

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 _____

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 6 – 12, 2023

- Tuesday** (NO MASS TODAY)
- Wednesday** (NO MASS TODAY) *Father hearing confessions at St. Dominic's*
- Thursday** (FERIAL) *Father hearing confessions at St. Mark School*
 11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
 12 Noon † Geoffrey Chase – Cranston & Paulette Thompson
- Friday** (FERIAL)
 6:30 pm - Int. of Helen & Jerry Kieffer – Woodhouse family
 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
- Saturday** (Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – postponed from Mar. 4)
 * 9:00 am † Pat Henke – Brian & Marie Lynch

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – March 11/12

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

- Sat. 5:00 PM † Antonio Claro – Carlos & Leonor Fonseca
- Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark
 11:30 am † Poznanski Family and † Else Schoenemann

* **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be NO MASS on Tues. and Wed. as Father is away on Retreat (Mar. 7) and hearing confessions at the school (March 8).

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Mar. 6	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Mar. 7	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 choir practice
	7:00 pm	(J)	Women's Bible Study
Wed. Mar. 8	5:45 pm	(CH)	First Communion Prep – session 4
	7:00 pm	(J)	R.C.I.A.
Thu. Mar. 9	6:45 pm	(H)	Alpha (all rooms)
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir Practice
Sat. Mar. 11	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 **Second Sunday of Lent** offers us Matthew's Gospel of the Transfiguration. When the stammering disciples are overwhelmed at the reality of who Jesus really is they "were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

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Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings:

- FIRST COMMUNION:** Wed. March 8 at 5:45 p.m.
CONFIRMATION: Sunday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
A Special Intention
(requested by A. Hauck & D. Hopf)



Pancake Supper **CANCELLED**

LAST CHANCE FOR TICKET REFUNDS – MARCH 4/5

Regrettably, due to very low ticket sales, we were forced to cancel this year's Pancake Supper. **Those who did purchase tickets, can bring them back after any of the weekend Masses THIS WEEKEND, where a member of the Knights will be available in the narthex to issue a full refund for the return of your original ticket(s).** We are hopeful for, and look forward to, a much better turn-out next year. ~ St. Mark Knights of Columbus



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

MAR. 6	MAR. 7	MAR. 8	MAR. 9	MAR. 10	MAR. 11
Rev. Michael Downey	Rev. Pawel Jamroz	Disabled Persons	Msgr. Earl Talbot	Rev. Pablito Labado	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen

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.

POTATO BLITZ – Two weeks left to bring your spuds to the Church and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.



SPRING AHEAD!

A reminder that Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 12th at 2AM. **Clocks move forward one hour.**



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.

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



MAR. 11-12	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:	S. Rellinger	T. Germann	R. Vergel de Dios
Reader:	R. St. Cartier	P. Enticott	B. Norte
Ushers:	E. Miller P. Smith	I./D. Culley	P. Abalos M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia G. Kubisewsky	T./K. Boettger	D. Seymour-Weber E. Weiss

Earthquake Relief Collection

On February 6th, parts of Turkey and Syria experienced a devastating earthquake. It is estimated that over 46,000 people have lost their lives and tens of thousands more reported injured. The earthquake has left both countries in a state of crisis that is made worse by exposure to aftershocks and winter storms.

The Diocese of Hamilton has decided to take up an **Emergency Relief Collection** in all parishes on the weekends of **March 4/5** and **March 11/12**. Special envelopes are available in the narthex. If donating by cheque, please make payable to "St. Mark Parish."

Let us continue to pray for the suffering communities in Turkey and Syria and to commend the dead to God's mercy.

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.

If you are non-Catholic, but wish to explore a Catholic education for your child(ren), please review the [WCDSB Admissions to Catholic Elementary Schools](#) policy. Our secondary schools are open to students of all faiths.

A complete list of WCDSB schools that will offer the Extended Day Program in 2023-24 will be web-posted before the end of this current (2022-23) school year. Please call your school directly for information about the Extended Day Program. A complete list of WCDSB schools currently providing the program is available via this link: [Extended Day Program](#).

For information about French Immersion programs in Kitchener, Waterloo, and Cambridge, please click here: [French Immersion Registration Information](#). The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 96,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 48 schools and five adult education facilities serving more than 40,000 elementary, secondary, and continuing education students in Waterloo Region – continuing a 185-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter: @WCDSBNewsWire – #WCDSBAwesome.

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.



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.

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!

★ TIME IS RUNNING OUT! 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).



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.**

HELP FOR EVERY MARRIAGE – Are you frustrated or angry at each other, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times and allows you to rediscover the relationship that drew you together. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples find a better way for their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program, happening the weekend of **March 10-12** please call **905-664-5212** or email: 1013@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

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.



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