

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor* (stmark.kitchener@gmail.com)

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary* (stmark@rogers.com)

## LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Monthly Filipino Mass: *Third* Saturday 7:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Mass Intentions for the Week



April 15 – 21, 2024

### Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of the Yauder family – *Violeta*

### Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA)

12 Noon † Macedo family – *Luiz*  
† Vincent Kim – *Tuyen Nguyen*  
- Int. of Minnie Oehring & family – *Woodhouse family*

### Thursday (FERIAL)

9:30 am - **SCHOOL EASTER MASS with St. Mark School**  
12 Noon - Int. of Barb Denomme – *Secret Prayer Sister*

### Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Rosabella Sunga Ferrer – *Boyet & Sugar Norte*

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 20/21

Acts 4:7-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

SAT. 5:00 PM † Brigida De Sousa – *Maria & Antonio & family*  
† Maria de Amorim Gomes – *Barbosa family*  
† Anne Salters – *Pauline*

### 7:00 PM - MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS

SUN. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark  
11:30 am † Antonio Claro & family – *Ilda Claro*

## Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. April 15</b>	9:30 am	Multi	First Communion Retreat ( <i>St. Dom's</i> )
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. April 16</b>	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. General meeting
<b>Wed. April 17</b>	6:00 pm	(L)	Baptism Preparation
<b>Thu. April 18</b>	6:45 pm	multi	Alpha
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
<b>Fri. April 19</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
<b>Sat. April 20</b>	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
<b>Sun. April 21</b>	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:30 pm		<i>Cake &amp; Refreshments after 11:30 Mass</i>
	1:00 pm	(CH)	Confirmation Preparation - Session #3

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

On the **Third Sunday of Easter**, Luke's Gospel has the very human story of Jesus' appearing to the disciples after the Resurrection, inviting them to touch his hands and feet to see that he is real. He ate with them and "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."



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LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*

The Intentions of Tam Nguyen



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## Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Fr. Roque!

All parishioners are invited to stay for cake and refreshments **after the 11:30 a.m. Mass next weekend (April 21)** to wish Fr. Roque a Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination.

**Please join us!**

## From the Coffee Sunday Crew...

A big thank you to everyone who contributes to the Cookie Fund on Coffee Sundays. This is how we pay for our cookies, so we are grateful for your continued donations!

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## MEN OF OUR PARISH!

**Knights of Columbus Membership is open to you!**

K of C Membership Drive **NEXT WEEKEND April 20/21 after all Masses.** All Catholic men of St. Mark's Parish, 18 years old and older. *Why Become A Knight?*

Membership affords a greater opportunity to assist those in need, to serve our parish, to grow in one's faith, to access top-rated insurance protection for you and your family, and the ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone!



## Reminder of Upcoming Sacramental Dates

### ➤ FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

#### For April 28<sup>th</sup> Ceremony (St. Dominic and others)

**Mon. April 15** – Retreat Day – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Thur. April 25** – First Reconciliation – 5:45 p.m.

**Sat. April 27** – First Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

**Sun. April 28** – First Holy Communion Mass – 2:00 p.m.

#### For May 5<sup>th</sup> Ceremony (St. Mark and others)

**Tue. April 30** – Retreat Day – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Thu. May 2** – First Reconciliation – 5:45 p.m.

**Sat. May 4** – First Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

**Sun. May 5** – First Holy Communion Mass – 2:00 p.m.

### ➤ FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION:

**Sun. April 21** – Final Preparation Session – 1:00 p.m.

**Tues. May 28** – Sacrament of Confirmation – 7 p.m. (*St. Mark & others*)

**Fri. May 31** – Sacrament of Confirmation – 7 p.m. (*St. Dominic & others*)

## Parenting Tip of the Month...

Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. Even in the teen years, when peers become so important, parents are still influencing their children in almost every way. As their role model, it is important to ask yourself if what your children are seeing and hearing from you is how you would like them to act and speak. Do you speak kindly to family, friends and strangers? Do you limit the amount of time you engage on your phone and/or tablet/computer? Do you show them that you rely on God through prayer, attending Mass and talking about times God has helped you through? Your children are watching you to know how to act and behave, so look inward at how you act and speak and be sure you are setting an example of the kind of person you want your child to become.

## Do you need Volunteer Hours for High School?

**High School Students are needed to help with the church gardens:**

raking the lawn, wheel-barrowing new soil to the gardens, trimming the hedges, etc. If you are interested, please contact the parish office with your name, email address and phone number.

