

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week



March 7 – 13, 2022

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

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Ivan Cimermercic – Michelle

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Antero Correia & family – Justina DaCosta

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Orald Plante – Colette Dokis

12:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – March 12-13

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Hung Nguyen & Su Pham – Phuong Nguyen

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

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



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL RE-OPENING Wednesday, March 16

Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be re-opening for private devotion on March 16th **for parishioners only.**

The hours are **Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays only from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.** **Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.** Please remember that this is a commitment that you are making.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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.

VOCATION SEEDS ♦ 1st Sunday of Lent ♦ March 6, 2022

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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.



Luke 4:1-13 ♦ In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

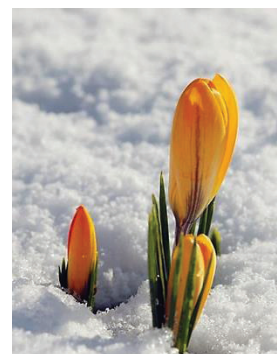
Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God. ■

Sunday, March 13, 2022

DON'T FORGET TO

Spring forward

Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday.



Liturgical Ministers

| March 12-13 | 5:00 PM Mass | 9:30 AM Mass | 11:30 AM Mass |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Reader: | S. Rellinger | V. DeVries | D. DeSousa |
| Ushers: | B. Benner P. Fernandez | J./K. Snyder | B./C. Voisin |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | H. Psutka D. Fernandez | T./K. Boettger | K. Dignam E. Weiss |



The SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Over the next three weeks, Deacon Philip will be facilitating small group discussions on the upcoming Synod. There will be two in-person gatherings (up to 15 people) and one online Zoom gathering (up to 10 people) available each week. **Please see today's insert for details.** Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Evenings with His Excellency

BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER

Live Online **OR** In-person (Hamilton)

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>



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.

Parenting Tip of the Month - Lent is a time of reflection for all Catholics and a perfect season to help children understand why we engage in prayer, works of charity, care for all, and practicing self-control, since all of these can bring us closer to God. Spend time on your Lenten journey as a family by attending Mass and discussing, in simple language, the readings you hear. Decide as a family on prayers and reflections to engage in each day of Lent and together look at how your family might use your resources to give to others. Your children can bring hope to the hearts of others during Lent, and their spiritual journey will be enhanced by your presence and guidance.

Marriage Tip of the Month - The season of Lent is a perfect time to reflect on how we are living our lives according to God's call to discipleship and vocation. The vocation of marriage is an essential call since the Sacrament of Marriage is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love to the world. Lent then, is a perfect time to examine what you are bringing to your vocation, to see if forgiveness is readily available when needed and to contemplate whether you might make changes to better fulfill your call to marriage. As well, consider praying with your spouse, reflecting on a short Bible passage daily and working on holding anger during Lent, since all of these will strengthen your bond of love and bring you feelings of joy as the Easter season draws near.

- Tips submitted by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office

READ THE BULLETIN ONLINE AT: <http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/220>

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.



K of C 2022 Ontario Charities 50-50 Online Raffle

Jackpot Draw: March 31, 2022

To purchase tickets visit: <https://www.kofcontario5050.com>

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

| MAR. 7 | MAR. 8 | MAR. 9 | MAR. 10 | MAR. 11 | MAR. 12 |
|------------------|------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Rev. Patrick Ohl | Rev. Jerzy Tomon | Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny (S.J.C.) | Rev. Francisco Sordo | Rev. David Perrin | Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma |

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:

THE INTENTIONS OF ST. MARK'S PRAYER NETWORK



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.

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.



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