

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 _____

PALM SUNDAY

March 25 - 31, 2024



Monday

2:00 PM - CHRISM MASS
(at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton)

Tuesday

12 Noon - Intentions of Bishop Strickland

Wednesday

10:00 am - Monthly Mass at Lanark Village
12 Noon - Masses for the souls in Purgatory
1:30 PM - Monthly Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

3:00 PM - Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care
7:00 PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
8 - 10 PM in the Church; 10 - 11 PM in the Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM - PASSION OF THE LORD
7:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
Matthew Mahoney - Michelle Oram

EASTER SUNDAY - Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4 (or 1 Cor. 5:6b-8); John 20:1-18++
9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
11:30 am - Repose of the souls in whose memory donations were made toward Easter Flowers

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

CHRISM MASS
Monday, March 25th 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.

ALL-DAY RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 27th
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo

Meetings & Events This Week ...

Table with columns: DATE, TIME, ROOM, EVENT. Lists events for Mon. Mar. 25, Tue. Mar. 26, Wed. Mar. 27, Thu. Mar. 28, Fri. Mar. 29, Sat. Mar. 30.

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

On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord we make our way into Holy Week. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole Passion, this year from Mark's Gospel.



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum is one liturgical celebration spread over three days that begins with the Evening Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, marking the passion and death of Christ on Good Friday and ending with the Mass of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday night or Easter Sunday. It marks the end of the 40 days of Lent and celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Easter Triduum and the Easter Season which lasts 50 days, therefore, is not simply one feast among others, but as the catechism of the Church tells us, it is the "Feast of Feasts" and the "Solemnity of Solemnities" just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of Sacraments".

Considering that the Easter Triduum is one celebration spread over three day, as Catholics, we are urged to put aside our daily routines and make priority to attend, not just one or two, but all three liturgical celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and either the Vigil Mass of Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday Mass.

Easter Flowers - Contributions toward the purchase of Easter Flowers may be made in memory of a loved one; Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be offered for the repose of their souls.

Look for the pink box in the narthex with envelopes for donations.



Washing of the Feet

Mass of the Lord's Supper
HOLY THURSDAY, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

We are looking for 12 volunteers to have their feet washed during this Mass. If you would like to take part, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers

Holy Week	Holy Thursday 7:00 PM	Good Friday 3:00 PM
Altar Servers:	AJ Divinagracia, C. Chacon, R./R. Jerold	R./R. Jerold, C. Chacon, J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	B. Norte	S. Benner
Readers:	T. Lee B. Prila	J. Deneau, T. Boettger "Narrator" - J. Petrovich "People" - T. Lee
Ushers:	M. Walser, V. Chen	E. Miller, C. Weber
Eucharistic Ministers:	D. S-Weber, A. Joseph M. Lynch	K. Boettger, I./F. Kangaloo

EASTER March 30/31	Easter Vigil 8PM	Easter 9:30AM	Easter 11:30AM
Altar Servers:	R./R. Jerold C. Chacon T. John	R. Alayoku J. Taer	AJ Divinagracia C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	<i>needed</i>	B. Prila	G. Tran
Readers:	Vi De Vries J. Petrovich R. Vergel de Dios <i>1 more needed</i>	T. Boettger T. Lee	N. Comidoy S. Comidoy
Ushers:	C. Thiagarajah S. Sakumaran	F. Seaward <i>3 more needed</i>	M. Schimus B. Prila P. Abalos <i>1 more needed</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	T. Lee D. Seymour-Weber	K. Boettger A. Bendia	D. Sey-Weber I./F. Kangaloo

Weekly Offertory Report



March 16/17, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,293.00	\$ 455.00
Loose offerings	\$ 614.90	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,547.42	\$ 374.19
Totals	\$ 4,455.32	\$ 829.19

Seminary Education (diocesan collection): \$933.00

Easter Food Blessing



Father Roque will be blessing Easter Food Baskets at each Mass on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. **Before Mass begins, please place your basket at the front of the church.** Father will give the blessing at the end of each Mass.

Please Note!

- * No Children's Liturgy on March 24 and 31.
- * No Bible Study on March 29 and April 5.

Next Sacramental Preparation Sessions

FIRST COMMUNION: Wednesday, April 10 at 5:45 p.m.

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.

C.W.L. News...

■ 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.

■ 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!



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)



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

March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30
Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki	Rev. Gerald Mulhall	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (C.S.J.)	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The collection on Good Friday is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration on April 7, 2023. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so via Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting: www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us Thank you for giving generously and showing your solidarity with a Church in need. – Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

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.



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