

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 _____

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 8 – 14, 2024

SORRY WE'RE CLOSED

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH – The Diocese has instructed all parish offices to close by 1:00 p.m. due to the solar eclipse.

Tuesday (FERIAL)
 10:00 am - **SCHOOL EASTER MASS at St. Dominic School**
 12 Noon † Irene Baptista – Ron & Barb Denomme

Wednesday (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Augustino Nguyen – Tuyen Nguyen
 † Maria Campos – Campos family
 - Int. of Paul & Betty Enticott – Woodhouse family

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. STANISLAUS)
 9:30 am - **SCHOOL EASTER MASS with St. Mark School**
 12 Noon † Dominic Nguyen – Tuyen Nguyen

Friday (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Souls in Purgatory – Justina Costa

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 13/14

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

SAT. 5:00 PM † Bernard Crawley – Anna Joseph
 † Gerry Gerth – Ron & Kathy Bumstead
 - Int. of Helen & Jerry Kieffer – Woodhouse family
SUN. 9:30 am - Int. of Arnie & Elaine Vandenhoff – B./M. Lynch
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. April 8	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. April 9	7:00 pm	(H)	S.V.D.P. Particular Council meeting
Wed. April 10	5:45 PM	multi	First Communion Prep meeting #5
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. April 11	6:45 pm	multi	Alpha
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
Fri. April 12	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
Sat. April 13	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You! Men's Group
	6:00 pm	(B)	Knights of Columbus Trivia Night
Sun. April 14	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 **Second Sunday of Easter**, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we get a picture into how the early community lived their life of faith by sharing everything in common. In John's Gospel, Jesus appears to the Apostles, hiding in fear, and gives them the gift of his Spirit, calling them to forgive sins. We are reminded that the gospel is written, that we might come to believe in our Lord and have life in his name.

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



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 7, 2024

The Divine Mercy Chaplet may be prayed using an ordinary rosary in the following way:

1. Begin with:
 The Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father,
 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with (three times): *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*



MEN OF OUR PARISH!

Knights of Columbus Membership is open to you!

K of C Membership Drive – **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!

St. Mark Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who participated in our **Annual Potato Drive**. **500 pounds** of potatoes were provided to the House of Friendship. Thank you for your generosity!



Reminder of Upcoming Sacramental Dates

➤ **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:**

For April 28th 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 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:**

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)

Liturgical Ministers

APR. 13/14	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	R. Alayoku R./R. Jerold	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	N. Comidoy	P. Enticott	D. DeSousa
Readers:	S. Comidoy	M. Drohan	R. Vergel de Dios
Ushers:	A. Beckner P. Smith	I./D. Culley	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	M. Walsler A. Joseph T. Lee	I./F. Kagaloo D. Sey-Weber



Weekly Offertory Report

Good Friday & Easter	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 8,126.00	\$ 20.00
Loose offerings	\$ 2,177.40	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,547.42	\$ 374.19
Totals	\$ 11,850.82	\$ 394.19

Diocesan Collections: Share Lent: \$170.00

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday): \$1,493.00

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

April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13
The Annunciation of the Lord	Rev. Allen Varlaki	Permanent Deacons	Rev. Rajesh D'Souza, O.C.D.	Rev. Jerzy Tomon	Parents & Guardians

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.

Did you SEE it??

St. Mark's Parish was recently featured on Salt + Light TV! Holy moly, it's true! On Wednesday, March 20th, Salt + Light TV aired **Season 4, Episode 7** of its TV show, **Behold**, which featured your fellow parishioner, Jane Petrovich, and her St. Mark's Writer's Group. This exclusive segment featured Fr. Roque and accomplished writers, published poets and authors from our parish, including Jane (*Lector, 11:30 AM mass*); Vi De Vries (*Lector, 9:30 AM mass*); Tim Sutton (*Choir Pianist, 5:30 PM mass*); and former parishioner, Stephanie Baskerville. Witness the powerful role that faith and friendship play in becoming a published writer! TO WATCH THIS SEGMENT FOR FREE, please visit <https://slmedia.org/behold>, or scan this QR code ➡➡➡



RESTART: MOVING FORWARD... This 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. Sessions take place Mondays from **April 7th to June 17th** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our ZOOM classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Please register: call or email Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events. For more info call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

C.W.L. News...

Save the date for our next General Meeting, on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. Learn about what we have planned for our future meetings, and vote for our new Diocesan Executive.



THANK YOU to our members for participating in our Lenten Retreat – the Easter centerpieces turned out lovely! Also thank you to Father Stanley for blessing us and our Easter centerpieces.



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.

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 26th** 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/>

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE: ST JEROME'S UNIVERSITY

St. Jerome's University, Waterloo hosts a series of public lectures each year on a variety of important and prevalent topics within Catholic life. On **Monday, April 15**, Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ will be speaking on the topic of "Science and Truth". For more information on the Lectures in Catholic Experience and to explore recordings of previous lectures, you are invited to explore the St. Jerome's Website: <https://www.sju.ca/LCE>

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.

DIOCESAN CHOIR... The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations and is looking for new members. Should you wish more information, please contact Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.



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