

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 LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week



March 13 – 19, 2023

Tuesday (FERIAL)

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon † Hung Van Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon - Int. of Pat Woodhouse & John Ouellette

Thursday (FERIAL)

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon † Maria Silvestre – *Joao*

Friday (FERIAL)

6:30 pm † Maria Campos – *Campos family*
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 18/19

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

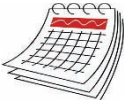
Sat. 5:00 PM † George & Isabelle Beckner – *P. & A. Beckner.*

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

Sun. 9:30 am † Theresa Xuyen Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*

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

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Mar. 13	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Mar. 14	7:00 pm	Zoom	Knights Executive Meeting
	7:00 pm	(J)	Women's Bible Study
Wed. Mar. 15	7:00 pm	(J)	R.C.I.A.
Thu. Mar. 16	6:45 pm	(H)	Alpha (all rooms)
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir Practice
Sat. Mar. 18	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

For the **Third Sunday of Lent** we read of the Samaritan woman who encounters Jesus at the well. He offers her life-giving waters and then shows her how intimately he understands her. She runs back to town to spread her news: "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he be the Messiah?" At some Masses, we will hear the *Scrutinies* for RCIA candidates as they draw nearer to their Baptisms at the Easter Vigil.



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LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
Intentions of Duc & Tam



MEDITATIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

"Stations in Song"

Friday, March 24th at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will feature LIVE music provided by the band *Laurelin* (featuring members of the 9:30 choir). We will begin with prayers and meditations for the Stations of the Cross (in keeping with the more traditional format of the Stations), followed by musical reflections to conclude each Station. We look forward to praying with you!

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

MAR. 13	MAR. 14	MAR. 15	MAR. 16	MAR. 17	MAR. 18
Rev. Mark Sullivan	Rev. David Wilhelm	Lay Parish Ministers	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen	Rev. Stephen Gilbert	Rev. George Stortz

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.

Executive Director of the **EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION**, Alex Shadenberg, will speak at the **Waterloo Knights of Columbus Conference Centre**, 145 Dearborn Place on **Saturday, March 18th** at 1:00 p.m. Reserve your seat by calling 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca

Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings:

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNION: Wed. March 29 at 5:45 p.m.



The **SCRUTINIES** are part of the Rites of Christian Initiation (RCIA) that are celebrated during the middle three Sundays (third, fourth, and fifth) of Lent at liturgies where the Elect are present. At the beginning of Lent, the Elects were enrolled into the Book of Elects by Bishop Wayne Lobsinger at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph during the Rite of Election, last Sunday (pictured above). These Elects now begin the final period of purification and enlightenment before receiving the Sacrament of Initiation during the Easter Vigil Mass.

THANK YOU! The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who donated to our **Winter Coats & Clothing Drive**. There was a great response and all items were greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army as they used the items to help those in need and also for their homeless outreach program. Thank you to all who donated!!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy...



 *Liturgical Ministers*

MAR. 18-19	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. Benner	T. Lee	G. Tran
Reader:	A. Fernandez	T. Pereira	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	B. Benner C. Weber	T. Germann M. Walser	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	D. Fernandez H. Psutka	P. Enticott M. Lynch	I./F. Kangaloo

Earthquake Relief Collection

An **Emergency Relief Collection** will be taken up in all parishes again this weekend (**March 11/12**). Special envelopes are still available in the narthex. If donating by cheque, please make payable to "St. Mark Parish." Let us continue to prayer for the suffering communities in Turkey and Syria and to commend the dead to God's mercy.

Let's see your smiling face!
For our 2023 Photo Directory!



We invite ALL PARISHIONERS to participate in our Parish Family Photo Directory for 2023!

★ **If you have not yet signed up for a sitting time, please check the sign-up table after Mass this weekend to book your free session!**

Each participating family will receive a FREE 30-minute sitting and FREE photo directory (at no cost to you or the parish) as well as an opportunity (but not an obligation) to purchase studio quality portraits at less than studio prices. All photography and viewing of photos is done in one convenient appointment at the church.

Also! ... **If you have snapshots of parish events from the past**, and are willing to submit them for possible inclusion in the directory, please email the parish office (stmark@rogers.com).

Waterloo Catholic District School Board

2023-2024 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children born in 2019 are eligible for Year 1 Kindergarten (JK).
Children born in 2018 are eligible for Year 2 Kindergarten (SK).
Parents can access the Online Pre-Registration form by clicking on the [Register for School](#) link on the [WCDSB Homepage](#) and then choosing [Kindergarten Registration](#). To finalize your child's registration, please contact your local Catholic school directly, for individual registration dates and times. **Please Note:** When registering your child to attend a Catholic elementary school you must be prepared to provide proof of the child's date of birth and either the child's Catholic baptismal certificate or the Catholic baptismal certificate of at least one parent or guardian.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH C.W.L. CARD PARTY

Wednesday, April 26th in **St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments and prizes and lots of fun playing your favorite game with friends. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.



St. Mark's C.W.L. warmly invites
All Ladies of the Parish
for a **LENTEN RETREAT**
Saturday, March 25th
beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Light breakfast items and refreshments will be available as Fr. Roque leads us to a deeper understanding of the parts of the Mass. We will wrap up in fellowship with lunch of a selection of homemade soups and rolls. **Please help us plan by signing up at the table in the Narthex.** No cost to register. A free-will collection will be taken up.

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Monday, March 20th, Mass at 3:00 p.m. in the newly renovated Chapel at the **Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha**. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Online screening of *Coco* on **March 23rd** at 6:30 PM. This delightful film follows young Miguel as he dreams of becoming an accomplished musician, despite his family's generations-old ban on music. Themes of Family and Community, Dignity of the Human Person, Forgiveness, and Cultural Diversity are explored. **The screening will be hosted online.** R.S.V.P. and view a full event schedule at www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023 are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, April 16, 2023** at 1:30 p.m. at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton**. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). **Please register** online at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/sfm/anniversary-mass.php or call the Diocese at 905-528-7988 for assistance. ***Registration closes March 26th.**

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Guelph – 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) on **Saturday, April 1st** at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate** (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Diocesan Vocations Office. For more info please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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. To find out more, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

The Serra Club of Hamilton is holding their 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.



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