

# 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



January 17 – 23, 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 + Souls in Purgatory – Leonor Fonseca

### Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Jose Varkey – Sijimol Jose

### Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. AGNES)

12 Noon + Ibrahim Gergiss – Rosemary & Eric Kubica

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Jan. 22-23

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10++; 1 Cor. 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Lucy Larman – Christine & Bruce & family

11:30 am + Peter & Theresa Nguyen – Melissa Nguyen

**Saint Agnes** was a member of the Roman nobility, born in 291 and raised in a wealthy, Christian family. A beautiful young girl, Agnes had many suitors of high rank, and the young men, slighted by her resolute devotion to religious purity, submitted her name to the authorities as a follower of Christianity. The Prefect Sempronius condemned Agnes to be dragged naked through the streets to a brothel. The son of the prefect was struck dead but revived after she prayed for him, causing her release. There commenced a trial from which Sempronius recused himself, allowing another figure to preside and sentence St. Agnes to death. She was martyred at the age of twelve or thirteen on January 21, 304 and was buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome.

### VOCATION SEEDS ♦ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Ordinary Time ♦ Jan. 16, 2022

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton.

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[www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)



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.



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Hyacinth Chen**, mother of Venice.

*"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."*



### This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time.

For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us. ■



## Liturgical Ministers

JAN. 22-23	5:00 PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
<b>Reader:</b>	A. Fernandez	J. Deneau	M. Oram
<b>Ushers:</b>	C. Weber E. Miller	M. Walser T. Germann	C. Dignam I. Kangeloo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	A. Bendia H. Psutka	T. Angel J. Swartz	B./C. Voisin

### Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series (Online via ZOOM)

- YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY -

The kick-off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special 3-part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff.

**The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>,** and will unpack the great wisdom in *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church*.

The presentations, by Zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. **Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series.** Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



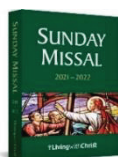
### Donation Information...

2022 Offertory Envelopes are arranged alphabetically for pick-up in the narthex.

**All envelope users are reminded to PLEASE DISCARD any unused 2021 envelopes.** Your I.D. number changes most years, therefore the number on last year's envelopes now belongs to someone else, and they could easily get credit for your donation this year. Thank you for your assistance!

**Pre-Authorized Debit Plan – Enroll at anytime!** "Pre-Authorized Giving" enrollment forms are available year-round on the info wall in the narthex. Withdrawals take place once per month. Don't forget to continue using the special (coloured) envelopes in your offertory box, for donating toward special collections (i.e. diocesan, Christmas, Easter, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.) as these collections are not covered by the automatic withdrawals. White Sunday envelopes and green Mortgage envelopes can also still be used for those times when you may wish to augment your automatic monthly contribution. *Questions?* Please feel free to contact Pam at the parish office.

**New to the Parish? Welcome!** Please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr. Steve after Mass and be sure to fill out a **Parish Registration Form** (found on the information wall in the lobby) so that we can serve you better!



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

JAN. 17	JAN. 18	JAN. 19	JAN. 20	JAN. 21	JAN. 22
Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.	Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak	Youth Ministers	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski	Rev. Timothy Higgins

**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.

### 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.

### C.W.L. NEWS...

*Happy Blessed New Year to you and your families!*

♦ **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!



### LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

*Evenings with His Excellency* | BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER

Join Bishop Lobsinger for "Evenings with His Excellency" at Canadian Martyrs Church (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton).

**Live Online OR In-person (Hamilton)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month ♦ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

UPCOMING: FEB. 11 ♦ MARCH 11 ♦ APRIL 8 ♦ MAY 13 ♦ JUNE 10

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.

**If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to watch live online at: [www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com](http://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com).** or view past sessions on YouTube here:

September session: <https://tinyurl.com/2kjp3x3mm>

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

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

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



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