

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. 27 – Oct. 3, 2021

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

- Tuesday** (FERIAL)
7:00 PM + Monica Burchat – Gerry & Terry Gerth
- Wednesday** (FEAST – St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels)
12 Noon + Eileen Plouffe – Maurice
- Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JEROME)
NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH & RECONCILIATION
12 Noon – Intentions of Peace & Reconciliation 
- First Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS)
*** 9:00 am** + Tim & Kitty Howard – Sister Kathleen Howard
- First Saturday** (MEMORIAL – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS)
*** 9:00 am** + Peter Clancy – Marie & Brian Lynch & family

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 2-3

Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

- Sat. 5:00 PM** + Clarence Voisin – Marie, Diane, Don, Bob & Brenda
Sun. 9:30 am + Schneider Family – Larry & Sharon Koehler
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael – The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

St. Jerome was born around 342 AD and around the age of 12 he traveled to Rome to study grammar, philosophy and rhetoric, and around 366 AD he was baptized as a Christian. He wrote extensively defending the virginity of Mary, however, nothing was so legendary as his translation of the Bible, spending his entire life translating the scriptures from Hebrew and Old Latin.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux was a Carmelite nun whose service to her Roman Catholic order, although outwardly unremarkable, was later recognized for its exemplary spiritual accomplishments. Thérèse was the youngest of nine children and, in the deeply religious atmosphere of her home, her piety developed early and intensively. At the age of 15 she entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux, having been refused admission a year earlier. Although she suffered from depression, scruples—a causeless feeling of guilt—and, at the end, religious doubts, she kept the rule to perfection and maintained a smiling, pleasant, and unselfish manner. Before her death from tuberculosis, she acknowledged that, because of her difficult nature, not one day had ever passed without a struggle. Her burial site at Lisieux became a place of pilgrimage, and a basilica bearing her name was built there (1929–54). St. Thérèse defined her doctrine of the Little Way as "the way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust and absolute surrender." She was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and was the youngest person to be designated a doctor of the church. She is a patron saint of missions and of florists.

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels – Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger. The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. From the Gospel we read: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, man is surrounded by the protection and intercession of angels, particularly our guardian angel: "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (336)."

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark.

Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith. ■



Congratulations

St. Mark's Parish congratulates all the boys and girls who received their **First Holy Communion** today (Sept. 26) ...

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| Ainsley | Brie | Emmeline | Joshua | Olivia |
| Aubrey | Easton | Isaac | Kennadie | Quinn |
| Avery | Elley | Jahkwanyeh | Neresya | Samuel |

"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."

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

OCTOBER 2 ♦ NOVEMBER 6 ♦ DECEMBER 4

Mass on the First Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

Thurs. Sept. 30 and Friday, Oct. 1

Liturgical Ministers

October 2-3	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Reader:	M. Dufresne	J. Flanigan	R. Kubica
Ushers:	P. Fernandez E. Miller	J./K. Snyder	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. Kubisewsky A. Bendia	T./K. Boettger	F. Kangaloo E. Weiss

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.



Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation commemorates the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools and is intended to honour the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve for those who were lost.

Please note that to commemorate this day, all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton will be closed, and a special Mass of Reconciliation will be celebrated here at St. Mark's at 12 noon.

Let us continue to pray for the healing of our nation and in particular for Reconciliation between the Indigenous People and all citizens of Canada.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday, October 26 and
Thursday, October 28



Families with a child currently in Grade 8 or 9, who missed being Confirmed in the spring, are asked to email Pam at the parish office (stmark@rogers.com) to re-enroll your child and indicate which date you prefer so a pew can be reserved for your family.

Please keep the children in your prayers!



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.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Patron of Canada

Reflection

Redemptoris Custos, 12

(Apostolic Exhortation by Saint John Paul II, 1989)

At the circumcision Joseph names the child "Jesus." This is the only name in which there is salvation (*cf. Acts 4.12*). Its significance had been revealed to Joseph at the moment of his "annunciation": "You shall call the child Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (*cf. Mt 1.21*). In conferring the name, Joseph declares his own legal fatherhood over Jesus, and in speaking the name he proclaims the child's mission as Saviour.

Prayer: For Those Who Have Died

Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, for those who have died, that all who have passed from this world may attain a share in eternal happiness in the kingdom of heaven.

V. I will extol you, O Lord,

R. For you have drawn me up. (Ps 30.1)

Action: Let us seek ways to learn from Saint Joseph "how to be servants of the 'economy of salvation'."

Diocese of Hamilton Year of St. Joseph Novena Prayers

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 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.

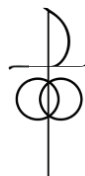
You may now request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul.

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.



Congratulations Newlyweds

St. Mark's Parish offers congratulations to newlyweds

Leo & Susie

joined in Holy Matrimony this month.

May God shower your lives together with many blessings!



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