

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM
Monthly Filipino Mass: Third Saturday 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday 12:00 NOON
First Saturday 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays & First Fridays 11:00 - 11:45 AM
Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 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 – Infant 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 can be confirmed by the parish office after you have met with Father and started the preparation process.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – Adults seeking conversion to the Catholic faith are invited to inquire with the parish priest. This program begins each Fall and runs until Easter.

MARRIAGE – At least 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to start the process.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISIT

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Dominic Elementary 3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503
St. Mark Elementary 240 Autumn Hill Cres. 519-743-4682
Resurrection Secondary 455 University Ave. W. 519-741-1990



“... The seed is sprouting and growing ...” (Mark 4:27)

REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION

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 and your name will appear in the bulletin, and will be announced during Mass. **If you require a Mass Card**, please make your request in-person at the parish office during business hours.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention is \$10 per Mass.

Number of Masses requested: _____ Offering enclosed: \$_____

Name of person(s)
to be remembered: _____

LIVING DECEASED

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 note: Requests for specific dates (birthday, anniversary of death or wedding) should be submitted several months in advance to avoid disappointment. Sunday Masses may only be requested twice per year. All other requests will be satisfied on a weekday. We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.*

LIGHTING A SANCTUARY LAMP

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. Names will be published in the bulletin at the beginning of that week.

Please light the
Sanctuary Lamp(s) for: _____

LIVING DECEASED

Offering enclosed: \$_____

REQUESTED BY _____

DAYTIME PHONE # OR EMAIL _____

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intentions for the Week



April 17 – 23, 2023

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of Sarah Lynch – *Randy Seyler*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Antonio & Magdalena Caprara – *M. & F. Caprara*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Paul Nyo Min – *Tim Min*

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Patrick Walsh – *Nick & Julie Muza*

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 22/23

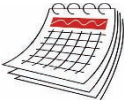
Acts 2:14, 22b-28; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Sat. 5:00 PM † George Brezina – *Marjorie*

Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am † Pilar Masbad – *Masbad family*

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. April 17	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. April 18	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 choir practice
	7:00 pm	(H/J)	C.W.L. General Meeting
Wed. April 19	7:00 pm	(J)	R.C.I.A. (<i>final meeting</i>)
Thu. April 20	6:45 pm	(H)	Alpha (<i>all rooms</i>)
Fri. April 21	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study resumes
Sat. April 22	7:30 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	10:00 am	(CH)	First Reconciliation

MEETING ROOMS: B - Basement CH - Church H - Hall J - St. John Room L - St. Luke Boardroom M - St. Matthew Room

On the **Second Sunday of Easter**, as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we get a picture of how the early community gathered around as “Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.” **John’s Gospel** gives us two post-resurrection stories that feature Thomas, the doubting apostle. “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”



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Bible Study... resumes this Friday. Join us Fridays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. John Room -- *All are welcome!* Please bring your bible and paper and pen. Questions? Contact Karen at bkkriqner@rogers.com.

Reminder of Upcoming Sacramental Dates

➤ FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

For April 30th Ceremony (St. Dominic and others)

Sat. April 22 – First Reconciliation – 5:45 p.m.

Wed. April 26 – Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.

Thur. April 27 – First Reconciliation – 5:45 p.m.

Sun. April 30th – First Holy Communion Mass – 2:00 p.m.

For May 7th Ceremony (St. Mark and others)

Sat. April 29 – First Reconciliation – 5:45 p.m.

Wed. May 3 – Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.

Thu. May 4 – First Reconciliation – 5:45 p.m.

Sun. May 7th – First Holy Communion Mass – 2:00 p.m.

➤ FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION:

Sun. April 23 – Final Preparation Session – 1:00 p.m.

Tues. May 23 – Sacrament of Confirmation – 7:00 p.m. (*St. Dominic and others*)

Tues. May 30 – Sacrament of Confirmation – 7:00 p.m. (*St. Mark and others*)

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, April 24th at 7:30 p.m. – St. Luke Boardroom

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for Baptism Preparation

to train parents preparing to have their child baptized, and to coordinate related activity. Fr. Roque will provide training and support material to the volunteers. If you are called to help with this important ministry, please contact the parish office at stmark@rogers.com. Thank you for your consideration.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
A successful hernia operation



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 16, 2023

The Divine Mercy Chaplet may be prayed using an ordinary rosary in the following way:

1. Begin with: The Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with (three times): *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*



Fake Emails “Rev. Roque” ...

Parishioners are asked to be aware that a scammer is sending email from fake accounts that resemble Father’s email address.

If you receive any such request for assistance or unsolicited message, please do not reply to it, and do not click on any links it may contain. Just delete it. Most of these emails are signed with “Reverend” or “Rev.” before Father’s name, and he rarely uses that title in an email.



