

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mass Intentions for the Week**



May 1 – 7, 2023

- Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. ATHANASIUS)  
 12 Noon † Leando & Domenica Bendia – *Marilyn Dufresne*
- Wednesday** (FEAST – ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES)  
 12 Noon † Maria Ferreira – *Maria Soares*
- Thursday** (FERIAL)  
 12 Noon † Clara Herteis – *Ron & Kathy Bumstead*
- First Friday** (FERIAL)  
 12 Noon † Alfredo Deen Jr. – *Sugar & Boyet Norte*
- First Saturday** (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCOIS DE LAVAL)  
 ★ 8:00 am † Mitchell & Stella Kopecki – *family*

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 6-7**

*Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12*

- Sat. 5:00 PM † Almerinda DaCosta & family – *Maria Soares*  
 Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark  
 11:30 am † Annie Jacob – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica*  
 2:00 PM - **FIRST COMMUNION MASS**

★ **Please note: Mass on the First Saturday (May 6) will start at 8 a.m.** to allow Father sufficient travel time to attend the Ordinations to the Priesthood at the Cathedral in Hamilton.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:bkkrigner@rogers.com).

**Reminder of Upcoming Sacramental Dates**

➤ **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:**

**For May 7<sup>th</sup> Ceremony (St. Mark and others)**

- Wed. May 3 – Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.  
 Thu. May 4 – First Reconciliation – 5:45 p.m.  
 Sun. May 7<sup>th</sup> – First Holy Communion Mass – 2:00 p.m.

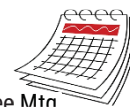
➤ **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- Thur. May 18 – Rehearsal – 7:00 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*)

**Volunteer Screen Committee Meeting:**

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

**Meetings & Events This Week ...**



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. May 1</b>	7:30 pm	(L)	Volunteer Screening Committee Mtg.
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. May 2</b>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<b>Wed. May 3</b>	5:45 pm	(CH)	Rehearsal for 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion
<b>Thu. May 4</b>	5:45 pm	(CH)	First Reconciliation
<b>Fri. May 5</b>	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
<b>Sat. May 6</b>	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

The **Fourth Week of Easter** gives us a continuing picture of how the Holy Spirit is guiding the early community. Peter's preaching is full of fire and it is effective in bringing many to baptism. Sunday's gospel begins our reflection on Jesus as the gate, the gate keeper and our shepherd, all from the 10th chapter of the Fourth Gospel. Jesus describes the intimate relationship he has with us: "I know my own and mine know me." We recognize his voice and we follow him.



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**Catholic Education Week: April 30 – May 5, 2023**

[www.hamiltondiocesecew.com](http://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com)

Catholic Education Week 2023 begins today, Sunday, April 30. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible.

Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's theme for Catholic Education Week is, "We are Many, We are One," and was inspired by the following considerations:

- The Church worldwide has embarked on a synodal process, "a synod on synodality," which centres on intentional listening: listening to each other and listening to the Holy Spirit. We have each been asked to actively reach out and listen to the voices and experiences of people where they are at and consider what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take as we walk together. As the Catholic Bishops of Ontario highlighted in *Renewing the Promise*, "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and in doing so, to transform."
- Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the importance of Indigenous culture and spirituality as we move forward together.
- The Ministry of Education's focus on Inclusion and Equity resonates with all educators and administrators as we desire to serve all of God's children and Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, *Fratelli Tutti*, will guide us in this good work.
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.

"We, who are many, are one body In Christ, and individually we are members, one of another." (Romans 12:5)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:  
**WE ARE MANY,  
 WE ARE ONE**



 *Liturgical Ministers*

May 6-7	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller	R./R. Jerold	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
<b>Commentator:</b>	S. Benner	P. Enticott	N. Comido
<b>Readers:</b>	S. Rellinger	T. Lee	M. Comido
<b>Ushers:</b>	B. Benner P. Smith	T. Germann M. Walser	P. Abalos M. Schimus
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	K. Glover H. Psutka	T. Angel A. Joseph	B./C. Voisin

✠ **Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at Liuna Station, Hamilton**, hosted by The Serra Club of Hamilton. Tickets are \$90. Please email [serrahamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com) or leave a message at 905-628-5682 if interested.

✠ **ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD** ✠

*With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Hamilton joyfully announces and invites you to attend the Ordination of:*



**Carlos Diaz  
John Ha  
Paul Niesiobedzki  
Jonathan Reitzel**

*to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ through the Imposition of Hands and The Invocation of the Holy Spirit by:*

*The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.*

*Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton*

**Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

*at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King.*

**A livestream link via the Cathedral Basilica will be made available closer to the Ordination date.**

✠ **Diocesan Prayer Calendar... This week let us pray for...**

MAY 1	MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4	MAY 5	MAY 6
Rev. Joe Selvanayagam	Rev. William Foote	Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)	Rev. Terence Sehl	Rev. Scott Whitfield	St. Francois De Laval (Patron of the Bishops of Canada)

**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.**



**MAY CROWNING of MARY**

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Feast of Our Lady of Fatima*

**Join us for Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Crowning of our Lady in the Grotto**

Everyone is invited to bring a flower(s) to present to Our Lady during the Crowning, and extra flowers will be available.

St. Mark's C.W.L. will be selling potted

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**Available for sale after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Treat that special lady in your life and beat the store lineup. There will be a limited number of pots for sale at each Mass.*



**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE – Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto: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 unborn 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/>

**20<sup>TH</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>.** To register, or for more info, visit <https://ignatiusguelph.ca/programs/walking-pilgrimage/>.



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