

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 _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 20 – 26, 2023

Tuesday (FERIAL)

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon † Philip Abrahams – Cranston & Paulette Thompson

Wednesday (FERIAL)

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon † Mary Mansour – Eric & Rosemary Kubica

Thursday (FERIAL)

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon - Int. of Charlotte Lahey & family – Woodhouse fam.
7:00 PM - LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE with multiple priests

Friday (FERIAL)

6:30 pm † Teresa Viveiros – Lurdes Soares
7:30 PM - "Stations In Song" (see details below)

Saturday (SOLEMNITY – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD)

9:00 am † Leando & Domenica Bendia – Brian & Marie Lynch

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 25/26

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Sat. 5:00 PM † Wes Fraser – Randy Seyler
Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am - Special Intentions of Eric & Rosemary Kubica

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Mar. 20	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Mar. 21	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(J)	Women's Bible Study
Wed. Mar. 22	7:00 pm	(J)	R.C.I.A.
Thu. Mar. 23	6:45 pm	(H)	Alpha (all rooms)
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir Practice
Sat. Mar. 25	7:30 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	9:30 am	(H)	Ladies' Lenten Retreat

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

The **Fourth Sunday of Lent** brings the story of the man born blind from John's Gospel. His disciples ask, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus heals the man who now sees more clearly than the Pharisees the true identity of Jesus. "I do believe, Lord." At some Masses, we will hear the [Scrutinies](#) for RCIA candidates.



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Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings:

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

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

Lenten Penitential Services

Multiple priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at various parishes on the following dates during Lent:

DATE	TIME	PARISH	
Wed. March 22	7:00 p.m.	St. Anne	
Thur. March 23	7:00 p.m.	St. Mark	
	Tue. March 28	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes
	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph	
	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's	
Wed. March 29	7:00 p.m.	St. Aloysius	
Thur. March 30	7:00 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament	
Fri. March 31	7:00 p.m.	St. Anthony Daniel	
Sat. April 1	4:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	
Wed. April 5	8am - 9pm	St. Michael's	

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.



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.**

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

A Special Intention

(requested by A. Hauck & D. Hopf)



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. 20	MAR. 21	MAR. 22	MAR. 23	MAR. 24	MAR. 25
St. Joseph, Patron of Canada and the Universal Church	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)	Rev. Piotr Golinski	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki	The Annunciation of the Lord

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.



STATIONS of the CROSS

11:30 AM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
 7:00 PM Fridays



MAR. 25-26	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	E. Burkholder P./T. Pereira	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	D. Behl	P. Pereira	I. Kangaloo
Reader:	R. St. Cartier	T. Boettger	R. Vergel de Dios
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Smith	L. Koehler V. Chen	P. Abalos M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber J. Fernandez	T. Angel M. Walser	D. Seymour-Weber E. Weiss

★ **HOLY WEEK and EASTER** ★

All Liturgical Ministers are asked to please sign up on the sheets in the narthex for any dates you are available. *Thank you!!*

St. Mark Parish is looking for volunteers to help with BAPTISM PREPARATION. We are planning to establish a team to conduct Baptismal Classes and coordinate with parents. Fr. Roque will offer training and provide some materials to be utilized as a guide. If you are called to help with this important ministry, please contact the parish office to indicate your interest (stmark@rogers.com). Thank you for your consideration.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a peaceful campaign with three distinct actions: prayer and fasting in support of life, a constant quiet and respectful prayer vigil outside of places that provide abortion, and education of family/friends/community about abortion. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will celebrate Mass on **Thursday, March 23rd** at 7:00 p.m. at the **Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph** for the 40 Days for Life group in Guelph. All are welcome to pray for the gift that is life!

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.



★ **LAST CHANCE: Registration closes March 26th.**

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.

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER

Hosted by the Serra Club of Hamilton 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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