Liturgical Ministers

April 22-23	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	E. Burkholder P./T. Pereira	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	A. Fernandez	V. DeVries	D. DeSousa
Readers:	D. Behl	J. Flanigan	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Smith	P. Drohan J. Kelly	P. Abalos M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	H. Psutka D. Fernandez	T./K. Boettger	D. Seymour-Weber E. Weiss

UNAUTHORIZED REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

It has come to our attention that an unaffiliated agency is soliciting support from our Diocesan Parishes for the "Hamilton Pilgrims" of World Youth Day this summer in Lisbon. Please note, this is not an organized effort of the Diocese of Hamilton, nor is it sponsored by the Diocese. We discourage sending any financial assistance to wyd.hamilton.pilgrims@gmail.com. If you have any questions or concerns about WYD Lisbon 2023, please reach out to our Diocesan Coordinator, Christina Mines at cmines@hamiltondiocese.com. -- Msgr. Murray J. Kroetsch, PH, VG, Chancellor

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

APRIL 17	APRIL 18	APRIL 19	APRIL 20	APRIL 21	APRIL 22
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger	Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)	Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel	Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.	Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C

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.

Beyond the Pew – What Now? Join us as we take the dialogue to the next level. In our winter speaker series, we heard from local speakers, with boots on the ground, about homelessness, addiction, mental health, our youth. What did these mean for you? To your Parish? To our community? What is your heart calling you to do? Father Ed Hinsperger will guide us through a process that will help us emerge with a clear vision of action. Whether you wish to be part of the solution with a group, with your family, or on your own, these conversations will help determine positive action steps forward in faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, and in the company of like-minded people. Whether you attended the Beyond the Pew sessions, or not, you are welcome. The only requirement is that you wish to work towards a more just and caring community. We hope to see you there. **Tuesday, April 18th** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at **St. Clement's Parish Hall, Cambridge**. To register contact 519-653-6123 or stclements@rogers.com.

"Loving Our Grown Children When Beliefs Collide"

Sometimes our beliefs about our faith can clash with those of our grown children. We may wonder "Where did we go wrong?" When choices clash, divisions run deep and tension exists – how do we trust God's plan, keep communicatingand HOW do we love our way through this? **Sunday, April 30th** from 2:00 to 3:30pm at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo**, with guest speaker Teresa Hartnett (Diocesan Family Ministry Office) For event details visit the Events section at www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org.

C.W.L. News...

All members are warmly invited to attend! **General Meeting – Tuesday, April 18th**, beginning with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Afterward we will welcome **special guests from the Diocesan Executive**, presenting their **Unity Outreach Project**. We will also be voting on a proposed change to our Constitution and Bylaws. We look forward to seeing you and sharing ideas!



Knights of Columbus Membership Drive THIS WEEKEND (April 15/16) after all Masses.



Membership is open to all Catholic men of St. Mark's Parish, 18 years of age and older. *Why Become A Knight?* Membership affords a greater opportunity to assist those in need, to serve our parish, to grow in one's faith, to access top-rated insurance protection for you and your family, and the ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone! *Interested?* Please speak to one of the Knights next weekend in the narthex!

Come Back to the Father: Catholic Men's Retreat

Saturday, April 22nd from 8am to 2pm at **St. Pius X Parish, Brantford**. Speaker, Fr. Adam Voisin, examines *Mercy – What Does It Mean and How Do We Apply It In Our Lives?* All men 18+ welcome. \$25 early bird or \$30 at the door. Light lunch included. To register, call 1-519-209-3623, visit catholicmen.ca, or scan the QR code.



Aging Issues: Listening to Indigenous Voices – join us for this chance to learn about aging from the perspective of three Indigenous speakers in our region. The Diocese, through the Family Ministry Office, is co-sponsoring this **Zoom** event on **Saturday, April 22** from 2-4 pm. For registration and information, please contact Ellen Ryan at 905-648-0437 or hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com.

Join the **Reel Justice Film Festival** for an in-person screening at **The Staircase Theatre** (27 Dundurn St. N., Hamilton) on **Thursday, April 27th** from 7–9pm with guest speaker Jason Hoffing from Relay Coffee – highlighting the importance of fair trade coffee, the film **Black Gold** follows Tadesse Meskela, a man on a mission to save 74,000 struggling coffee farmers in Ethiopia from bankruptcy. Against the backdrop of Tadesse's journey to London and Seattle, the power of the multinational players that dominate the world's coffee trade becomes apparent. To RSVP and view our schedule go to: www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/.

The Serra Club of Hamilton is holding their **Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner** on **Tuesday, May 2nd** at **Liuna Station, Hamilton**. Tickets are \$90. Please email SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-628-5682 if interested.

Young Adults Night – Saturday, May 6th – Hamilton - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm). Location: **Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church and Chaplaincy** (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



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