

# 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 10 – 16, 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** (MEMORIAL - ST. MARGUERITE BOUREOYS)

12 Noon + Souls in Purgatory – *Justina Costa*

**Thursday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon – In Thanksgiving for Graces received – *L. Fonseca*

**Friday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon – Int. of Colette Dokis – *Luiz Macedo*

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Jan. 15-16**

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

Sat. 5:00 PM + Schreiber Family – *Helen Simpson*

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + James Stone – *Delaney family*

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys** – Born and baptized in 1620, Marguerite Bourgeoys is a historical figure of New France (today, the Province of Quebec, Canada). Originally from Troyes, France, she contributed, alongside Jeanne Mance and Paul de Maisonneuve, to the development of Ville-Marie (Montreal) and established New France's first school. Marguerite aspired to a more just world. She formed respectful bonds with the First Nations, welcomed immigrants, including the Filles du Roy (King's Wards), and taught them how to survive in the new continent. Marguerite died at the age of 79 years. For the settlers of Montreal, she was "Saint Marguerite." Marguerite was canonized in 1982 by Pope John Paul II and thus became the first female saint of Canada. An important Quebec religious figure, she, among other things, participated in the construction of the first chapel in Montreal. She also founded a Catholic religious congregation.

**ORDINARY TIME**

During the liturgical season called "Ordinary Time," the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God send them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the Risen Lord.

**VOCATION SEEDS ♦ Baptism of the Lord ♦ Jan. 9, 2022**

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton ...

905-528-7988 | vocations@hamiltondiocese.com  
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations



**Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism. ■



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:**

< YOUR INTENTION HERE >



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.



<b>JAN. 15-16</b>	<b>5:00 PM Mass</b>	<b>9:30AM Mass</b>	<b>11:30AM Mass</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	M. Dufresne	T. Angel	I. Kangaloo
<b>Ushers:</b>	B. Benner E. Miller	I./D. Culley	T./K. Boettger
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	P. Fernandez G. Kubisewsky	P. Fernandez, M. Lynch	P. Fernandez E. Weiss

**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.



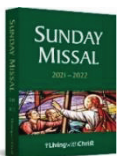
**Donation Information...**

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!



**Living with Christ  
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**A special thanks to all who donated toward the Knights of Columbus Toy Drive ... it was a great success and very much appreciated!**

**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!



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

JAN. 10	JAN. 11	JAN. 12	JAN. 13	JAN. 14	JAN. 15
Rev. Francisco Cruz	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)	Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.	Rev. Stephen Murrin	Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.

**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.

**Youth Ministry Certification & Adult Faith Formation**

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese.

Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. The Youth Ministry office is now accepting applications for Youth Ministry Certification with courses beginning in January. For more information visit the Hamilton Diocese learns web page: [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com) or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: (905) 528-7988 ext. 2339 or [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).



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