

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. 7 – 13, 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 + Peter & Theresa Nguyen – Melissa Nguyen
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Alberta & Theresa Prince – Margaret Gregg
- Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. SCHOLASTICA)
12 Noon – In Thanksgiving for graces received – L. Fonseca
- Friday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Jose Varkey – Sijimol Jose

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 12-13

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

- Sat. 5:00 PM** + Ivan Cimermercic – Michelle
Sun. 9:30 am + Stan Drozd – Nick & Sharon Cerantola
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict. Benedict studied in Rome but then decided to devote all of his life to the search for God. He organized several community dwellings and finally established a very important monastery at Monte Cassino. Then Scholastica helped her brother found a community of religious women about five miles south of his monastery. Scholastica and Benedict visited together only once a year. They would spend the day praying and speaking of God and the spiritual life. When Benedict said he had to return to the monastery, Scholastica begged him to stay and talk awhile longer. Benedict refused, saying that his rule required that the monks be in their monastery at night. Heartbroken, Scholastica folded her hands, put her head on the table, and quietly wept and prayed. As she prayed, a storm began, so terrible that no one could venture out. "What have you done?" Benedict exclaimed to his sister. She explained that since he had refused the favor she has asked, she had turned to God instead, and God granted it. Benedict and Scholastica continued their conversation and prayer until morning. Three days later, Scholastica died. The brother and sister had enjoyed their final conversation. Benedict had her buried in the tomb he had built for himself.

World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11) – The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

A PRIVATE INTENTION (A.H.)

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.



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Terry Montag**, wife of Al and mother of Kim.
"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."



Luke 5:1-11 ♦ The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives. ■

Liturgical Ministers

FEB. 12-13	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	D. Behl	J. Stankiewicz	L. Gimenez
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Fernandez	P. Drohan T. Germann	C. Dignam E. Weiss
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia H. Psutka	T./K. Boettger	B./C. Voisin

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 before Feb. 18th (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.

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.

VOCATION SEEDS ♦ 5th Sun. Ordinary Time ♦ Feb. 6, 2022

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Evenings with His Excellency

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Friday, Feb. 11th ♦ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

2nd Friday of every month: March 11 ♦ 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 here:

September session: <https://tinyurl.com/2kjp33mm>

October session: <https://tinyurl.com/54a4htfd>

November session: <https://tinyurl.com/53parcmj>

December session: <https://tinyurl.com/yxn2dd55>

C.W.L. NEWS...

♦ **Dues ...** Friendly reminder that we are still collecting membership dues, the cost for 2022 is \$30. You may drop the envelope to the attention of C.W.L. into the collection basket at church, or mail it to the church. Please make sure your name, address, telephone number, and email address are included. New members are always welcome! Should you have any questions please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

♦ **Meetings ...** We are hard at work planning for our upcoming meetings and elections and will keep you informed once we receive the green light to gather again. Even though this pandemic has put a hold on our plans, our prayers for you and your families have not stopped. May Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us!



2022 Ontario Charities 50-50 Online Raffle

Early Bird Draws: Feb. 1 and March 1, 2022

Jackpot Draw March 31, 2022



To purchase tickets:

- visit: <https://www.kofcontario5050.com>
- click the "Buy Tickets Now" button
- select your number of tickets and click the "Checkout" button
- fill in your Billing Information, and
 - 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.

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.

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

FEB. 7	FEB. 8	FEB. 9	FEB. 10	FEB. 11	FEB. 12
Rev. Michael Anderson	Rev. Robert Love	Missionaries	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

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.



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