

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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions for the Week



May 30 – June 5, 2022

- Tuesday** (FEAST – VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)
12 Noon + Burchat family – Terry & Gerry Gerth
7:00 PM - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (with St. Dominic)
- Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JUSTIN)
12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family
- Thursday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Frederick Ernest Osmond – Leonor Fonseca
7:00 PM - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (with St. Mark)
- First Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS)
12 Noon + Maria & Ernesto Camara & family – D. Costa
- First Saturday** (FERIAL)
9:00 am - Int. of Olinski family – F./Y. Tully

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST – June 4-5

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

- Sat. 5:00 PM** + Claire & Fernand Mainguy – McCullough family
Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am – Int. of Jordan & Tim Bellingham – F. Musclove

The Feast of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, although celebrated in the church going as far back as the 13th century, was set in 1969 to be celebrated on May 31st, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy — the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary — words that echo down through the ages. In the meeting, Elizabeth praises Mary as “the mother of my Lord”. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth’s (the Church’s) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God’s words. Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself — like the Church — traces all her greatness to God.

St. Justin (Martyr) was an early Father of the Church and one of the first apologists for the Christian faith. Born at Neapolis around 100 A.D., Justin, born in a pagan society, was a pagan philosopher until he converted around age 30, and became one of the first great apologists of the Church. Using his skill in philosophy to dispute pagans and explain Christian faith, he taught and defended the faith and even opened a school of debate in Rome. The words of the second Eucharistic prayer in the Mass of the Roman Rite are attributed to this great, early saint.

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions – By 1879 the first Catholic missions started in Uganda and parts of Central Africa. Under King Mtesa, missionaries preached, people studied the faith, and many believed in Jesus. But King Mtesa’s successor, King Mwanga, began persecuting the Christians in Uganda.

Young Charles Lwanga, probably in his late teens, was a page in the court of King Mwanga. After Mkasa, the Christian master of the court pages, criticized the king for his immoral acts and for murdering a group of missionaries, the king had him beheaded. On the same night Mkasa was martyred, Charles, a catechumen, was baptized. Charles replaced Mkasa as head of the pages and continued to encourage the young men to refuse to take part in the pagan customs of the country. Later a young page refused to become involved in the king’s immoral acts and confessed that a page named Denis was instructing him to be a Christian. This angered the king so much that he sent for Denis and thrust a spear through his throat. Then Mwanga summoned all the pages and separated the Christian pages from the rest. He commanded his soldiers to kill Charles Lwanga and his friends. Most of the pages were under the age of twenty-five. The youngest was thirteen years old. In prison Charles inspired the others to be courageous and faithful. The boys were executed thirty-seven miles away – three were killed on the road, Charles was burned alive, and the others met the same fate or were beheaded. They prayed and sang enthusiastically at their deaths.

After their deaths, many other Christians were persecuted and killed. The example of these teenagers and men inspired other people, and in Africa the faith grew and spread. It has refused to die. Twenty-two Ugandan martyrs, including Charles and the pages, were canonized.



LUKE 24:46-53 ♦ Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus’ Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke’s Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus’ Ascension into heaven. Matthew’s Gospel concludes with Jesus’ promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus’ Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark’s Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers. ■



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The Repose of the soul of Don Hopf, Sr.



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.

OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION

St. Mark’s Knights of Coumbus invite you to a special reception

**This Sunday, May 29th
after the 11:30 a.m. Mass**

to honour **Bernard Crawley** and **Luiz Macedo** in recognition of their service to their parish and community.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



 *Liturgical Ministers*

June 4-5	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	V. DeVries	D. DeSousa
Reader 1:	A. Fernandez	P. Enticott	J. Petrovich
Reader 2	S. Rellinger	J. Flanigan	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	B. Benner E. Miller	I./D. Culley	C. Dignam E. Weiss
Eucharistic Ministers:	D. Fernandez A. Bendia	T./K. Boettger	B./C. Voisin

The diocese has given the okay for all liturgical ministers to resume their ministries at Mass. Altar servers, ushers, gift bearers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, if you would like to resume or sign-up for one of these roles, please see Fr. Steve after Mass, or call/email the parish office.

From the Pastor's Desk...

As many of you know I'm leaving the parish at the end of June, and **Fr. Roque Concepcion** has been assigned as the new Pastor. This will be effective August 2nd. In the interim, Fr. Kevin Upendran will be filling in at the parish for the month of July. Fr. Roque is a priest from the Diocese of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Fr. Kevin was ordained May 7th, 2022 and plans to do further studies in September.
- Fr. Steve

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Please remember to pray for our youth who will be receiving the Sacrament of **Confirmation** next week on May 31st and June 2nd.

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

MAY 30	MAY 31	JUNE 1	JUNE 2	JUNE 3	JUNE 4
Rev. Tim Theriault	Rev. Msgr. Martin Valley	Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)	Rev. Paul Patrick, O.M.I.	Rev. Robert Sims	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.

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.

VOCATION SEEDS ♦ Ascension of the Lord ♦ May 29, 2022

The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. 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/

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

For families – We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!
June 2nd - Election Day Polling
ST. MARK'S PARISH HALL



PENTECOST VIGIL
Be filled with the Holy Spirit!
Join us for a Pentecost Vigil
Saturday, June 4, 2022
9:00 PM in the Chapel



LET'S HELP THOSE IN NEED!

Pajama & Sock Drive



We are collecting NEW and UNUSED PAJAMAS and SOCKS in ALL SIZES (adults & children) to give to **victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**. Items will be collected at the parish, and then distributed through St. Mary's Hospital.

Items can be placed in the bin in the narthex.

Thank you for your support!

Men's Group Update

As you may know, the St. Mark's & Blessed Sacrament's Men's Group are partnering with the **Ray of Hope Community Center** to provide lunch for those in need on **June 18th**.

Our fundraising campaign was an amazing success – St. Mark's Parish raised \$585, Blessed Sacrament Parish raised \$600, and one incredibly kind donor provided enough money for 5 meals in the future. Thanks so much for your generosity!

Now that we have the funds - **We Need Volunteers!** More than 200 guests are fed daily at the ROHCC relying solely on prayer and community donations.

If you are able to set aside **5 hours of your morning to help on Saturday, June 18th** it would be a great blessing to both you and our neighbours in need.

P.S. – Men, Women and Youth 14 years and older are all welcome to volunteer!



LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

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

June 10th ♦ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join Bishop Lobsinger online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Church (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton). This is the final session, methodically going 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 previous sessions on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/mxz7dtuv>

The Anger Iceberg

Getting Angry is only the tip of the Iceberg. Anger is a secondary emotion. Understanding the cause of anger is the first step to managing it. This Workshop will identify the causes of anger and will explore our own beliefs and patterns of response. Learn how to respond to anger on a day-to-day basis in a healthy, constructive, and creative ways. Facilitated by Anna Racine (biography at www.annaracine.org). **Cost: \$65** (includes lunch). **Saturday, June 11th** from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm at **Mount Carmel Spiritual Center**, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario (www.carmelniagara.com). Register at 905-356-4113 ext. 4200 or reservations@carmelniagara.com.

Corpus Christi Procession - You are invited to **St. Boniface Church** in Maryhill for their traditional annual Corpus Christi Procession to the two outdoor altar houses. **Sunday, June 19th** immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome!



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