

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**



Sept. 20 – 26, 2021

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

Tuesday (FEAST – ST. MATTHEW)
7:00 PM + Roseanne Doyle – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Maria Campos – *Campos family*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO))
12 Noon – Int. of Paul & Betty Enticott – *Woodhouse family*

Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Jake DeVries – *Clem & Carolyn Baumtrog*

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 25/26

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Sat. 5:00 PM – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am + Macedo family – *Luiz Macedo*

11:30 am + Antero Correia & family – *Justina Costa*

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
The repose of the soul of Maria Campos**

St. Matthew - Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way.

St. Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his piety and charity, as well as the gift of the stigmata, which has never been explained. He became a priest in 1910, but was permitted to remain at home because of his poor health. Padre Pio became popular with the people he encountered and soon began to attribute supernatural occurrences to him. For example, he was said to levitate, and able to perform miracles. In 1947, Fr. Karol Wojtyla visited Padre Pio who prophetically told him he would rise to the highest post in the Church." Fr. Karol Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II in 1978.

How can we prepare to welcome a new school year in our home? As children prepare to return to in-person or virtual learning environments, we encourage families to take the opportunity to pray with their children and their educators in a meaningful way. The link below will bring you to a Back to School resource on the Diocese of Hamilton web page designed to help families and schools welcome the return of a new academic year.

Included are suggestions for prayers, questions and conversations parents can share with their children as well as a brief Liturgy of the Word celebration for use either in homes or at school.

We pray for all those who are beginning anew – new teachers, Kindergarteners, and graduates as well as those returning that Our Lord's spirit will guide them in a safe and welcoming environment.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/backtoschool2021>



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Leonardo Garasto**, father of Lino (Melanie) Garasto.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone. ■

First Holy Communion

Sunday, Sept. 26 and Sunday, Oct. 3

Families have been preparing their children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion via material emailed over the course of the last few months. **If you have a child entering Grade 3 or 4 who has not yet received these sacraments, please email Pam at the parish office (stmark@rogers.com) as soon as possible.** Children entering Grade 2 will enroll and prepare for the sacraments in the winter.

Please keep the children in your prayers!

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

Interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Join Bishop Lobsinger for "Evenings with His Excellency" on the **second Friday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** 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. The first session was Friday, September 10th. **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.)

Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 25-26	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Reader:	S. Benner	T. Angel	M. Smith
Ushers:	G. Morgan B. Benner	I./D. Culley	J. Smith E. Weiss
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	J. Swartz A. Joseph	B./C. Voisin

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.

Tentative dates are as follows:

- ♦ Saturday, October 16, 2021 – for Ministers of the Word
- ♦ Saturday, November 13, 2021 – for Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist

Further details will be provided when they become available.



THAT MAN IS YOU! "The Revelation of the Father"

St. Mark's Men's Group is meeting Saturday mornings again – both IN PERSON and on ZOOM – **Sept. 18 to Dec. 11** from 7:15 – 9:00 a.m. (8:15 a.m. on Zoom). Breakfast in the Parish Hall begins at 7:15 a.m., followed by a video and group discussion. Social distancing, contact tracing, sanitizing and masking rules all apply as they did before. **Can't make it in person? Join via Zoom at 8:15 a.m. after watching the video during the week.**

Contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions and to receive the weekly email with the Zoom link and access to the videos.



If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Faith, you may leave your name

and contact information with the parish office to be enrolled in The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (commonly referred to as R.C.I.A.). This is a formation and preparation process that typically begins in the Fall. To become a full member of the Catholic Faith, a person must receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The program, therefore, is for people who have (1) never been baptized; (2) been baptized in another Christian Faith and are now seeking to be accepted into full communion with the Catholic Church, and (3) been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received both Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

Sept. 20: Election Day Polling
ST. MARK'S PARISH HALL



THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING THE PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS

Seating capacity is currently reduced to accommodate physical distancing. Face coverings that cover the nose, mouth and chin must be worn at all times inside the building. Those who are not feeling well, have an elevated temperature, or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 must stay home.

C.W.L. News

WELCOME BACK! We pray you had a good summer! Mark your calendars!! **Saturday, September 25th is our Regional Virtual Meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** Watch your email inbox for the meeting and log in information. No email? No problem, you can call into the meeting via your phone. Call Anna at 519-577-8519 for information.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Patron of the Universal Church

Reflection

Quamquam Pluries, 4
(Encyclical by Pope Leo XIII, 1889)

Thus it is that we may prefigure the new in the old patriarch [Joseph, cf. *Gen 37*]. And as the first caused the prosperity of his master's domestic interests and at the same time rendered great services to the whole kingdom, so the second, destined to be the guardian of the Christian religion, should be regarded as the protector and defender of the Church, which is truly the house of the Lord and the kingdom of God on earth. These are the reasons why men of every rank and country should fly to the trust and guard of the blessed Joseph. Fathers of families find in Joseph the best personification of paternal solicitude and vigilance; spouses a perfect example of love, of peace, and of conjugal fidelity; virgins at the same time find in him the model and protector of virginal integrity.

Prayer: For an End to the Coronavirus Pandemic

Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, that the sick may experience healing, the dying, peace, healthcare workers, strength, and our leaders, wisdom.

V. Protect me, O God,

R. For in you I take refuge. (Ps 16.1)

Action: Implore God's help, with increased fervour and constancy, for an end to this pandemic.

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.**

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WATERLOO REGION PRESENTS:

An Interactive Virtual Discussion on Student Support for Active Parents, Thursday September 23rd from 7:00pm - 8:00pm.

Although learning environments have shifted over the past year, parents everywhere have helped their children navigate these changes by taking a more active role in their education (kudos to you, parents!). Now, as students go back to in-person learning this fall, you can ensure your child is more prepared – both socially and academically – by attending our upcoming event.

The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region invites you to join in an interactive presentation and virtual discussion on Thursday, September 23rd from 7pm - 8pm EDT. We are bringing together experts from the region to share their best practices, ideas and identify learning needs to help students succeed moving forward from the pandemic influences/challenges. Take the first step in setting your child up for success this school year! Space is limited. Register today!

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Inzs9w4rQBe1im6xA6xIqg



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