

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 18 – 24, 2021

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

- Tuesday** (FERIAL)
7:00 PM + Jerry Dufresne – Marilyn
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Argemiro Correia – Justina
- Thursday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + John Bauer – Trudy Dallosch
- Friday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Eileen Plouffe – Sr. Kathleen Howard
- Saturday** (FERIAL)
2:00 PM - WEDDING

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 23-24

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

- Sat. 5:00 PM** + Maria Campos – Campos family
- Sun. 9:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
- 11:30 am** + Corry Klaver – Arnie & Elaine Vandenhoff

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
October 24, 2021**

Next weekend is World Mission Sunday. It is a global celebration of the universal church. Your prayer and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools, and the training of priests. The donations that the Catholic communities throughout the world receive through World Mission Sunday, will assist them to be self-sufficient and continue to flourish. By sharing your gift of faith, we can bring love and compassion to those who need it most.



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, or you may take them home after Mass that day.



**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
RE-OPENING NOVEMBER 3RD**

Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be re-opening to parishioners for private devotion on November 3rd.

**The new hours will be:
Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 1-8 p.m.**

Parishioners may commit to one of the available hours, by signing up at the adoration table in the narthex. This will be an ongoing commitment. Once you have signed up, new pandemic protocols and guidelines will be emailed to you.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many



possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership? ■



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
The Special Intentions of Jason & Anita**



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

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; private intentions will not.

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.



Oct. 23-24	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Reader:	K. Krigner	T. Angel	I. Kanggaloo
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Fernandez	I.D. Culley	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. Kubisewsky A. Bendia	T./K. Boettger	E. Weiss D. Seymour-Weber

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 is facilitating an in-person formation session for Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist. Cost will be \$25.

Saturday, November 13th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener

[\(Click here to register\)](#)

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

In-person AND online ♦ 2nd Friday of every month ♦ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Join Bishop Lobsinger for “Evenings with His Excellency” in 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. **If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to go**

to www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com to watch live. (All COVID-19 protocols will be required, including masks while in the church and proper social distancing.)



Toasty Toes VIRTUAL Sock Drive

The annual Toasty Toes Waterloo Region campaign is asking for donations of FUNDS rather than socks this fall due to pandemic precautions. We regret that we CANNOT

ACCEPT SOCKS this year. If you wish to support this worthy cause, please consider a monetary donation by visiting:

www.kwcf.ca/toastytoes

Marriage Tip of the Month

As we continue to deal with the COVID virus in our communities, people are feeling the continued burden of the unknown about its dangers and how long it will last. This causes stress which might cause couples to lash out at the one they love most. Take some time to change the pattern of your life by planning some fun activities for the two of you, communicate truthfully about how you are feeling, acknowledge that your spouse may not be at their best because they are stressed, hold hands and hug often as touch can relieve stress and pray together that God will give you strength. Feeling united will reduce stress levels for both of you and create a more peaceful environment to help you deal with the unknowns.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

An Obedient Father

Reflection

Patris Corde, 3

(Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis, 2020)

“Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood” and [...] in this way, “he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation.”

Prayer: For an End to Racism and Discrimination

Saint Joseph, obedient father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, that we may be given the wisdom and courage to address the persistent sins of racism and discrimination that we may work toward systems that support the dignity of every person and promote respect for all.

V. Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

R. Who walk in the law of the Lord. (Ps 119.1)

Action: Leaning on Gospel values, use a pastoral and nonpartisan lens to respond to concerns of family and community members about racism and discrimination, policing and public safety.

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. Parents are receiving preparation material via email.

Please keep the children in your prayers!

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

General Meeting (ZOOM) on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Brother Knights will receive a link for the Zoom meeting via email.



St. Mary's Hospital – Hope & Hygiene Drive

To all who brought in items, THANK YOU for your generosity! We are happy to report that the Hygiene Drive is now finished due to the overwhelming response!

Parenting Tip of the Month

October brings cooler air and the final harvests of the season. It is a time when we see the beauty of nature and the creative mind of God in providing this world for each of us. Children spend a lot of time wishing for things they don't have, instead of focusing on what they do have, including love from family members, their faith community and friends and neighbours who care for them. During this month of thanksgiving, help your children focus on giving thanks for all they have by writing a daily gratitude journal. Each day they can write about the goodnesses of their day and at the end of the month they will have documentation about how much they have to be grateful for – both to God and everyone else who contributes to their lives.



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