

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

The Parish Office is open by appointment only.

Please call or email ahead to schedule your visit.

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

Wednesday 12:00 NOON

followed by Adoration and Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOL

Seating capacity in the church is restricted to 30%. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass. Seating will be first come, first served. Under the Ontario guidelines, we ask that:

- all who are not feeling well, or have an elevated temperature, please stay home.
- when you visit the church you wear a face covering over your nose, mouth, and chin. Required by the Face Covering By-law 20-035.
- you practice generous social distancing (minimum 6 ft.) and follow the signs and ushers' directions.
- that you use your washroom before coming to church.

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. Dates for preparation and the 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 set up an appointment.

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.



"... 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 be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass.

If you require a Mass card please call 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



October 11 – 17, 2021

Seating is restricted by physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) between households, until further notice.

- Tuesday** (FERIAL)
7:00 PM + Eileen Plouffe – Sr. Kathleen Howard
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family
- Thursday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Fr. Victor McNamara – Sr. Kathleen Howard
- Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. TERESA OF JESUS)
12 Noon + Theresia Bauer – Trudy Dallosch

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 16-17

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

- Sat. 5:00 PM** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
Sun. 9:30 am + Leonard Sellner – George & Marjorie Brezina
11:30 am + Keith Reinhardt – Marilyn Dufresne

St. Teresa of Jesus (Ávila) was the founder of the Discalced Carmelites, which was a reform movement within the Carmelite Order. In her work of reform, she worked very closely with St. John of the Cross. She wrote several important works, including her autobiography, *Life of Teresa of Avila*, and her most influential work, *The Interior Castle*, in which she talks about the mystical life in terms of seven mansions. These mansions show the growth in intimacy between the believer and God. St. Teresa was the first woman ever to be declared a Doctor of the Church (1970).



This year the Feast of All Souls, **November 2**, falls on a **Tuesday** and Mass will be celebrated that evening at **7:00 p.m.**

Starting next week, envelopes will be available in the narthex if you would like to submit the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered for the intentions of this Mass. You may also request a candle(s) to burn in remembrance (\$5 each). Candles will be lit during Mass, and left at the altar to burn during the month of November.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: A Private Intention

In our church, two sanctuary lamps continuously burn on either side of the tabernacle, to signify the Real Presence of Jesus.

You may now 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 each week in the bulletin; private intentions will appear as you see above.



Requests will be received by the parish office in much the same way you would request a Mass Intention – please write “**Sanctuary Lamp**” on a plain envelope, insert \$5 for one candle or \$10 for both candles. Include your intention, and whether or not you would like it published or private. Requests can be dropped in the collection or slipped under the office door, or mailed.



Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: “follow me.” Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church. ■

Liturgical Ministers

Oct. 16-17	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	A. Humphrey	T. Germann	S. Roma
Ushers:	J./G. Morgan	M. Walser P. Drohan	T./K. Boettger
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	H. Psutka J. Swartz	D. Seymour-Weber F. Kangaloo

Bishop Crosby has requested that the following announcement be published in all parish bulletins:

Covid Vaccines

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities.

Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated.

Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

Formation Workshops for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

The Diocese of Hamilton will be facilitating in-person formation sessions for Ministers of the Word in October and for Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist in November. Cost will be \$25, and locations are being finalized.

Dates are as follows:

- ◆ **Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 – for Ministers of the Word**
10:30-2:30 at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener
([Click here to register](#))
- ◆ **Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 – for Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist**
10:30-2:30 at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener
([Click here to register](#))

St. Mary's Hospital – Hope & Hygiene Drive

St. Mary's General Hospital has begun collecting hygiene products and in-demand seasonal products for patients in need. This drive is a meaningful initiative for both givers and receivers. Packages must be new and unopened: **Tooth paste, Tooth brushes, Floss, Soap, Body wash, Body lotion, Shampoo, Conditioner, Wash cloths and towels, Menstrual hygiene products, Deodorant, Band aids, Hair brushes and combs, Baby wipes, Diapers, Sunscreen, Hearing aide batteries, Shaving cream.** Items may be dropped off here in the narthex and Deacon Philip will take them to the hospital.

QUILTS for the hospital ... The hospital also accepts donations of quilts of different sizes to send home with patients. **If you have fabric to donate (must be washable) or would like to participate in sewing the quilts, please contact Betty at 519-743-0908.** The first sewing date will be **Saturday, Oct. 16 from 10:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Please call Betty to sign-up in advance (no walk-ins please). Thanks!

Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

A Tender and Loving Father

Reflection

Patris Corde, 2

(Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis, 2020)

Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.

Prayer: For Peace and Unity in Our Country

Saint Joseph, tender and loving father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, that the people of Canada may know the peace which comes from God and be always united in a fraternal spirit.

V. As a father has compassion for his children,

R. So the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. (Ps 103.13)

Action: Explore opportunities to contribute to the building of peace and unity in our country and commit to engaging in one of them.

Diocese of Hamilton Year of St. Joseph Novena Prayers

Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday, October 26 and

Thursday, October 28



These celebrations are for those **currently in Grade 8 or 9**, who missed being Confirmed in the Spring of 2020 or 2021. Thanks to all who re-enrolled. Preparation material will be emailed to parents this week.

Please keep the children in your prayers!



St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

Mark your calendars...

- * Executive Meeting (ZOOM) – **TUE. Oct. 12 at 7:00 p.m.**
Installation of Officers – **SAT. Oct. 16 after the 5pm Mass**
- * General Meeting (ZOOM) – **TUE. Oct. 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

** Brother Knights will receive links for Zoom meetings via email.*

The Offices for Evangelization and Catechesis, Liturgy and Youth Ministry have prepared a **Liturgy of the Word and parent resource for the celebration of Thanksgiving 2021**, to assist parishioners and families in giving thanks to God for the abundance of the harvest this season, and in speaking meaningfully about what it means to be thankful in these days.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thanksgiving2021>



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