

# 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 EASTER

## Mass Intentions for the Week



May 8 – 14 2023

### Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Antonio Claro – *Carlos & Leonor Fonseca & family*

### Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Maria Campos – *Campos family*

### Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Catherine Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*

### Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Theresa Xuyen Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*

### Saturday (FEAST DAY – OUR LADY OF FATIMA)

9:00 am - **Mass & Crowning of Mary**  
† Sister Rose Gabriel, c.s.j. – *R. /K. Bumstead*

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 13-14

*Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

**Sun. 9:30 am** † Clara Seaward & Mary Dalton – *Frank & Beth*

**11:30 am** Int. of MaryAnn Kubica & Magda Gergiss – *E. & R.*



**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**  
*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*  
**A Special Intention**



## WANTED:

### Volunteers 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](mailto:stmark@rogers.com). Thank you for your consideration.



## 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 [bkkrieger@rogers.com](mailto:bkkrieger@rogers.com).

## The Sacrament of Confirmation

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

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

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

## Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Luke Boardroom



## Bringing Our Lord to the Homebound

*(Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist to the Sick)*

Prior to the pandemic, the parish had a team of several 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, Fr. Roque will hold an important meeting on Wed. May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** See you then!

## Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. May 8</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. May 9</b>	7:00 pm	ZOOM	Knight's executive meeting
<b>Thu. May 11</b>	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(L)	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
<b>Fri. May 12</b>	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
<b>Sat. Mar 13</b>	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

In the gospel for the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**, we hear Jesus console us, asking us to not let our hearts be troubled because he goes only to prepare a place for us and that "No one comes to the Father except through me."



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## "Love One Another" National Week of Family & Life

May 7-14, 2023

The Hamilton Diocese joins Dioceses across Canada in celebrating the **National Week of Family and Life** from May 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. The theme, *Love One Another*, is chosen from Jesus' words, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, love one another" (John 13:34).

**Family supports life and therefore, the two are intricately linked; it is family we come to know love and where we learn how to love.** This is a week to celebrate, to remember your own family members and others and to focus, not just during this week, but all year round, on the importance and power of family in each person's life.

The CCCB encourages all of us, throughout this week, to be united in prayer, reflection, and action, demonstrating our active support for family and life. Indeed, families are "*guardians of life*" when we love one another within our families, and when, within the wider society we show kindness toward and care for the vulnerable and marginalized.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2023/May/national-family-life-week-br-em-may-7-14-2023-em->

**Parenting Tip of the Month** – "Frenemies" is a term used to describe a relationship where people are friendly, but share an underlying dislike or rivalry. Unfortunately, sibling relationships can often end up in this category. As far back as Cain and Abel we see sibling rivalry impacting relationships. Parents can prevent sibling rivalry by remembering the following: allow each child to develop different interests; praise each child equally for their different gifts and talents; spend individual time with each child; refrain from taking sides in an argument but help children to work it out between themselves; engage in fun family activities together; pray for each other by name. Parents can indeed help reduce the amount of sibling rivalry in their children's lives and help them to find love and support from their siblings that can last a lifetime.

**Marriage Tip of the Month** - "United We Stand" is the title of a 1970's song by the Brotherhood of Man. The song may be old, but the lyrics contain words that every married couple would do well to look at and memorize. The song is really a reminder that couples should always support each other, have each other's backs and stand by each other in times of trial. We often forget to keep this context at the heart of our marriages and can antagonize each other instead of support; move apart rather than together. So, remember the words from the song and repeat them to each other often: "For united we stand, divided we fall, and if our backs should ever be against the wall, we'll be together, together, you and I."

*Tips submitted by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office (905-528-7988 ext. 2250)*

# Liturgical Ministers

May 13-14	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	C. Perkovic J./P./V. Miller	J. Taer P./T. Pereira	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
<b>Commentator:</b>	D. Behl	T. Pereira	R. Vergel de Dios
<b>Readers:</b>	A. Fernandez	T. Germann	G. Tran
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller C. Weber	V. Chen L. Koehler	B./C. Voisin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	A. Bendia C. Weber	T. Lee M. Walser	E./Weiss D. Seymour-Weber

## Photo Directory – Last Chance!

We invite those who still have not had your photo taken for our 2023 Parish Photo Directory to sign up in the narthex after Mass today for a time slot – **next week is the final week to have your photo taken!** Any questions, please call the parish office.



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

MAY 8	MAY 9	MAY 10	MAY 11	MAY 12	MAY 13
Rev. David Lewis	Rev. Ron Cote	Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.)	Rev. Michael Bennett	Rev. Ralph Diodati	Rev. Robert Dunn

**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.

**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH** hosted by **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo** on **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Includes buffet style hot lunch: Chicken soup, Chicken schnitzel, scalloped potatoes, veggies, Caesar salad, cake and coffee and tea. Door prize, 50/50, Raffle tickets will be sold. Tickets are limited, \$20 each. For more info and to purchase tickets, please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.3 or email the parish office at [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com).

**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!

**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 (May 12)** at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at **St. Ann Church, Ancaster**. This month we will continue our look at **The 10 Commandments**. 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.



## MAY CROWNING of MARY

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

*Feast of Our Lady of Fatima*

Join us for Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Crowning of our Lady in the Grotto

Everyone is invited to bring a flower(s) to present to Our Lady during the Crowning, and extra flowers will be available.

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

## GERBERA DAISES

**\$9 per plant**

Available for sale after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>  
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.



## ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE – Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Queen's Park, Toronto

Meet at the Walmart parking lot (Fairview Park Mall, Kitchener) no later than 10:00 a.m. Bus leaves at 10:30am and returns to Kitchener by 6pm. Reserve your seat, \$30 per person. Students ride free. Can't go? Why not sponsor a seat for someone who would like to attend? Parents, bring your friends, children and grandchildren. Contact Jane at 519-746-5433 or [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca). Attending a March for Life by bus in a large city is beneficial for several reasons – it allows you to connect with like-minded individuals and be part of a community that advocates for the protection of preborn lives and the dignity of all human beings. Your presence can make an impact by raising awareness about the importance of the right to life and influencing public opinion and policy decisions. Additionally, attending a March for Life can be a source of inspiration and a powerful and memorable experience that promotes a message of hope and love. Thanks for all you do for LIFE. – Jane Richard, President, K-W Right to Life For more info, visit: <https://torontomarchforlife.ca/>

## 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).

**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>.

**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**. 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!





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