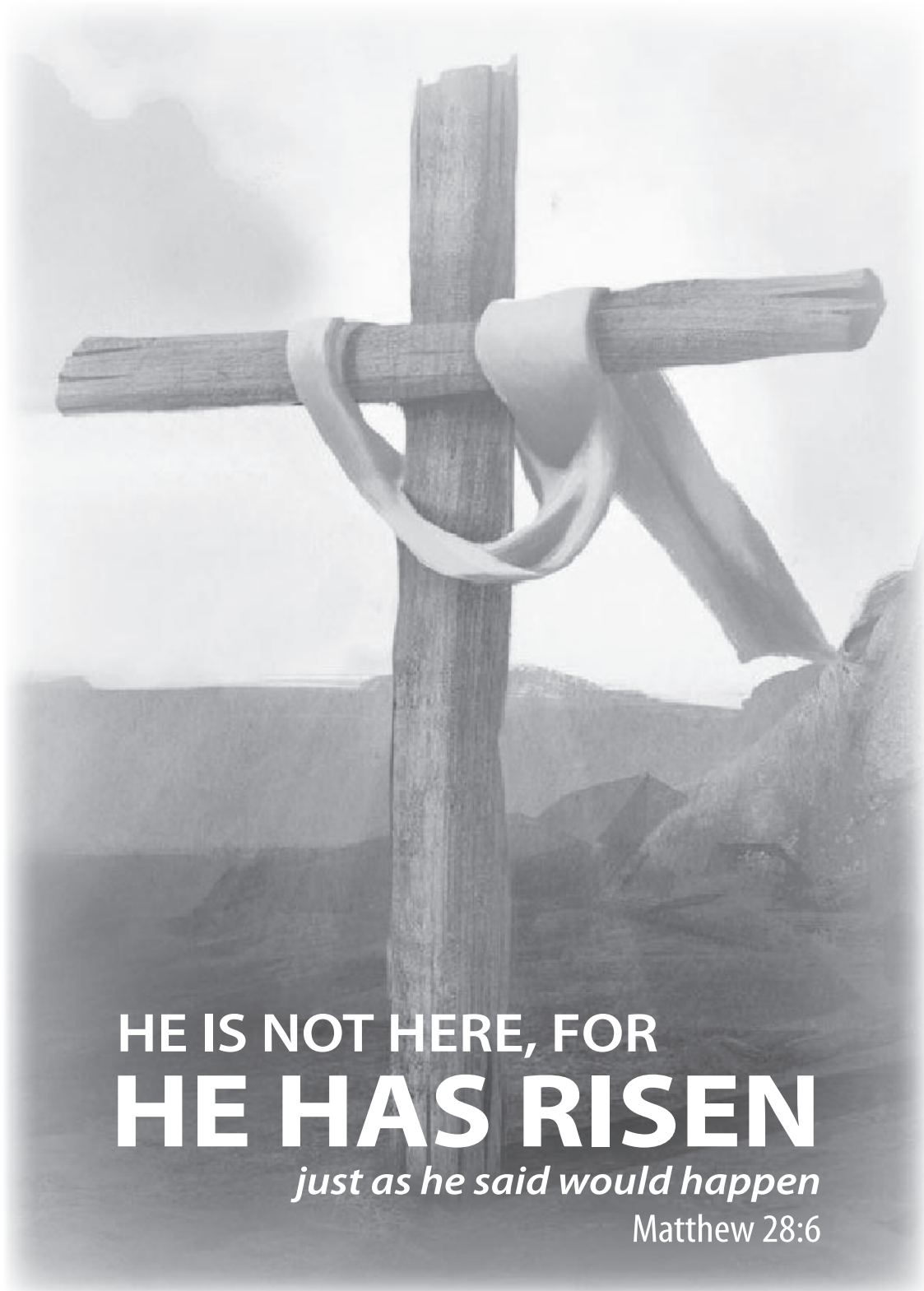


St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener, Ontario N2N 3A2 519-571-9200

www.stmarkcatholicparish.org



HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Intentions for the Week



April 10 – 16, 2023

Monday * PARISH OFFICE CLOSED (Easter Monday)

Tuesday * NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday * NO MASS, NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

Thursday (EASTER OCTAVE)

9:30 am - SCHOOL MASS with St. Mark School

12 Noon † Maria Silvestre – *Joao*

Friday (EASTER OCTAVE)

10:45 am - SCHOOL MASS with St. Dominic School

12 Noon - Intentions of Jerry & Helen Kieffer

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER) – April 15/16

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

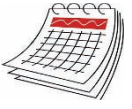
Sat. 5:00 PM † Macedo Family – *Luiz*

7:00 PM – MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS (in Filipino & English)

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

11:30 am † Antonio Claro & Family – *Ilda*

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. April 10	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. April 11	7:00 pm	(J)	Women's Bible Study (final week)
	7:00 pm	ZOOM	K of C Executive Meeting
Wed. April 12	7:00 pm	(J)	R.C.I.A.
Thu. April 13	6:45 pm	(H)	Alpha (all rooms)
Sat. April 15	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

Easter Sunday, we read from the Acts of the

Apostles to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The Letter to the Colossians reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The Gospel is from John's Gospel and gives us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.



