

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Mass Intentions for the Week

April 29 – May 5, 2024

**Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. MARIE DE L'INCARNATION)

\* 8:30 am † Felisitas Sajo – *Jed Sajo*

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Maria Do – *Tuyen Nguyen*  
- Int. of Gerry & Judy Kraft – *N. & S. Cerantola*  
- Int. of Charlotte Lahey & family – *Woodhouse family*

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. ATHANASIUS)

12 Noon - Int. of Arnie & Elaine Vandenhoff - *65th Anniversary*  
5:45 PM - *First Reconciliation (for first communicants)*

**First Friday** (FEAST – ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES)

12 Noon † Derek Keough – *Anna & Cuthbert Joseph*

**First Saturday** (FERIAL)

9:00 am † Dolores Murray – *Anna & Cuthbert Joseph*  
10:00 am - *First Reconciliation (for first communicants)*

### 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 4/5

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

SAT. 5:00 PM † Maria Campos – *Campos family*  
† Joan Germann – *St. Mark Knights of Columbus*  
† Irene Baptista – *Kim & Terry Montag*

SUN. 9:30 am † Jose Alves – *Gloria & family*  
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark  
2:00 PM - **FIRST COMMUNION MASS (St. Mark class)**



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*  
The Repose of the Soul of Jose Alves



### IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Mike Woodhouse** (husband of Melissa and father of James, Jacob & Charlotte) and the late **Jeannie Rettinger** (wife of the late Jim).

*We mourn the loss of those who have gone before us in death and continue with us in the Communion of Saints. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

St. Mark's Parish is proud to be hosting a LIVE PERFORMANCE by

## The Philippine Madrigal Singers

*and Mark Anthony A. Carpio, choirmaster*

**Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**at St. Mark's Church**

*Organized by KW Sentro for the inaugural  
Filipino Cultural Gathering and Symposium.*

The Philippine Madrigal Singers were organized in 1963. The choir is one of the world's most awarded, having consistently won all the top prizes in most of the world's prestigious choral competitions. The group is the first choir to win the European Grand Prix for Choral Singing (EGP) twice (in 1997 and in 2007).

**Tickets available online. Please scan the QR code on page 2 of this bulletin, or visit <https://tinyurl.com/4ebb4sba> and scroll down to Tickets.**

## Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. April 29</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. April 30</b>	9:30 am	Multi	First Communion Retreat
<b>Wed. May 1</b>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thu. May 2</b>	5:45 pm	(CH)	First Reconciliation
	6:45 pm	multi	Alpha (final session)
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
<b>Fri. May 3</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	(H)	BCBP monthly meeting
<b>Sat. May 4</b>	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	8:30 am	outdoor	Gardening
	10:00 am	(CH)	First Reconciliation
<b>Sun. May 5</b>	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

"I am the vine. You are the branches." On the **Fifth Sunday of Easter** we have the wonderful reading from John's gospel about Jesus as the vine. We are the branches that are pruned to bear more fruit. The powerful invitation is to remain connected with Jesus, that we might make our home in him, and bear much fruit.



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## Reminder of Upcoming Sacramental Dates

### ➤ FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

#### 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:

**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 gardening!**  
**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

Raking the lawn, wheel-barrowing new soil to the gardens, trimming the hedges, etc. **If you would like to participate, please contact the parish office with your name, email address and phone number no later than May 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please wear old clothes and shoes, and bring your own gardening gloves!



## May 11/12 is Rose Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Rose for Life appliques at all Masses that weekend.

All donations will go to K-W Right-to-Life.



# Liturgical Ministers

May 4/5	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller	R. Alayoku J. Taer, A. Jacobs	J./K. Palafox F. Zumot
<b>Commentator:</b>	S. Benner	J. Flanigan	N. Ngo
<b>Readers:</b>	A. Fernandez	J. Deneau	D. DeSousa
<b>Ushers:</b>	P. Smith C. Weber	J./K. Snyder	C./S. Thiagarajah
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	D. Fernandez A. Bendia	T. Lee T./K. Boettger	B./C. Voisin D. Sey-Weber



## Weekly Offertory Report

April 20/21, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,416.25	\$ 330.00
Loose offerings	\$ 866.40	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,547.42	\$ 374.19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,830.07</b>	<b>\$ 704.19</b>

Diocesan Collection for Indigenous Reconciliation: \$65.00

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

April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
Rev. Guillermo Diaz	Rev. Paul Edmondstone	<i>International Worker's Day</i>	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen	Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek	Grandparents and the Elderly

**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.

## Filipino Cultural Gathering and Symposium

KW Sentro cordially invites you to the inaugural Filipino Cultural Gathering and Symposium on **May 11-12, 2024**. Please visit [www.kwsentro.com](http://www.kwsentro.com) for full details on specific events throughout the weekend. On the final night of the symposium, St. Mark's Parish will host a live performance by the world-renowned **Philippine Madrigal Singers** in concert. Scan the QR code to visit our website and click "Symposium Registration" to access our Eventbrite to purchase tickets. Note: There are specific tickets for each event during the weekend. Hope to see you there!



## FREE DROP-OFF

### Electronic Waste & Scrap Metal

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Also collecting SCRAP METAL: copper, stainless steel and brass. Hosted by Kitchener Knights of Columbus #1504

**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.



## MAY CROWNING of MARY

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

To celebrate the Month of Mary

Join us for Mass at 6:30 p.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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<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.



## Are you familiar with Marillac Place?

Curious about who they are or what they do?

Join us on **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 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.** Hosted by St. Mark's Catholic Women's League.



**St. Agnes Church** (75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo) invites you to join us in praying the **2000 Hail Mary's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary** on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. The day begins at 7:30am. We anticipate the Devotion will finish by 8 pm. Attendees are invited to bring their water bottles and their own lunch and/or supper. A light Lunch and Supper will be available. You can download a copy of the devotion from [www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org) enabling you to pray with us in May or at your convenience. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer throughout the day, if even for only a short time. Come when you can, leave when you must. For info contact Marilyne at [canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com](mailto:canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com).

**TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE - Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** - 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. Join with hundreds of other pro-lifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. Bather at **Queen's Park** at 10:00 AM for a rally, then march through downtown Toronto. Workshops 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).

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION** - 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. 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)

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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