

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Mass Intentions for the Week



May 15 – 21 2023

#### Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Mary Monsour – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica*

#### Wednesday (FERIAL)

\* 12 Noon † Gilberto Lopes – *Justina Costa*  
† Yvonne McIsaac – *Pam*  
† Florence Cybulski – *Pat & Margaret Drohan*

#### Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Clara Herteis – *Judy Swartz*

#### Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Cecilia Monteiro – *Anthony Toscano & family*

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – May 20-21

*Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20*

\* Sat. 5:00 PM † Lauren Montenegro – *Maria & Frank*  
† Jules Clos – *Tom & Judy Swartz*  
- Int. of Sherene & Chevy Kestner – *F. Musclow*

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

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am - Special Intention – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica*

\* **MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS** ... In order to help to shorten the wait time between when a Mass is requested and when it is celebrated, Masses on **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays** have now been designated for **multiple Mass intentions**. This means Masses on those days will be celebrated for the intentions of more than one person.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*

The repose of the soul of Paul Nyo Min



### The Sacrament of Confirmation

Thur. May 18 7:00 PM Rehearsal (*all candidates*)

Tues. May 23 7:00 PM Confirmation Mass (*St. Dom's*)

Tues. May 30 7:00 PM Confirmation Mass (*St. Mark's*)

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (May 20/21)

#### The Pope's Pastoral Works

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church (see Canon 1271). Information about how Peter's Pence is used, as well as donations in response to Canon 1271, is available in the Holy See's yearly financial report.

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid. ... The old question always returns: 'How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?' (1 Jn 3.17)." POPE FRANCIS, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 187

### Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE TIME ROOM EVENT

Mon. May 15 8:00 pm (H) Alcoholics Anonymous

Wed. May 17 7:00 pm (J) Meeting of Euch. Min. to the Sick

Thu. May 18 7:00 pm (CH) 5pm Choir practice

Fri. May 19 7:00 pm (J) Bible Study

Sat. Mar 20 7:30 am (H) Men's Group

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

On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, we hear the incredibly comforting news from Jesus in John's Gospel: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" as he promised to send the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth to us.



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### 👋 Volunteer Opportunities!

#### ■ Children's Liturgy of the Word (a.k.a. "Sunday School")

We would like to bring back this evangelization program that is tailored to our young people! This program takes place weekly during Sunday morning Mass, and volunteers are required to obtain a police check. If you are interested, please see Father Roque or contact the parish office at [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com) with your name and contact info.

#### ■ Bringing Our Lord to the Homebound

*(Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist to the Sick)*

Prior to the pandemic, the parish had a team of Eucharistic Ministers who would bring communion each week to the residents of our three local nursing and retirement homes (*Bankside, Lanark, and Forest Heights*). We would like to resume this important ministry! **For all who wish to resume or newly join this ministry, Father Roque will hold an important meeting this Wed. May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** This ministry requires a police check. If you are interested, please see Father Roque or contact the parish office at [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com) with your name and contact info.

#### ■ Baptism Preparation Team

This team will help to prepare parents to have their child baptized. Fr. Roque will provide training and support material to the volunteers. If you are interested, please see Father Roque or contact the parish office at [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com) with your name and contact info.

### Photo Directory – Last Chance!

This week is the FINAL WEEK for FREE PHOTO SHOOTS (May 15-19). There are still a few spots available! If you have not yet been scheduled or taken your photo shoot, please contact Theresa at 519 576 5377 as soon as possible to book a time.



## Happy Mother's Day

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

*Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless our mother. Let the example of her faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, her family, may honor her always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

 *Liturgical Ministers*

May 20-21	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller	A./D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon J./K. Palafox
<b>Commentator:</b>	S. Rellinger	T. Angel	R. Vergel de Dios
<b>Readers:</b>	S. Ranger	P. Pereira	D. DeSousa
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller P. Smith	J./K. Snyder	P. Abalos M. Schimus
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	J./D. Fernandez	T./K. Boettger	I./F. Kangaloo

✦ **Diocesan Prayer Calendar...** *This week let us pray for...*

MAY 15	MAY 16	MAY 17	MAY 18	MAY 19	MAY 20
Rev. Michael McHugh	Rev. Msgr. Raymond Modeski	Seminarians	Rev. Robert Sims	Rev. Arthur Scidmore	Rev. James Curtin

**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.*



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The Hamilton Diocesan Family Ministry Office has entered into a partnership with FORMED in order to allow families access to this resource, and invites you to an online "come and see" session for an opportunity to have a quick overview of the content. Join us **on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom**, whether you are already a subscriber or would like to learn more about the site. You must register to receive the Zoom link at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) under *Upcoming events* on the home page.

**Our Lady of the Cape PILGRIM STATUE** will visit **Blessed Sacrament Parish**, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener on **Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. The Pilgrim Statue Tour is sponsored by the National Shrine and is accompanied by Fr. Wedner Bérard. The Marian celebration includes Rosary, Mass including the history of Our Lady of the Cape, Candlelight Procession, and Veneration. There will be a petition box, all intentions will be taken to the Nation Shrine and at the conclusion of the Tour, Father Wedner will celebrate a Mass for them. A donation box and products from the Shrine will be available for sale as well. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to visit Our National Madonna, venerate Her Pilgrim Statue, and be blessed!

**GRIEF RELIEF** - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? The Diocesan program is full and will run again in the fall to assist those grieving to learn more about what they are feeling and how they can move forward, but you are not alone! Check out the Diocesan website to see what other programs are available to you: <https://hamiltondiocese.com>.

**TODAY ONLY!**

St. Mark's C.W.L. will be selling potted

**GERBERA DAISES**

**\$9 per plant**

**after all masses this weekend (May 13-14)**

*Treat that special lady in your life and beat the store lineup. There will be a limited number of pots for sale at each Mass.*



**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** – Acton/Halton Hills

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, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish** (64 Church Street East, Acton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more info, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT** – looking for some learning, support and fun on a Friday evenings? Join our RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive group held the **2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month (May 19)**. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. **Join in-person** (700 King St. West, Hamilton), **or by ZOOM**. No registration required, but for ZOOM link please contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE: Guelph to Midland – August 5-12**

Walking pilgrimage is about nourishing your spirituality, enjoying the great outdoors, getting great exercise: 20+km per day, having fun and enjoying good company. Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. Participate for 1 day, a weekend, or the full 8 days! Cost is \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. **Registration deadline is June 20<sup>th</sup>**. To register, or for more info, visit <https://ignatiusguelph.ca/programs/walking-pilgrimage/>.



*Congratulations*

St. Mark's Parish congratulates all of the boys and girls who made their **First Holy Communion** on April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 18<sup>th</sup>...

Adam, Anna, Ayaka, Brea, Danilo, Declan, Faith, Ferlando, Lillian, Lucas, Marcus, Nolan, Reid, Sara, Tiago, Tiago, Vernon, Victoria, Wada, AJ, Arabella, Ariana, Axel, Caroline, Delia, Dublin, Evelyn, Everly, Isabelle, Jonah, Joshua, Julia, Julian, Kimberly, Lauren, Lexie, Lucas, Lucas, Maddex, Milani, Miles, Mya, Norah, Oliver, Reese, Sanisha, Thomas, Thomas, Trinity, Zachary

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever present in our lives, grant your loving grace to our First Holy Communicants. Help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship whenever they receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light throughout the course of their lives, always leading these blessed children one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven! Amen.*



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