# Liturgical Ministers

April 20/21	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller	E. Burkholder A. Jacobs, J. Taer	J./K. Palafox F. Zumot
<b>Commentator:</b>	A. Fernandez	G. Tran	N. Comido
<b>Readers:</b>	V. DeVries	T. Boettger	S. Comido
<b>Ushers:</b>	C. Weber B. Benner	J. Kelly, K. Ogili	J./S./J. Posada
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	A. Bendia H. Psutka	M. Lynch T./K. Boettger	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss



## Weekly Offertory Report

April 6/7, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 3,205.25	\$ 480.00
Loose offerings	\$ 660.35	\$ --
Pre-authorized	\$ 1,547.42	\$ 374.19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,413.02</b>	<b>\$ 854.19</b>

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

April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20
Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen	Rev. Edward Pierre Luc, S.J.	<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada</i>	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger	Rev. David Wilhelm	Rev. Scott Whitfield

**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.

## 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Quebec

This year marks the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, with the establishment of the Archdiocese of Quebec. To make this occasion, a Diocesan pilgrimage has been planned to take place from **July 13 - July 17, 2024**.

The pilgrimage will include a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame in Quebec City and the Holy Door, visits to the sites made famous by the saintly founders of the Canadian Church, visits to St. Anne de Beaupré, Notre-Dame-du-Cap in Trois Rivières, Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

The 5-day pilgrimage will include guided tours exploring Quebec's religious and cultural heritage and will be led by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton.

**Registration deadline is April 30th.** For more information, please contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2339 or email [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

## Marriage Tip of the Month...

When we marry, we gain a spouse and his or her family. It is essential that we agree to ensure that we, as a couple, have the most important connection and that we remain united as a family unit when stresses with extended family arise. This means coming to agreement with each other on items such as how to celebrate holidays and traditions, the raising of children and other areas that directly impact us as a couple, even when family wants to have input. Our families can provide wonderful support to our marriage, but we must remember that the essential relationship is between our spouse and ourselves.

## C.W.L. News... Save the dates!



### Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> ... General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Learn about what we have planned for our future meetings, and vote for our new Diocesan Executive.

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**... Please join us to Celebrate the **Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel** (the Patron Saint of the C.W.L.) starting with Mass at 6:30 PM. The Mass will be for living and deceased members, their families, spiritual advisors, and the League's well-being.

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** ... Are you familiar with **Marillac Place**? Curious about who they are or what they do? Join us at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Julie Walder from Marillac will be doing a presentation to the parish on their support in the community to new mothers and mothers-to-be who are facing homelessness. **THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS.**

## Elsewhere in the Diocese ...

**GUELPH SPIRITAN GROUP HEALING MASS** – At **Sacred Heart Parish, Guelph** on **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** with Mass at 7 PM celebrated by Father Bill Trusz. All are welcome.

**TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE** - Join us on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** to be a voice for the voiceless in Canada's largest city! The GTA is home to nearly 7 million people and is also place of death for thousands upon thousands of pre-born children every year. This event is an opportunity to join with hundreds of other pro-lifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. We will gather at **Queen's Park** at 10:00 AM for a rally, and then march through downtown Toronto. Workshops will follow at 2:00pm (registration required). **Sign up for workshops and lunch by April 30.** For more info, or to sign-up or register your bus please visit [www.torontomarchforlife.ca](http://www.torontomarchforlife.ca).

**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH** - **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 p.m. at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Waterloo**. Bring your whole family (Tickets are limited). To purchase tickets or for more info, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.3 or [lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com). \$20 each includes hot lunch (buffet style) grilled chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, veggies, Caesar and Greek salad with cake, coffee, and tea. Door prizes, 50/50, Raffle tickets.

**VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024** - The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at **Liuna Station in Hamilton** to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets: \$90pp. Contact: [serrahamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com) for more details.

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION** - Please join Bishop Scott McCaig, Peter Herbeck and other great speakers for an uplifting Pentecost celebration on **May 17/18** at **St. Raphael Parish in Burlington**. Bus leaves Kitchener at 7 am on Saturday and returns at 7 pm, if numbers warrant. It is important that you register as soon as possible as bus seats will be assigned on a first come basis until the bus is full. Please register by calling Pat or Rita at 5197485548 or email [paddym@golden.net](mailto:paddym@golden.net)

**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton** at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). **Please REGISTER online** at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/supports-for-marriage/wedding-anniversary-mass/>



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