

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

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

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

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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 LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 11 – 17, 2024

★ Modified Mass Schedule ★

While Fr. Roque is in the Philippines, our weekday Mass schedule will be modified until Father returns on March 23. We are grateful to **Fr. Stanley Nwokeji** for celebrating Mass with us on the days his schedule permits, and to **Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.** who celebrates Mass with us again this weekend (March 9/10).

Tuesday (FERIAL)
12 noon † Giuse Hung Van Nguyen – *Phuong*

Wednesday * **NO MASS TODAY**

Thursday * **NO MASS TODAY**

Friday (FERIAL)
5:40 PM - ROSARY
 * **6:00 PM** † Maria Campos – *Campos family*
 † Souls in Purgatory – *Lurdes Soares*
 † Bernard Crawley – *Nick & Sharon Cerantola*
6:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 16/17

Jeremiah 31:31-34+; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

SAT. 5:00 PM † Isabel & George Beckner – *Paul & Angela Beckner*
 † Gerry Gerth – *Brian & Marie Lynch*
 † Carl Hamm – *Mary, Millie, Theresa, Yvonne Madison*

7:00 PM - MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS

SUN. 9:30 am † Giuse Hung Van Nguyen – *Phuong*
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
 The repose of the soul of † Hung Van Nguyen



Fridays During Lent

5:40 pm - Rosary
6:00 pm - Mass
6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross



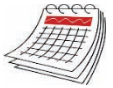
Diocesan Prayer Calendar ☒ *This week let us pray for...*

March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16
Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.	<i>Lay Parish Ministers</i>	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

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.

Continuing our mission to serve the poor, St. Mark's SVDP would like to start preparing **individual kits of dental and hygiene products**. **Hats, scarves, socks, etc. are also needed (new or gently used)**. We will donate these to the YWCA and the Sanguen Centre, who will distribute these in our community. Donations of these items can be placed in the boxes in the narthex. Other requests have come to us, but **we do need new members to maintain our mission**. If you are interested, please contact us at stmarksvdp@yahoo.com

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Mar. 11	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Mar. 12	7:00 pm	Zoom	Knights of Columbus Exec. meeting
Thu. Mar. 14	6:45 pm	multi	Alpha
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri. Mar. 15	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
Sat. Mar. 16	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
Sun. Mar. 17	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 Lent** we read Jesus' words to Nicodemus in the Fourth Gospel. Jesus will be lifted up on the cross to heal us from the power of sin and death. This gospel, which is written like a trial, tells us the verdict. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."



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PASSION PLAY

LAST CALL – ACTORS NEEDED! Adults and children (aged 10 and up). No speaking required! If you are interested please email Sonia Chacon at soniachacon33@yahoo.ca. A short play takes place Holy Thursday (Mar. 28) and the main play takes place Good Friday (Mar. 29).



Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings

FIRST COMMUNION: Wed. March 20 at 5:45 p.m.
CONFIRMATION: Sun. March 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Potato Blitz – Bring your spuds to the Church over the next month and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.



Lenten Penitential Services

DATE	TIME	PARISH
Tue. March 12	7:00 PM	St. Anne
Thur. March 14	7:00 PM	St. Teresa (Kit.)
Tue. March 19	2:00 PM 7:00 PM	St. Francis St. Joseph
Wed. March 20	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius
Thur. March 21	11:00 am 7:00 PM	St. Mary's Blessed Sacrament
Fri. March 22	7:00 PM	St. Anthony Daniel
Tues. March 26	7:30 PM	St. Teresa (Elmira)



IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late **David Buchanan** (son-in-law of Clem & Carolyn Baumtrog) and the late **Gerald Balm** (husband of Mary; father of Dan (Lisa), and Monica).

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."

Liturgical Ministers

MAR. 16/17	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	R./R. Jerold J. Taer	T. John J./K. Palafox
Commentator:	S. Benner	P. Enticott	R. Vergel de Dios
Readers:	V. DeVries	M. Drohan	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	A. Beckner B. Benner	V. Chen M. Walser	M. Feick J. Vu
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber H. Psutka	T. Lee M. Walser	E. Weiss A. Joseph



Weekly Offertory Report

March 2/3, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,074.00	\$ 477.00
Loose offerings	\$ 461.50	\$ ---
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,547.42	\$ 374.19
Totals	\$ 4,082.92	\$ 851.19



Next Sunday, March 17th is SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

This Lent, please give generously

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s *Reaping our Rights* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

“Development and Peace – Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**” – Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for your solidarity!

A Share Lent donation envelope can be found in your personal offertory box, or use a plain envelope and mark it “Share Lent”. The Share Lent collection will be taken up March 16th & 17th.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY – March 29th

Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo

Eat-in seating times, on the hour starting at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. Takeout from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. One-piece dinner **\$17.50** tax incl., Two-piece dinner **\$22.50** tax incl. Includes Fish, Fries, Coleslaw, Roll and Butter. Contact Martin at 519-884-2060 for EAT IN BOOKINGS.

RESTART: MOVING FORWARD – Mondays April-June

Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will take place in person on **Mondays from April 7th to June 17th from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West, Hamilton**, or you are welcome to join our Zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required. Contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

C.W.L. News...

■ LENTEN RETREAT

To all St. Mark C.W.L. Members... Please save the date!

Saturday, March 23rd from 9 am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall. **“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”** Join us for a day of creating, meditating, and praying away the stone that might be in your life. Each participant will create an Easter arrangement (sample on display on the C.W.L. table in the narthex). Please fill out the sign-up sheet found at the C.W.L. table. A fee for supplies will be collected from all participants. For more info please call Sue Sawchuk at (519) 277-1898. **Last day to sign up is March 15th.** To register send email to stmarkcw@gmail.com, or at the CWL table in the Narthex.



■ Any lady who has not yet joined the C.W.L. (or who has not renewed her membership) is encouraged to contact Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 ASAP. Don't miss out on the opportunity to join our Lenten retreat!!!

■ MAID for Mental Illness Legislation

The C.W.L. has cards on its table for you to fill out, requesting that Legislation allowing mental illness as a sole condition for MAID must be REVOKED! **Please fill out the card and place it in the basket provided.** Thank you for supporting this very important cause!

Holy Week Resource for Teens

The Office of Youth Ministry will be publishing, *Walking the Way* a Holy Week Journal for Teens. This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The journal bridges the Gospel readings for each day of Holy Week to practical ways young people can live out the message. The journal also has reflections from Pope Francis’ letter, *Chistus Vivit* for young people to consider. The Holy Week Journal can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/yxvxywj>

ANNUAL CARD PARTY

St. Anthony Daniel Parish – Wednesday, April 24th

Tickets available for our annual card party in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets call parish at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED

**Saturday, May 4th from 9:30 – 3:00 pm
Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster**

In his poem, *The Art of Marriage*, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, “A good marriage must be created” and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. **Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch.** To register on the website go to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under *Upcoming Events*, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If so, 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). Registration is available online at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.



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