

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 9 – 15, 2022

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + David John Dorscht – Helga, Andrew, Lisa & families

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Isabel Fonseca – Leonor Fonseca

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Jack Soares – Maria

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 7-8

Acts 14:21b-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35++

Sat. 5:00 PM + Claire & Fernand Mainguy – Marilyn Dufresne

Sun. 9:30 am + Ngam Nguyen – Rose Nguyen

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

2:00 PM - FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS



John 10:27-30 ♦ Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God. ■




LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The Repose of the soul of Linda Hopf



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.



Preparation for Confirmation for children in Grade 7 is currently underway with at-home study material emailed from the parish directly to parents who have enrolled their child. If you have not yet enrolled your child, please contact Pam at the parish office a.s.a.p.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

As COVID-19 continues to challenge all of us, we have sadly had to make the decision to cancel the Anniversary Mass for 2022. Bishop Crosby would still like to honour those celebrating special milestones, so we invite you to click the following link to request a letter and certificate from the Bishop honouring your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary: <http://crm.hamiltondiocese.com/registermass/weddinganniversary.aspx>



Congratulations Newlyweds
St. Mark's Parish offers congratulations to newlyweds
Taylor & Paige
joined in Holy Matrimony this month.
May God shower your lives together with many blessings!



C.Y.O. Camp Brébeuf
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CYO Camp Brébeuf in Rockwood, Ontario is **hiring teenagers and young adults** as camp counsellors for this summer. Please visit www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment for more information.



Congratulations

St. Mark's Parish congratulates all of the boys and girls who made their **First Holy Communion** on the 1st of May...

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| Mason | Bryson | Jamison | Isabella |
| Bianca | Brittany | Anneliese | Jaxson |
| Benicio | Shaian | Nolan | Aurora |
| Sharlotte | Kendall | Isabella | Cameron |
| Emma | Kian | Savana | Harper |
| Madalyn | Oliver | Evelynn | Selena |
| | Alexander | Quintin | |



Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever present in our lives, grant your loving grace to our first holy communicants. Help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship whenever they receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light throughout the course of their lives, always leading these blessed children one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Amen.



May 14-15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Commentator:	A. Fernandez	T. Boettger	J. Petrovich
Reader 1:	S. Rellinger	J. Deneau	D. DeSousa
Reader 2	D. Behl	V. DeVries	L. Gimenez
Ushers:	B. Benner E. Miller	T. Germann J. Kelly	C. Dignam
Eucharistic Ministers:	P. Fernandez H. Psutka	P. Fernandez M. Lynch	P. Fernandez I. Kangaloo

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.**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations ... On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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/

Parenting Tip of the Month

As the buds begin to sprout and the weather allows us to head outdoors more often, take some time to discuss the importance of God's created world with your children. Point out the connectedness of each of us to nature and our dependence on it to survive. Help them understand that every person is tasked with being a steward of God's world. Explain how we can each participate in caring for nature and remind them that when we each do our part, nature thrives and so do we.

Marriage Tip of the Month

It is true to say that no two people think exactly alike and that is why being married can sometimes be challenging! What makes complete sense to one person, may not make sense to the other; what one likes the other may not; what is funny to one, may be anything but to the other! It is important for married couples to constantly remind themselves that marriage does not mean you are exactly the same. Allow room for differences and don't judge your spouse on your own likes and desires, but instead try to move together to a more neutral place that you can both live with. And sometimes, agree to disagree! Your spouse has many diverse qualities, embrace them when you can and work to negotiate when you can't, so that love will flourish and provide a strong foundation for all of it.

Tips submitted by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office (905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

As our annual **Catholic Education Week** comes to a close, let us continue to pray for all educators...

Prayer for Educators

*Lord God, we thank you for the gift of Catholic education.
Send forth your Spirit to strengthen all educators, teachers,
administrators and staff in our Catholic schools.
Bestow upon them Your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding,
Counsel, Knowledge and Perseverance. Grant them joy,
peace, creativity and courage in their vocation.
May all educators continue to rebuild, restore,
and renew Your love with gentle patience.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

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

Friday, May 13th and June 10th ♦ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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 previous sessions on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/mxz7dtuv>

HAMILTON SPEAKER SERIES

Aging with Wisdom and Grace

Wednesday, May 18th from 7:00-8:30 PM virtually on ZOOM

Presenter: Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley. Using her own experiences and the wisdom of her contemporaries, Dr. Barkley will explore some of the physical, emotional and psychological issues we face as we age. The presentation will be interactive, challenging participants to reflect on their own aging journey. Pope Francis has repeatedly spoken of the importance of the elderly in our society, join us to embrace this important stage of life. Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley, Ph.D., is a professor of English at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the author of four books, including Life After Death: Practical Help for the Widowed, and numerous feature articles. She is married, the mother of three daughters and the grandmother of seven. This free event is part of the Diocesan Year of the Family Speaker Series. This session takes place on ZOOM. 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. See poster in the narthex for subsequent talks.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE VIRTUAL PRESENTATION:

Accompanying Forward – An Afternoon with Roy Petitfils"

Friday, May 27th at 1:00 p.m. for a virtual conversation about accompanying young people as they try to navigate their new realities and their mental health. Roy is a Catholic author, speaker and psychotherapist with more than 25 years of experience ministering to youth and young adults in parishes, dioceses, and schools. Registration can be found by [clicking here](#) or on our Diocesan website under Youth Ministers Events and Resources.

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

MAY 9	MAY 10	MAY 11	MAY 12	MAY 13	MAY 14
Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.	Rev. Pawel Jamroz	Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.)	Rev. George Stortz	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot	Rev. Robert Héту

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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