We now begin a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord for the next seven weeks - when we mark the Ascension forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewed these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.

~ Used with permission by Online Ministries, Creighton University



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
Intentions of Duc & Tam



Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Weekend, April 15/16

(Sat. 4:40 p.m., Sun. 9:10 and 11:10 a.m.)

All are invited to **come early to Mass next weekend** for a beautiful video/prayer presentation for Divine Mercy Sunday. This will begin 20 minutes before each Mass.

With congratulations and joyful hearts, St. Mark's Parish welcomes our newly baptized members of the Catholic Church: **Vicki, Eden, Ka-Mee, Sangeeta** and our newly initiated into the full communion of the Roman Catholic Church: **Chris**.

Annual Mass with New Catholics

Saturday, April 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

All are invited to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King along with New Catholics from Parishes across the Diocese, to attend Mass on Saturday, April 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome the newest members of Christ's Body in the Diocese of Hamilton! All newly baptized and those received into Full Communion are invited to participate in this Mass.



IN MEMORIAM

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of the late **Cora Reyes** and the late **Ruth Schnarr**. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."





April 15-16	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./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	S. Rellinger	J. Deneau	B. Norte
Readers:	S. Benner	T. Angel	G. Tran
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	J./K. Snyder	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia G. Kubisewsky	A. Joseph T. Lee	I./F. Kangaloo

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.

***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

Parenting Tip of the Month – As spring begins we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God’s creation to your children. As buds form, trees bloom and flowers grow, remind them of God’s creative power and how he created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for His creation. We must nurture and protect God’s created world. It is also a chance to remind them that our life, too, has cycles and we can begin anew – the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew, just as nature does each spring!

Marriage Tip of the Month – Easter provides us with a clear picture of how much God loves us, since he sent his son to die on the Cross so we could have eternal life. Easter highlights the importance of forgiveness and our call as Catholics to forgive both ourselves and others. Marriage is an essential place to put this call to forgive into action. Forgiveness means we let go of issues, after discussing and working them out, and then move forward in love. It means showing mercy when mistakes are made and remembering that forgiving allows us to put love first. So, remember to forgive in your marriages so you can both find a place of peace.

-- Tips submitted by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR ✠ *This week let us pray for...*

APRIL 10	APRIL 11	APRIL 12	APRIL 13	APRIL 14	APRIL 15
Rev. Archange Kébé	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.	Permanent Deacons	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger	Rev. John Schnurr	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz

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.

MEN OF OUR PARISH!

Knights of Columbus Membership is open to you!

K of C Membership Drive – Next weekend, **April 15/16 after all Masses**. All Catholic men of St. Mark’s Parish, 18 years old 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.



Lecture Series: Holy Rosary Parish Community Room, Guelph

Thursday, April 13th, 7.00 to 8.00 pm with Professor Michael W. Higgins on the topic: "The First 10 Years of Pope Francis. Michael W. Higgins is a columnist, documentarian, biographer, distinguished Professor Emeritus, and author of numerous books.

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.

Evenings with His Excellency – Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for an opportunity to **learn more about our Catholic Faith** based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the **second Friday of each month**, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at **St. Ann Church, Ancaster**. This month we will continue our look at The 10 Commandments. It is **also available by LIVESTREAM on St. Ann’s YouTube channel**. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

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.



528 Victoria St. N., beside Weston's Bakery
519-745-6136

Call
1-800-268-2637
for this space

J Jane Petrovich
B.Sc. M.Sc. B.Ed. OCT
Professional
Online
Tutoring Services

All Grades: JK-12
All subjects & including Special
Education & Essay/Report Writing
226-220-7993

 **2M Taylor**

Alterations & Tailoring
for men, women & children
Custom Tailoring
519.578.6054
milicabojo@hotmail.com



Frank Marinelli 519-489-0621 • www.thebig.ca/kitchener-waterloo




Shopping Locally Saves Gas!



We  our
Residents[™]
Lanark Village

**We're Here for You
Through Everything**

Independent & Assisted Living.
Call us today for an in-person
or virtual tour.

44 Lanark Cres. 
519-743-0121



**KITCHENER FUNERAL HOMES
& CREMATORIUM INC**

- Enclosed onsite Crematorium
- Most Affordable Burial or Cremation Services in the Region
- Largest gathering halls in the region
- Pre-planning available with Travel Insurance
- Repatriation services available

3 Forwell Rd, Kitchener
519-340-0425

info@kitchenerfuneralhome.com

**THE PERFECT SPOT
TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**



**TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL
1-800-268-2637**



ERB & GOOD

FAMILY FUNERAL HOME

Family Owned Since 1946

171 King St. S. Waterloo

519.745.8445

www.erbgood.com

**Shop LOCAL • Spend LOCAL
Eat LOCAL • Enjoy LOCAL**

*and support the local businesses
that support your parish*



AN INDEPENDENT FAMILY -
OWNED FUNERAL HOME

507 FREDERICK ST. (at expressway)

519-749-8467



REITZEL HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

665 Superior Drive, Waterloo, Ont N2V 2C8 **519-884-3510**

- Commercial • Radiant Heaters
- Industrial • Gas Furnaces
- Residential • Air Conditioning