

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday 12:00 NOON
First Saturday of the Month 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays & First Fridays 11:00 - 11:45 AM
Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 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: *Marylin Dawson*
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 and your name will appear in the bulletin, and will be announced during Mass.

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 several weeks in advance 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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions for the Week



January 9 – 15, 2023

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of Prince Deen – *Sugar & Boyet Norte*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Nhi Vu – *Tuyen Nguyen*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS) ★ NO NOON MASS

★ 6:30 PM + Jose Varkey – *Sijimol Jose*

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + John Kurpel – *Helen Kress*

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Jan. 14/15

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

Sat. 5:00 PM + Ivan Mikuljan – *Olinski family*

Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Maria Silvestre – *Joao*



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn 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. 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.

2023 Offertory Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Debits

ENVELOPES: A friendly reminder – Please **DISCARD** any leftover envelopes from 2022. Your I.D. number changes every year, and is only linked to you for that specific year. Using old envelopes can easily result in your donation being credited to someone else.

MONTHLY DEBIT PLAN: If you are enrolled in our pre-authorized debit plan, you will still receive a box of envelopes in order to donate toward special causes (, Good Friday, World Missions, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.). Please be sure to pick up your box.

If you would like to start using envelopes or enroll in the monthly debit plan (or wish more information) please pick up a form from the information wall in the narthex, or contact Pam at the office to have one emailed to you.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)...

resumes this Wednesday. RCIA is a program and faith journey for Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Room. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please fill out an RCIA form in the foyer or call Fr. Roque at 519-571-9200 for more details. This is also open to anyone who would like to have a refresher course on the Catholic Faith – all are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY... resumes this Friday. Join us Fridays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. John Room – *All are welcome!* Please bring your bible and paper and pen. Questions? Please contact Karen at bkkriqner@rogers.com.



In Canada, today is the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**. It is the time for us to celebrate that our Lord's coming was revealed to, and was really for, the whole world.

Tomorrow, January 9, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord which marks the end of the Christmas season. We begin Ordinary Time this week on the Church calendar, which will continue until Ash Wednesday.

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus' entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us - "Follow me." This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

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JAN. 14-15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	E. Burkholder A./D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	T. Angel	B. Norte
Reader:	S. Benner	T. Boettger	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Smith	V. Chen L. Koehler	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber H. Psutka	M. Lynch P. Enticott	E. Weiss K. Dignam

✠ **2023 Sacramental Preparation Sessions** ✠

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation Sessions:

WEDNESDAYS at 5:45 PM

January 18,
Feb. 1, Feb. 15
March 8, March 29

Celebration of the Sacrament:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2 pm
with St. Dominic students

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2 pm
with St. Mark students

CONFIRMATION

Preparation Sessions:

SUNDAYS at 1:00 PM

February 26
March 26
April 23

Celebration of the Sacrament:

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7 pm
with St. Dominic students

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 7 pm
with St. Mark students

If you missed the Enrollment Mass and have not submitted your child's enrollment form to start the preparation process, you must contact the parish office before the end of this week in order to participate.

COMING SOON: ALPHA 2023

Right here at St. Mark's ... and you're invited!

Alpha is back! This 11-week program brings people together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus, helping to answer questions like: **Who is Jesus? Why and how do I pray? Does God heal today?** More information to come. In the meantime, tell your friends and mark your calendar: **Thursday evenings, February 16 - April 27 from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m.**

MASTERING YOUR MONEY: A Financial Wellness Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton - Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special **zoom session** on **Tuesday, January 24th** from 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Mr. Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money' (and recently retired from teaching at Resurrection C.S.S.). He has delivered dozens and dozens of personal financial literacy presentations and is a sought-after media commentator on financial literacy. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link.

Vocation Seeds... Epiphany of the Lord - January 8, 2023

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com | www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

C.W.L. News... ♦♦ Happy New Year! ♦♦



Now that Christmas wrapping is done, join us to wrap up 2022!

Save the date for our Annual Winter Potluck!
Thursday, January 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Secret Prayer Sisters will be revealed and new ones chosen! Watch the bulletin for further details for this fun and relaxing evening!



COMING SOON...

Our 2023 Photo Directory!

Watch the bulletin for ongoing news about our NEW Parish Photo Directory for 2023!

Portrait session dates are planned for February and May, and appointment sign-ups will begin later this month. We want ALL parishioners to be included!

All photographed families receive a FREE directory and a FREE 8x10 colour portrait. All photography and viewing of photos is done in one convenient appointment at the church.

Also! ... **If you have snapshots of parish activities or groups from the last 10 years**, and are willing to submit them for possible inclusion in the directory, please email the parish office (stmark@rogers.com).

If you are interested in helping out behind the scenes, please email the parish office, and plan to attend our first planning meeting: **Tuesday, January 17 at 9:30 a.m.**

Winter Clothing Drive ... The Knights are still collecting winter coats, hats, mitts, scarves for the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need. Donations of gently used items can be placed in the bin in the narthex. Thank you!

Evenings With His Excellency – Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the **2nd Friday of each month** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at **St. Ann Parish in Ancaster**. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

Sessions are **also available online** on St. Ann's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@StAnnCatholicParishAncaster/streams>

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

JAN. 10	JAN. 11	JAN. 12	JAN. 13	JAN. 14
Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (CSJB)	Rev. Allen Varlaki	Rev. Jerzy Tomon	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinkas

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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