

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 _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week



April 24 – 30, 2023

Tuesday (FEAST – ST. MARK)

9:30 am - Mass with St. Mark School

12 Noon † Teresa Viveiros – *Justina Costa & family*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Macedo Family – *Luiz Macedo*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Maria Campos – *Campos family*

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Maria Jesus Soares & family – *Maria Soares*

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 29-30

Acts 2:14a, 36b-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

Sat. 5:00 PM † Hien Tran – *Tim Tran*

Sun. 9:30 am † Beverly Weidman – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

11:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark

2:00 PM - FIRST COMMUNION MASS



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The Repose of the Soul of Hien Tran



WANTED:

Volunteers 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.



Bible Study... 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 bkkrigner@rogers.com.

Reminder of Upcoming Sacramental Dates

> FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

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

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 – 10:00 a.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:

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

Tues. May 23 – Sacrament of Confirmation – 7:00 p.m. (St. Dom's)

Tues. May 30 – Sacrament of Confirmation – 7:00 p.m. (St. Mark's)

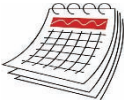
Parish Council Meeting:

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

Volunteer Screen Committee Meeting:

Monday, May 1st at 7:30 p.m. – St. Luke Boardroom

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. April 24	7:30 pm	(L)	Parish Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. April 25	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
Wed. April 26	5:45 pm	(CH)	Rehearsal for 1 st Communion
Thu. April 27	5:45 pm	(CH)	First Reconciliation
	6:45 pm	(H)	Alpha (<i>all rooms</i>)
Fri. April 28	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
Sat. April 29	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

The **Third Week of Easter** begins with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They did not recognize Him until the breaking of the bread. The gospels all week are about His being broken and given for us as Bread that Gives Life.



This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a “contemplative in the midst of action.” We have practically a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the “Bread of Life.” This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it “contemplative” is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activity interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we “work for food that perishes.” The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn't last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can't celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can make what we used to call a “spiritual communion” simply by opening our hearts and desiring to receive our Lord, so that he remain in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Savior, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day. If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew the desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begins to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with my Lord, it doesn't matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face, or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.

Liturgical Ministers

April 29-30	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	C. Perkovic J./P./V. Miller	A./D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon J./K. Palafox
Commentator:	S. Ranger	T. Fernandes	B. Prila
Readers:	Catholic Education Week begins today. Readings will be proclaimed by students.		
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	I./D. Culley	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	P. Enticott M. Lynch	I./F. Kangaloo

✦ World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Next Sunday, April 30

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through his Bishops, priests and deacons and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a perpetual concern in the hearts of God's people.



✦ Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner

Tuesday, May 2nd at Liuna Station, Hamilton, hosted by The Serra Club of Hamilton. Tickets are \$90. Please email SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-628-5682 if interested.

✦ Diocesan Prayer Calendar... This week let us pray for...

APRIL 24	APRIL 25	APRIL 26	APRIL 27	APRIL 28	APRIL 29
Rev. Alberto Ferreira	Rev. Khalid Karomi	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)	Rev. Gary Schlack	Rev. Bradley Markus	Rev. Edward Henhoeffler

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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Newly Baptized... With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God: **Avery, Aiden, Louis and Vera.**

God has saved us by living water which gives our lives a fresh beginning, and He put his Spirit in us, so that healed by His grace, we may share His life and hope to live forever. (TITUS 3:5,7)

C.W.L. News...

This Wednesday, April 26th, is the Feast Day of our Lady of Good Counsel. We will be honouring our deceased members at the 12 noon Mass.



Also, all C.W.L. councils in the Kitchener region are invited to attend a **Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel**, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at **Holy Rosary Church** (175 Emma Street, Guelph), celebrated by Father Vernon Boyd, pastor. He will offer the opportunity, for those who wish, to be blessed during Mass with a relic of Our Lady that they have in the church.

"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.

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.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE – Friday, May 12th – Queen's Park, Toronto

Meet at the Walmart parking lot (Fairview Park Mall, Kitchener) no later than 10:00 a.m. Bus leaves at 10:30am and returns to Kitchener by 6pm. Reserve your seat, \$30 per person. Students ride free. Can't go? Why not sponsor a seat for someone who would like to attend? Parents, bring your friends, children and grandchildren. Contact Jane at 519-746-5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca. Attending a March for Life by bus in a large city is beneficial for several reasons – it allows you to connect with like-minded individuals and be part of a community that advocates for the protection of preborn lives and the dignity of all human beings. Your presence can make an impact by raising awareness about the importance of the right to life and influencing public opinion and policy decisions. Additionally, attending a March for Life can be a source of inspiration and a powerful and memorable experience that promotes a message of hope and love. Thanks for all you do for LIFE. – *Jane Richard, President, K-W Right to Life* For more info, visit: <https://torontomarchforlife.ca/>

20TH ANNUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE: Guelph to Midland – August 5-12

Walking pilgrimage is about:

- nourishing your spirituality
- enjoying the great outdoors
- getting great exercise: 20+km per day
- having fun and enjoying good company

Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. Participate for 1 day, a weekend, or the full 8 days! Cost is \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. **Registration deadline is June 20th!** To register, or for more info, visit <https://ignatiusguelph.ca/programs/walking-pilgrimage/>.



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