

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 _____

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week



Mar. 27 – April 2, 2023

Tuesday (FERIAL)

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon † Maria Campos – Campos family

Wednesday (FERIAL)

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon - Int. of Betty & Paul Enticott – Woodhouse family

Thursday (FERIAL)

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12 Noon † John Kurpel – Annelies, Penny & Wendy

Friday (FERIAL)

6:30 pm † Thomas Drohan – Len & Janet Kieswetter
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

First Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am † Daniel McGeehan – family

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – April 1/2

Mt. 21:1-11; Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mt. 26:14—27:66

Sat. 5:00 PM † Patrick Weber – Carol
Sun. 9:30 am † Peter Tam Nguyen – Melissa Nguyen
11:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark



Mass on Palm Sunday – April 1 & 2

Next weekend, please pick up a palm from the narthex and make your way to the **Parish Hall**, where we will begin.



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



STATIONS of the CROSS

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

Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings:

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m. (TODAY!)
FIRST COMMUNION: Wed. March 29 at 5:45 p.m.



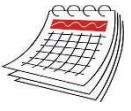
A BIG THANK-YOU to all those who donated their Pancake Supper Refunds to the Waterloo Region Food Bank. A total of \$250.00 was sent to the food bank on behalf of you, our St. Mark Parish and the Knights of Columbus, Council 9276. Sharing with others is always fine!

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

MAR. 27	MAR. 28	MAR. 29	MAR. 30	MAR. 31	APRIL 1
Very Rev. Stephen Murrin	Rev. Kevin D'Souza	Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada (C.S.J.)	Rev. Andrew Czarny	Rev. Msgr. Martin Valley	Rev. Michael King

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.

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Mar. 27	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Mar. 28	7:00 pm	(J)	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
Wed. Mar. 29	5:45 pm	(CH)	First Communion Prep – 5th session
	7:00 pm	(J)	R.C.I.A.
Thu. Mar. 30	6:45 pm	(H)	Alpha (all rooms)
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir Practice
Sat. April 1	7:30 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	Sat./Sun. (offsite)		Alpha Weekend Retreat

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

The **Fifth Sunday of Lent** brings us closer toward the Passion and death of Jesus. This is the third and final week of Scrutinies in our parishes for those in the RCIA program. In **John's Gospel**, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus was not there when his dear friend, Lazarus died, but after meeting with Lazarus' grief-stricken sisters and weeping himself, he stood at the door of the tomb and called, "*Lazarus, come out!*" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "*Untie him and let him go.*"



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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
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.**

Liturgical Ministers

Palm Sunday April 1-2	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	★ 3 needed	R./R. Jerold P. Pereira	★ 3 needed
Commentator:	★ needed	★ needed	★ needed
Readers:	1: ★needed 2: ★needed N: ★needed P: S. Benner	1: J. McCullough 2: ★needed N: R. St. Cartier P: ★needed	1: G. Tran 2: L. Law N: B. Norte P: ★needed
Ushers:	B. Benner ★ 1 more needed	V. Chen L. Koehler	M. Schimus B. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber H. Psutka	M. Walsler G. Kubisewsky	D. Seymour-Weber ★ 1 more needed
<p>★ HOLY WEEK and EASTER ★</p> <p>All Liturgical Ministers are asked to please sign up on the sheets in the narthex for any dates you are available. Thank you!!</p>			



Washing of the Feet

Mass of the Lord's Supper
HOLY THURSDAY, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

We are looking for **12 volunteers** to have their feet washed during this Mass. If you would like to take part, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

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.

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). **Registration closes March 26**. Please register online at <https://crm.hamiltondiocese.com/registermass/weddinganniversary.aspx> or call the Diocese at 905-528-7988 for assistance. **PLEASE NOTE!!! IMPORTANT MESSAGE for anyone already registered to attend the Anniversary Mass:** If you have registered online to attend this event, PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK to ensure that you did receive a confirmation email followed by an official paper invitation in your mail. If you did NOT receive either of these, the Diocese advises you to please **REGISTER AGAIN:** <https://crm.hamiltondiocese.com/registermass/weddinganniversary.aspx> OR, call the Diocese at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



(ALMOST) EVERYTHING ABOUT THE MASS

Lenten Workshop on the Eucharist, facilitated by Fr. Pawel Jamroz, **Thursday, March 30th** at 7:00 p.m. in the **St. Michael Parish Hall**, 80 University Avenue, Waterloo. Small group discussion and presentation. Our goal is to grow in faith together and gain a deeper understanding of the Mass. For more info, call St. Michael's at 519-884-9311.



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.

Good Friday Fish Fries...

FRIDAY, APRIL 7



WATERLOO KNIGHTS ANNUAL FISH FRY

Waterloo Knights of Columbus (145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo)

Seatings every hour from 1pm to 6pm

\$15 for 1-piece w/ fries, roll & slaw / \$20 for 2-piece w/ fries, roll & slaw

SEATED DINNER TICKETS: please call Martin at 519-884-2060

TAKE OUT DINNER ORDERS: please call Derek at 226-748-8378

MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles Street East, Maryhill)

12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. at the Eat in or take out

NO RESERVATIONS. First come, first served.

Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon.

1-piece \$16 / 2-piece \$19. Children 12 & under half price 1 pc for \$8 if dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Bar, dessert & refreshments. Dinner includes coffee and tea. CASH ONLY PLEASE! Call ahead. Take out orders ARE MOST WELCOME. For more information call 519-648-2939.

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 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". For more info, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

APRIL AFTERNOON BRIDGE & CARD PARTY

Wednesday, April 26th at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre**, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15/person which includes lunch, refreshments and prizes and lots of fun playing your favorite game with friends. Plan to join us. Hosted by our C.W.L. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER

Hosted by the Serra Club of Hamilton on **Tuesday, May 2nd** at **Liuna Station, Hamilton**. Tickets are \$90. If interested, please email SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-628-5682.



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