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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 24 – 30, 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 (FEAST – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE)

12 Noon – Int. of Colette Dokis – Luiz Macedo

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS)

12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Fernand & Claire Mainguy – Pam

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. THOMAS AQUINAS)

12 Noon + In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph – Leonor Fonseca

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Jan. 29-30

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Maria Campos – Lucia & Peter DeSousa

11:30 am + Ana Zunic – Zunic & Perham families

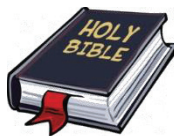
Conversion of St. Paul – Paul’s entire life can be explained in terms of one experience — his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. Once a persecutor of Christians, he became a slave to Christ. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

Saints Timothy and Titus were close companions of the Apostle Paul and bishops of the Catholic Church in its earliest days. Both men received letters from St. Paul, which are included in the New Testament. Unlike St. Timothy, St. Titus was not martyred, but died peacefully in old age.

Saint Thomas ranks among the greatest writers and theologians of all time. His most important work, the *Summa Theologiae*, an explanation and summary of the entire body of Catholic teaching, has been standard for centuries, even to our own day. In the church he is honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. In 1243, he joined the Dominicans and his writings greatly contributed to the church. He died in 1274.

Today is Bible Sunday

In his apostolic letter, *Aperuit Illis*, (pronounced “A-PAIR-wit-EEL-iss”), Pope Francis instituted the *Sunday of the Word of God*, to be celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.



So, today we celebrate *Bible Sunday* in the Diocese of Hamilton. This annual celebration provides the opportunity on one Sunday of the liturgical year to renew our efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and to encourage a regular dialogue with the living Word.

Given the restrictions of pandemic life, the Diocese has prepared a variety of **digital resources** (both for adults and children) for this year’s celebration with specific focus on the Gospel of St. Luke (Year C)

Please visit the Diocesan webpage for Bible Sunday (<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks>) to discover more, and remember: #TheBibleSpeaks #WeListen

VOCATION SEEDS ♦ 3rd Sun. Ordinary Time ♦ Jan. 23, 2022

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? 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



Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First, we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase “Dear Reader” might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as “lover of God.”

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The “year acceptable to the Lord” is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. ■

Living with Christ 2021-2022 Sunday Missals
STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ~ \$5 EACH

Liturgical Ministers

JAN. 29-30	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	A. Humphrey	T. Germann	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Fernandez	L. Koehler V. Chen	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber D. Fernandez	A. Joseph M. Walser	E. Weiss K. Dignam

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 12th, 19th and 26th, 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, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Preparation for First Communion & Confirmation

This week we will be sending out an email to all parents who have provided their contact info to have their child included in the reception of First Communion or Confirmation this Spring.

If you have not yet been in touch, please contact Pam at the parish office before the end of this week (stmark@rogers.com or 519-571-9200) and **provide the following info:** Child's name, school, grade and preferred email address. You will then be added to our contact list to receive all future emails regarding the preparation process for these sacraments.



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.

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

JAN. 24	JAN. 25	JAN. 26	JAN. 27	JAN. 28	JAN. 29
Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.	Rev. Brendan McGrath	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)	Rev. Jason Kuntz	Rev. Romelito Guillen	Rev. Grayson Hope

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

Live Online OR In-person (Hamilton)

2nd Friday of every month ♦ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

UPCOMING: FEB. 11 ♦ 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/2kjp3m3m>

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

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

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



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