

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



March 14 – 20, 2022

Masks are mandatory. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon – Int. of Charlotte Lahey & family – M.&M. Woodhouse

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon – Int. of Helen & Jerry Kieffer – M.&M. Woodhouse

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon – Int. of Pat Woodhouse – M.&M. Woodhouse & family

12:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday

(SOLEMNITY – ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church)

★ 9:00 am + Albert & Theresa Prince – Margaret Gregg

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – March 19-20

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

Sat. 5:00 PM + George & Isobel Beckner – Paul & Angela Beckner

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

11:30 am + Jose Varkey – Sijimol Jose

★ Please note we will have Mass on Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of Canada and the Universal Church.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH (MARCH 19)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,

defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

STATIONS of the CROSS follows the 12 noon Mass on Fridays during Lent.



Potato Blitz – Bring your spuds to the Church over the next few weeks and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Eileen Touchette**, and of **Amelia Monte** (wife of Manuel).

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.”



Luke 9:28b-36 ♦ Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death. ■

VOCATION SEEDS ♦ 2nd Sunday of Lent ♦ March 13, 2022

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. 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.

Liturgical Ministers

March 19-20	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	D. Behl	J. Flanigan	L. Gimenez
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	M. Walser V. Chen	T./K. Boettger
Eucharistic Ministers:	P. Fernandez G. Kubisewsky	P. Fernandez T. Angel	P. Fernandez F. Kangaloo



The SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Over the next two weeks, Deacon Philip will continue facilitating small group discussions, in-person and virtually, on the upcoming Synod. **The following dates are still open, and you need only attend one session:**

IN-PERSON SESSION DATES: March 15, 17, 22 or 24

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the St. John's Meeting Room off the parish hall. Each evening will be limited to a maximum of 15 participants.

VIRTUAL SESSION DATES: March 14 or 21 (via ZOOM)

Beginning online at 6:30 p.m. and limited to a maximum of 10 participants. An electronic link to join the virtual session will be sent to the email address you provide when you sign-up.

Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex, or you can contact Deacon Philip at 519-578-6459 or pfernandez@hamiltondiocese.com. Once registered, you will receive further information via email.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Evenings with His Excellency

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Friday, March 11th ♦ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

2nd Friday of every month: 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: <https://tinyurl.com/mxz7dtuv>

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C.W.L. NEWS...

It's time to elect new a new St Mark's CWL Executive!! This is your time to continue the great work that St. Mark's C.W.L. has done in the past.

Please prayerfully consider nominating someone or yourself. Look for the nomination forms in the narthex, along with information on the various committees.



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

MAR. 14	MAR. 15	MAR. 16	MAR. 17	MAR. 18	MAR. 19
Rev. Francis Hubilla	Rev. Gregory Merkle	Lay Parish Ministers	Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.	Rev. Robert Bulbrook	Rev. Christopher Tracey

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.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

A SPECIAL 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.

3 Keys to Creating Your Catholic H.O.M.

(Household On Mission)

- Third talk in the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series -

What does it take to create a happy, holy family life? Is that even possible these days? *It is!* Join us on **Tuesday, March 22nd from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** for a dynamic discussion of the three things every Catholic family can do to relate more lovingly, connect more meaningfully, and care for each other and the world more deeply. Discover simple, practical ways you can create a more joyful, peaceful family life, encounter Christ more meaningfully at home, and experience your faith as the source of warmth in your home. For this session we welcome **Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak**, creators of CatholicHOM (CatholicHOM.com) a dynamic online community, directors of CatholicCounselors.com, founders of The Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life, as well as authors of over 20 popular books integrating the timeless wisdom of our Catholic faith with contemporary research in counseling psychology. **The entire series runs once per month until June and is presented online via ZOOM. You must register for each talk, but can join in by internet or phone.** To register, or for more information please visit the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/speaker-series> or contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Preparation for First Communion & Confirmation

If you have not yet contacted the parish to enroll your child for the Sacrament of First Communion (grade 2), or Confirmation (grade 7), **please contact Pam at the parish office a.s.a.p.** (stmark@rogers.com / 519-571-9200) **and provide the following info:** Child's name, school, grade and preferred email address. We will then send you an enrollment form to complete and return along with a photo of your child's baptism certificate. Preparation for these sacraments will begin in the next few weeks via emailed materials for you to study with your child.



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