

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

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

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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 _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 22 – 28, 2024

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - For a successful exam

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Macedo family – Luiz
- Int. of Patricia Woodhouse & John Ouelette
- Int. of Theresa & Bill Dietrich & family

1:30 PM - Mass at *Bankside Retirement Residence*

Thursday (FEAST – ST. MARK)

12 Noon - Int. of Rebecca Batugal & family – *Buendia family*

3:00 PM - Mass at *Forest Heights Long Term Care*

Friday (FEAST – MARY, OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL – Patroness of the C.W.L.)

★ 6:30 PM † Beverly Zister – *Diane & Al Bendia*

2:00 PM - Mass at *Lanark Village*

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 27/28

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

SAT. 5:00 PM † Frederick Pierre – *Ernie & Lisa McCullough & family*
† Clayton Fitzpatrick – *Donna Lienhardt, Candace, Toni*
– Int. of Marilyn Dufresne – *Secret Prayer Sister*

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


11:30 am † Hien Tran – *Thiep Tran*

2:00 PM - **FIRST COMMUNION MASS (St. Dominic class)**



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Tam Nguyen







Happy 25th Anniversary, Fr. Roque!
All parishioners are invited to stay for cake and refreshments **after Mass today** to wish Fr. Roque a Happy 25th 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!





We would like to thank our parishioners for their donations to our **Dental and Hygiene Collection Project**. We assembled 40 kits which were given to the YWCA, and the Sanguen Centre. The clothes were so needed too. Both centres really appreciated our donations. Thank you for your support!

St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul


Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. April 22	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. April 23	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	St. Vincent de Paul meeting
Wed. April 24			
Thu. April 25	5:45 pm	(CH)	First Reconciliation
	6:45 pm	multi	Alpha
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
Fri. April 26	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
Sat. April 27	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	10:00 am	(CH)	First Reconciliation
Sun. April 28	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

On the **Fourth Sunday of Easter** we reflect on the Paschal Mystery more deeply. Psalm 118 says, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Peter quotes this psalm in preaching that the crippled man was healed, "in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead." In John's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Used with permission by Online Ministries, Creighton University

MEN OF OUR PARISH!
Knights of Columbus Membership is open to you!
K of C Membership Drive **AFTER MASS TODAY**. 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 28th Ceremony (St. Dominic and others)
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 5th 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:**
TODAY, 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*)

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 27/28	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	R./R. Jerold R. Alayoku	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	J. Flanigan	V. DeVries	B. Norte
Readers:	D. Behl	T. Lee	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	S. Roshell V. Chen	P. Abalos M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber J. Fernandez	P. Enticott M. Walser A. Joseph	I./F. Kangaloo K. Dignam



Weekly Offertory Report

April 13/14, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,465.00	\$ 265.00
Loose offerings	\$ 449.10	\$ ---
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,547.42	\$ 374.19
Totals	\$ 4,461.52	\$ 639.19

Diocesan Collection for Indigenous Reconciliation: \$319.00

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

April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
Rev. Innocent Nwachukwu	Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico	Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)	Rev. James Petrie	Rev. Donald Wilhelm	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I

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.

350th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Quebec

This year marks the 350th 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.



FREE DROP-OFF

Electronic Waste & Scrap Metal
Saturday, May 4th from 8:30 to 1:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Daniel Church Parking Lot
 (corner of Ottawa St. N. & Franklin Street)

Bring all your unwanted: electronics, cellphones, televisions, monitors, computers, laptops, etc.

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READ THE BULLETIN ONLINE AT: <http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/220>

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



Friday, April 26th... 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 7th ... 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.**

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

TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE - Join us on **Saturday, May 11th** 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.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH - **Sunday, May 12th** 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. \$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 15th** 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 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

EXPLORING GOD'S CALL: JOIN OUR RELIGIOUS LIFE VOCATION RETREAT
 How do I discern a vocation to Religious Life? If you're looking to understand God's plan for you, join us for the 'Come and See' day retreat on **Saturday, May 25th** from 9am to 6pm at **St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener**. This retreat offers a chance to join community prayers, engage in discussions with three Resurrectionists, and meet other young people on a similar journey. For further details, please visit our website: <https://resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see>



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