

# 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 LENT

## Mass Intentions for the Week

March 18 – 24, 2024

★ **Modified Mass Schedule** ★ *Fr. Roque returns on March 23.*

**Tuesday** \* **NO MASS TODAY**

**Wednesday** \* **NO MASS TODAY**

**Thursday** \* **NO MASS TODAY**

**Friday** \* **NO MASS TODAY**

6:00 PM - ROSARY

6:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – March 23/24**

Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

**SAT. 5:00 PM** † Saney Zaki – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica*  
 † Gerry Gerth – *St. Vincent de Paul Society*  
 † Joe Lopez

**SUN. 9:30 am** † Betty MacMillan – *Brian & Marie Lynch*  
**11:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



★ **Mass on Palm Sunday will begin in the Parish Hall** ★



**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**  
*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:*  
**The repose of the soul of † Brigida de Sousa**



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

March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23
Rev. Ken Miskiewicz	St. Joseph, Patron of Canada & the Universal Church	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)	Msgr. Dennis Noon	Rev. Donald Sanvido	Permanent Diaconate Candidates

**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.

### **Next Sacramental Preparation Sessions**

**FIRST COMMUNION:** This Wednesday, March 20 at 5:45 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION:** Next Sunday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Clothing & Hygiene Drive**

Continuing our mission to serve the poor, St. Mark's SVDP will prepare 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 Sanquen Centre, who will distribute these in our community.

**Donations of these items can be placed in the bins in the narthex.**

Other requests have come to us, but **we do need new members to maintain our mission.** If you are interested in joining our mission, please contact us at [stmarksvdp@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarksvdp@yahoo.com)

### **Easter Flowers**

Donations toward the cost of Easter Flowers may be made in memory of a loved one, and Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be offered for the repose of their souls. Envelopes are available next to the pink box in the narthex. Please include the names of your loved ones inside or on the back of the envelope.



**Please Note!**

- ★ **No Children's Liturgy** on Easter Sunday.
- ★ **No Bible Study** on March 29 & April 5.

## Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Mar. 18</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Mar. 19</b>	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Wed. Mar. 20</b>	3:45 pm	(L)	Baptism Preparation
	5:45 pm	multi	First Communion Prep Meeting #4
<b>Thu. Mar. 21</b>	6:45 pm	multi	Alpha
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Fri. Mar. 22</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
<b>Sat. Mar. 23</b>	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	9:00 am	(H)	C.W.L. Lenten Retreat
<b>Sun. Mar. 24</b>	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	1:00 pm	(H)	Confirmation Prep Meeting #2

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

On the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**, we proclaim the Gospel of John. Jesus says that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."



However, he describes this glory in a surprising way, which explains who he is for us and who we are called to be: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be."

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### **PASSION PLAYS**

#### **JESUS IS ARRESTED – Holy Thursday**

**Mar. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**  
 (followed by Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.)

#### **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Good Friday**

**Mar. 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**  
 (after the 3 p.m. liturgy)



### **Lenten Penitential Services**

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



## **CHRISM MASS**



**Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

*Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton*

The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. The Mass is a celebration of the institution of the ministerial priesthood and is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the sacraments throughout the year, which are then given to the priests to take back to their parishes. **All are welcome to attend this celebration.**

# Liturgical Ministers

MARCH 23/24 Palm/Passion Sunday	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	T. John, J. Taer	C. Chacon
Commentator:			
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:		T. Boettger	G. Tran
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:			
Passion - Narrator:		T. Lee	I. Kangaloo
Passion - People:			
Ushers:	E. Miller P. Smith		
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber H. Psutka	M. Walser K. Boettger	D. S.-Weber

⚠️ All Liturgical Ministers are asked to please sign up on the table in the narthex to fill the vacancies noted above. Thank you! Sign-up sheets are also available for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Kindly sign-up where you are able. Many thanks!



## Weekly Offertory Report

March 9/10, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,196.80	\$ 181.80
Loose offerings	\$ 702.10	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,547.42	\$ 374.19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,446.32</b>	<b>\$ 455.99</b>

Share Lent (diocesan collection): \$110.00



**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who bought tickets for or donated toward this year's Pancake Supper! With the funds raised we were able to donate \$500 to the Waterloo Region Food Bank and \$500 to Food4Kids. Thank you for your generosity!  
- St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, Council 9276

## Today's special collection is for SHARE LENT SOLIDARITY SUNDAY – March 17, 2024

**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. 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](http://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".

## 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/yyxvxyj>

## C.W.L. News...

■ **LENTEN RETREAT** - Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Thanks to all who signed up!

■ 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!



## Good Friday Fish Fries...

FRIDAY, MARCH 29



### WATERLOO KNIGHTS ANNUAL FISH FRY

Waterloo Knights of Columbus (145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo)

SEATINGS every hour from 1pm to 6pm / TAKEOUT 1-6pm

1-piece dinner \$17.50; 2-piece dinner \$22.50. Taxes included.

INCLUDES: Fish, Fries, Coleslaw, Roll and Butter.

CONTACT Martin at 519-884-2060 for EAT-IN BOOKINGS

### MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles Street East, Maryhill)

12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. EAT-IN or TAKEOUT

NO RESERVATIONS. First come, first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1-piece \$16 / 2-piece \$19. Kids 12 & under half price 1-pc for \$8 if dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Dessert & refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. CASH ONLY PLEASE! ADVANCED orders for Take Out strongly advised! For more info contact 519-648-2939 or check us out on the "Maryhill Events and Things for Sale" Facebook page.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or register online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

### ANNUAL CARD PARTY

St. Anthony Daniel Parish – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

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 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at 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. **\$50/couple includes lunch.** To register visit *Upcoming Events* at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com), or call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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