

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 _____

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mass Intentions for the Week



May 29 – June 4, 2023

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Kazimierz Patla – *Staff of St. Mark School*

7:00 PM – SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Wednesday (FEAST – THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

12 Noon † Peter Tam Nguyen – *Melissa*

† Theresa Xuyen Nguyen – *Melissa*

† Holy Souls in Purgatory – *Leonor Fonseca*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. JUSTIN)

12 Noon † Dave Walser – *Walser family*

First Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Giuse Su van Pham – *Phuong Nguyen*

First Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS)

9:00 am † Jose Varkey – *Sijimol Jose*

1:30 PM – WEDDING

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – June 3-4

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Sat. 5:00 PM † Maria Ferreira – *Maria Soares*

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

† Thomas Herteis – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Fr. Kevin Upendran – *F.&Y. Tully*

11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. May 29	7:00 pm	(L)	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thu. June 1	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri. June 2	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
Sat. June 3	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 is **Pentecost Sunday**, as the readings and the whole Church celebrate the coming and ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit among us.



Jesus breathes on his jittery followers and tells them, "Peace be with you" and fills them with courage. **This marks the end of the Easter Season and the return to Ordinary Time.**

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

• **For the abolition of torture** •

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Luke Boardroom

Bible Study... Join us Fridays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. John

Room -- *All are welcome!* Please bring your bible and paper and pen.

Questions? Contact Karen at bkkriqner@rogers.com.

Latest Diocesan News:

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www.HamiltonDioceseLearns.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF – The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2023. 3-week and 5-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning.

TO INFORM, ENCOURAGE AND HEAL - June is Indigenous History Month in Canada. We invite you take time in this season to learn more about the Catholic Church's commitment to ongoing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous communities through a four-week learning opportunity through the VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation).

For more info please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com!



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The repose of the soul of Paul Nyo Min



FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON!!
Sunday, June 11th ➔ 2 – 4 PM

- ✓ Enjoy a couple of hours away from 'devices' interacting with family and friends!
- ✓ Dust off your favourite board games and make some great memories!
- ✓ No games? No problem! We have games too!
- ✓ Soft drinks and snacks provided
- ✓ **FREE!!!** The best things in life are free!



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



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

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



Hope to see you there!



Liturgical Ministers

June 3-4	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./K. Palafox
Commentator:	S. Benner	J. Flanigan	M. Comido
Readers:	S. Ranger	V. DeVries	N. Comido
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Smith	I./D. Culley	P. Abalos M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Weber	T. Angel M. Walser	B./C. Voisin



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 29	MAY 30	MAY 31	JUNE 1	JUNE 2	JUNE 3
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.	Rev. Fidelis Umukoro, O.P.

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.

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.

Newly Baptized...

With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God:

Nolan, Sanisha, Lena, Victoria and Alaina.

God has saved us by living water which gives our lives a fresh beginning, and He put his Spirit in us, so that healed by His grace, we may share His life and hope to live forever. (TITUS 3:5,7)



Young Adults Night

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 3rd** at **St. Joseph Patron of Canada** (64 Church Street East, Acton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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

Evenings With His Excellency

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the **second Friday of each month (June 9)**, at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at **St. Ann Church, Ancaster**. It is also available by **livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel**. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

Separated / Divorced Support

Looking for some learning, support and fun on Friday evenings? Join our RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive group held the **2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month (June 9 & 16)**. 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, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

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@mgl.ca or text or call 519 820 3399.

www.allianceforlifeontario.ca/event/2023-conference



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