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 set up an appointment.

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.



"... 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 be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass.

If you require a Mass card please call 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week



March 1 – 7, 2021

Church doors are open 30 minutes before the start of Mass, and seating is restricted to 30% capacity (first come first seated) until further notice.

Wednesday, March 3 (FERIAL)

12 noon + Marcella Schnarr – John & Linda Deneau

12:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25+; John 2:13-25

Sat. 5:00 PM + Jack Soares – Maria

Sun. 9:30 am + Robert Fuchs – St. Mark Catholic Community

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



Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation

A letter and enrollment form has been sent, through the schools, to the parents of children in Grade 2 for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and of children in Grade 7 for the Sacrament of Confirmation (and also to any in grades 3 and 8 who missed in 2020).

All parents of candidates for the sacraments are asked to register their child for the sacraments by **returning completed enrollment forms directly to the parish at stmark@rogers.com no later than Feb. 28th**. Dates for the Sacraments are as follows:

Sacrament of First Eucharist

with St. Mark School: Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 2:00 pm
with St. Dominic School: Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 1:30 pm

If you have not received a letter from the parish, or you have a child not attending one of the above parish schools, you may access the letter and form on our parish home page in the right hand column.



Bring your SPUDS to the Church during the month of March and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.

Lent



On the Second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. ■





MAR. 6 / 7	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Reader:	K. Krigner	T. Angel	M. Smith
Ushers:	C. Weber, B. Benner, P. Fernandez, E. Miller, S. Morgan	J./K. Snyder, M. Walser, P. Drohan, K. Koehler	B./C. Voisin, D. Feick, I. Kangaloo, J. Smith
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. Kubisewsky, H. Psutka	M. Lynch, J. Swartz	E. Weiss, B. Denomme



THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE

The St. Mark Men's Group hasn't let the pandemic slow us down!

***That Man is You!* resumes Saturday mornings January 23rd - April 24th 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 info.**

Until we return to our breakfast meeting format, men watch a 30-minute video during the week, then meet to discuss via Zoom on Saturdays

Contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions and to receive the weekly email with the Zoom link and access to the videos.



Pornography: The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy

Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today.

With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked.

Join us on Zoom (by internet or phone) Thur. March 25th from 7-8:30 p.m. and hear more about the threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence, and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted.

Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. **Registration is required so we can send you the Zoom link, but the session is free of charge.**

This is an important issue which will not go away unless we provide tools for people (including parents) to end its destructive use.

To learn more on this issue, consider registering at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.



ARE YOU ON OUR E-MAILING LIST?

If you are not already receiving emails from the parish and would like to, please send an email to stmark@rogers.com with the subject line "ADD ME" and we will do just that!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus (Council 9276) is extending an invitation to all men of the parish (18 yrs. of age and older) to join their Fraternity. **Membership is free until June 30, 2021.** If you are interested, please contact John Deneau at jdeneau@sympatico.ca or by text at 226-789-1094. This is a good opportunity to boost their membership and join a good cause for the parish and community.



Dear Parishioners of St. Mark,

Due to Covid restrictions, the Ontario Knights of Columbus is no longer able to hold our annual Cash & Cars lottery ticket sale in person.

To continue our support of local charities, we are holding a series of online 50/50 draws. There will be 4 draws per year (April 1, June 30, September 30 and December 31). The following link ([Kitchener 9276](http://Kitchener9276)) will direct you to the ticket purchase site where credit card payments can be made. Kitchener9276 is the reference for our local Council number so that ticket sales can be directed to our local charities.

The prize amount depends on the number of tickets sold across the province. The estimated prize amount is indicated on the ticket purchase page.

If you are interested in learning more about St. Mark's Knights of Columbus and our local activities, please visit our webpage at www.kofc9276.org.

Tickets for the April 1 draw are available now. Thank you very much for your support.

Full rules for the draw are available at www.ontariokofc.ca.

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration - The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been **cancelled** due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page – click on the icon and you can register your anniversary. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.



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