

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 _____

April 3 – 9, 2023



Monday

2:00 PM - CHRISM MASS
(at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton)

Tuesday

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon † Macedo Family – Luiz Macedo

Wednesday

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon † Maria Campos – Campos family

✠ EASTER TRIDUUM ✠

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
† Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
8 - 10 PM in the Church; 10 - 12 Midnight in the Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM - Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY

* NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
† Jack Soares and family – Maria

EASTER SUNDAY - SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20:1-18++
9:30 am † Nagwa Ibrahim – Eric & Rosemary Kubica
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's and
† Repose of the souls in whose memory donations
were made toward Easter Flowers

Meetings & Events This Week ...



| DATE | TIME | ROOM | EVENT |
|--------------|---------|------|----------------------|
| Mon. April 3 | 8:00 pm | (H) | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| Tue. April 4 | 7:00 pm | (J) | Women's Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm | (CH) | 11:30 Choir practice |
| Wed. April 5 | 6:45 pm | (H) | Alpha (all rooms) |
| | 7:00 pm | (CH) | R.C.I.A. |
| Thu. April 6 | 5:00 pm | (H) | Seder Passover Meal |
| Sat. April 8 | 7:30 am | (H) | That Man Is You! |

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

On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord we make our way into Holy Week. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole Passion, this year from Matthew's Gospel.



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THE EASTER TRIDUUM



The Easter Triduum is one liturgical celebration spread over three days that begins with the Evening Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, marking the

passion and death of Christ on Good Friday and ending with the Mass of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday night or Easter Sunday. It marks the end of the

40 days of Lent and celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying He destroyed our death and rising He restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #18)

The Easter Triduum and the Easter Season which lasts 50 days, therefore, is not simply one feast among others, but as the catechism of the Church tells us, it is the "Feast of Feasts" and the "Solemnity of Solemnities" just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of Sacraments". St. Athanasius called Easter, the Great Sunday and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week, the 'Great week'. In other words, it is the Celebrations of Celebrations. It is what we celebrate every time we attend Mass – it is the very essence of our faith.

Considering that the Easter Triduum is one celebration spread over three day, as Catholics, we are urged to put aside our daily routines and make priority to attend, not just one or two, but all three liturgical celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and either the Vigil Mass of Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday Mass.

Easter Flowers - Contributions toward the purchase of Easter Flowers may be made in memory of a loved one; Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be offered for the repose of their souls. Look for the pink box in the narthex with envelopes for donations.



THANK YOU to all who donated used coats and winter clothing....

A message from The Salvation Army "Share the Warmth" Program

On behalf of The Salvation Army Kitchener Community Church and Family Care Centre, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest thanks for your contribution to our 2022 Share the Warmth program. Due to your generosity, we were able to support 395 families, which included 1,116 adults and 568 children! ... Your donation allowed us to continue to show up and meet the needs of the vulnerable and disadvantaged populations in our community. May the blessing you shared return to you exponentially in this coming year!



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
A Special Intention
(requested by Annette Hauck & Donald Hopf)



CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 3rd at 2:00 p.m.
Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton



The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. The Mass is a celebration of the institution of the ministerial priesthood and is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the sacraments throughout the year, which are then given to the priests to take back to their parishes. **All are welcome to attend this celebration.**

Easter Food Blessing



Father Roque will be blessing Easter Food Baskets at each Mass on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. **Before Mass begins, please place your basket at the front of the church.** Father will give the blessing at the end of each Mass.

Liturgical Ministers

| HOLY WEEK | HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 PM Mass | GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 PM |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Altar Servers: | R./R. Jerold T. Pereira | R./R. Jerold P./T. Pereira |
| Commentator: | Needed | |
| Readers: | R. St. Cartier S. Benner | 1: T. Boettger 2: J. Deneau N: I. Kagaloo P: S. Benner |
| Ushers: | B. Voisin M. Walser | E. Miller C. Weber |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | C. Weber G. Kubisewsky | |

| EASTER April 8-9 | EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM Mass | EASTER SUNDAY | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| | | 9:30 AM Mass | 11:30 AM Mass |
| Altar Servers: | R./R. Jerold Need 2 more | P./T. Pereira E. Burkholder | C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho |
| Commentator: | I. Kagaloo | T. Boettger | Needed |
| Readers: | 1: R. St. Cartier 2: J. Petrovich 3: N. Comidooy E: I. Kagaloo | 1: T. Pereira 2: V. DeVries | 1: B. Norte 2: R. Vergel de Dios |
| Ushers: | M. Walser Need 1 more | V. Chen P./M. Drohan B. Lynch | M. Schimus B. Voisin Need 2 more |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | H. Psutka G. Kubisewsky | M. Lynch K. Boettger | D. Sey-Weber E. Weiss |

Travelling for Easter? The Diocese of Hamilton has compiled a list of **Mass Times for Holy Week and Easter** in all the parishes of the diocese: <https://crm.hamiltondiocese.com/special-events/Default.aspx>



Washing of the Feet

Mass of the Lord's Supper
HOLY THURSDAY, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

We are looking for **12 volunteers** to have their feet washed during this Mass. If you would like to take part, **please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.** Thank you!

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.

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The collection on Good Friday is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration on April 7, 2023. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so via Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting: www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us

Thank you for giving generously and showing your solidarity with a Church in need. – Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

St. Mark's Catholic Women's League warmly invites **ALL C.W.L. MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES** to a

SEDER PASSOVER MEAL

Holy Thursday, April 6th at 5:00 p.m.

In commemoration of The Last Supper of Our Lord and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist.



Please help us to plan by signing-up at the table in the narthex. There is no cost to attend. A free-will collection will be taken up.

Good Friday Fish Fries...

FRIDAY, APRIL 7



WATERLOO KNIGHTS ANNUAL FISH FRY

Waterloo Knights of Columbus (145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo)

Seatings every hour from 1pm to 6pm

\$15 for 1-piece w/ fries, roll & slaw / \$20 for 2-piece w/ fries, roll & slaw

SEATED DINNER TICKETS: please call Martin at 519-884-2060

TAKE OUT DINNER ORDERS: please call Derek at 226-748-8378

MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles Street East, Maryhill)

12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. at the Eat in or take out

NO RESERVATIONS. First come, first served.

Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon.

1-piece \$16 / 2-piece \$19. Children 12 & under half price 1 pc for \$8 if dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Bar, dessert & refreshments. Dinner includes coffee and tea. CASH ONLY PLEASE! Call ahead. Take out orders ARE MOST WELCOME. For more information call 519-648-2939.

GRIEF RELIEF

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. from **April 13 - May 18** to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton program will be offered online using **Zoom**. To register, go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for April 13th under "Upcoming Events". For more info, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

APRIL AFTERNOON BRIDGE & CARD PARTY

Wed. April 26th at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., Lunch at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15/person which includes lunch, refreshments and prizes and lots of fun playing your favorite game with friends. Plan to join us. Hosted by our C.W.L. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

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

| APRIL 3 | APRIL 4 | APRIL 5 | APRIL 6 | APRIL 7 | APRIL 8 |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Rev. Paul Patrick, O.M.I. | Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre | Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.) | Holy Thursday | Good Friday | Holy Saturday |

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.



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