

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week



May 22 – 28 2023

- Tuesday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon – Int. of Stella McCabe – *Jim & Rose*
 7:00 PM – **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Teresa Viveiros – *Lurdes*
 † Audrey Waechter – *Len & Janet Kieswetter*
 – In Thanksgiving – *Leonor Fonseca*
- Thursday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Saneza Zaki – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica*
- Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. PHILIP NERI)
 12 Noon † Maria Jesus Soares & family – *Maria Soares*

- SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST – May 27/28**
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
- Sat. 5:00 PM † Ofelia Lagonia – *Maria & Frank*
 † Alice Ertel – *Marilyn Dufresne*
 – Int. of Helen Kress – *Julia Dniprenko*
- Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
 11:30 am – Int. of Priscilla Deen – *Sugar & Boyet Norte*



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The repose of the soul of Paul Nyo Min



Have A Safe & Happy Long Weekend!
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 22.



FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON!!
Sunday, June 11th
2:00 – 4:00 pm



- ✓ Enjoy a couple of hours away from 'devices' actually interacting with your closest loved ones!
- ✓ Dust off your favourite board games and make some great family memories!
- ✓ No games? No problem! We have games if you do not
- ✓ Soft drinks and snacks provided
- ✓ **FREE!!!** The best things in life are free!

★ Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or email to register your group to stmarkcwl@gmail.com.

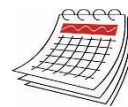


The family that prays *and plays* together has Faith and Fun!!



Sponsored by St. Mark's Catholic Women's League

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. May 22	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. May 23	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights' general meeting
Thu. May 25	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri. May 26	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
Sat. Mar 27	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

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.



The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

Hip Hip Hooray!

3 big cheers for 3 great teams
in no particular order...

• A BIG thank you and congratulations to the **2023 Photo Directory Team** for completing the first phase of our new directory – the family photos! This was a huge undertaking and this phase is now complete. Now we move on to compiling the additional pages of the directory. **A reminder that if any parishioners have candid photos of events that have taken place at the parish over the last 10 years that you would like to submit for possible inclusion in this year's directory, please contact the parish office at stmark@rogers.com.**

• Another BIG thank you to our parish **Sacramental Preparation Teams** for First Communion and Confirmation. Preparation for these sacraments is a major commitment of time and talent, for which we are immensely grateful! This year 50 children received their First Communion and 49 are being Confirmed.

• We also extend grateful thanks to our **Church Décor Team**, for their ongoing efforts in beautifying the sanctuary, the narthex and the church grounds with their time and creative talents, most recently for the Easter season, our sacraments of initiation, and the spring flowerbeds!

Bravo!



May 27-28	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	J. Taer R./R. Jerold	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	A. Fernandez	T. Boettger	I. Kanggaloo
Readers:	D. Behl	J. Deneau	B. Norte
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	P. Drohan J. Kelly	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Glover H. Psutka	P. Enticott M. Lynch	E./Weiss D. Seymour-Weber

May 21 is World Communications Day

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media, and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

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 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! This ministry requires a police check. If you are interested, please see Father Roque or contact the parish office at 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 with your name and contact info.

✕ Diocesan Prayer Calendar... This week let us pray for...

MAY 22	MAY 23	MAY 24	MAY 25	MAY 26	MAY 27
Rev. Peter Meyer	Rev. Emmanuel Olusola	Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)	Rev. Gordian Okpuruksa	<i>Feast of St. Philip Neri</i>	Rev. Robert Hétu

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.

Thank you, St. Mark parishioners, for your support in the C.W.L. fundraising of the **Mother's Day Flowers**. We couldn't have done it without you!



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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 24th 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:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/formed-resource-session>.

Our Lady of the Cape PILGRIM STATUE will visit **Blessed Sacrament Parish**, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener on **Tuesday, May 30th** 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! See the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Freedom Through Forgiveness: The Road to Peace

Sometimes we stubbornly cling to a list of hurts, struggling to forgive. Sadly, relationships suffer & precious life moments pass by when hardness of heart prevails. Yet, we are always called to forgive, and in turn, Christ offers us His mercy and compassion, helping us to overcome anger and bitterness. On **Sunday, June 4th** from 2:00-3:30pm, at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo**, join us as Fr. Luke Kopaniak, speaks on these topics in the next St. Agnes Education Cafe. For details visit Events section at: www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

Alliance of Life Ontario Conference 2023

"Speaking Life into our Culture" ... Alliance for Life Ontario and Hamilton Right to Life, with the support of the Diocesan Family Ministry Office, cordially invite you to register for our dinner and conference which will be held **Friday, June 16th** at **Michelangelo Banquet Centre**, Hamilton, and on **Saturday, June 17th** at the **Nicholas Mancini Centre** (behind the Chancery Office). Speakers Dr. William Lile, Teresa Hartnett, Alex Schadenberg and Jakki Jeffs. Urgent life issues which require our attention and our prayers will be discussed. We hope to see you there! Contact aflo@mql.ca or text or call 519 820 3399. www.allianceforlifeontario.ca/event/2023-conference



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