

# 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



Jan. 31 – Feb. 6, 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 (FEAST – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD)

12 Noon + Deceased Members of St. Mark's Parish – L. Fonseca

### Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Jose Varkey – Sijimol Jose

### Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats following Mass

### First Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Malcolm McNeil – Kathy Smith

### First Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. AGATHA)

9:00 am + Brian Correia – Correia family

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Feb. 5-6

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Sat. 5:00 PM + Ana Zunic – Colm & Kay Dignam

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

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

### Feast of the Presentation of our Lord (Feb. 2)

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.) This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, forty days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

### World Day for Consecrated Life (Feb. 2)

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (St. John Paul II, 1997).

### Living with Christ 2021-2022 Sunday Missals

STILL AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX ~ \$5 EACH



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Viola McLaughlin, sister of Edwina Weiss.**

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



### Luke 4:21-30 ♦ Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. In Luke's Gospel this incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this event is placed considerably later, after Jesus has preached and taught elsewhere. Only Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. In Mark and Matthew's Gospels, Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject his authority to teach them. In Matthew and Mark, it is only after Jesus is rejected that he observes times when Israel has rejected prophets.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all. ■

## Liturgical Ministers

FEB. 5-6	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Reader:</b>	S. Rellinger	P. Enticott	D. DeSousa
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller C. Weber	J./K. Snyder	T./K. Boettger
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	J. Fernandez G. Kubisewsky	M. Lynch J. Swartz	I./F. Kangaloo

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A sincere thank-you to all parishioners who continue to financially support the parish during these pandemic times. Within the next month, a mini financial statement will be available.

Another thank-you to everyone who is performing ministries at our liturgies, especially the ushers who have faithfully, since the beginning of the pandemic, kept the church safe and clean for the well-being of parishioners.

Another thank-you to the many people who decorated the church for Christmas, and your donations to the flowers and decorations.

Many of you may also be aware of the upcoming synod in Rome, and that all parishes throughout the world have been invited to give input in this process. Within the next few weeks, we will begin this process in our parish, and at that time, more information will be made available.

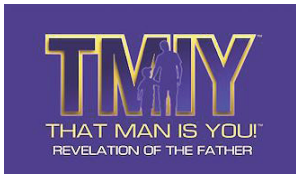
I hope that everyone is doing well, keeping healthy and staying strong.

Peace, Fr. Steve.

### Preparation for First Communion & Confirmation

Last week an email was sent to all parents who had 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](mailto: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. 29<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**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](http://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 [jan.kangaloo@gmail.com](mailto:jan.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. 31	FEB. 1	FEB. 2	FEB. 3	FEB. 4	FEB. 5
Rev. Duy Van Nguyen	Rev. John Van Hees	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.)	Rev. Hayden Starczala	Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

**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
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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.

### 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!



### LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

#### Evenings with His Excellency

BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER

#### 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

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](http://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com).

or **view past sessions** on YouTube here:

September session: <https://tinyurl.com/2kjp3m>

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

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

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



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