

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 13 – 19, 2024

Tuesday (FEAST – ST. MATTHIAS) * **NO NOON MASS TODAY**
 * 6:30 PM † Allan Stoltz – Aunt Lisa & Uncle Ernie
 Mass to be followed by Crowning of Mary in the Grotto

Wednesday (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Mary Mansour – Rosemary & Eric Kubica
 † Roberto L. Segura – Brian & Sharon Garrucho
 † Lourdes de Leon-Concepcion – Penny L.

Thursday (FERIAL)
 12 Noon - Int. of Tam Nguyen – Nhuong Vu

Friday (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Vincent Kim – Tuyen Nguyen

PENTECOST SUNDAY – May 18/19

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

SAT. 5:00 PM - Int. of Jean & Gary Kritz – Tammy Andrechek
 - Int. of the Yauder Family – Violeta
 - Int. of Colette Dokis – Luiz

7:00 PM - MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS

SUN. 9:30 am † Derek Keough – Brian & Marie Lynch
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. May 13	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. May 14	7:00 pm	Zoom	Knights Executive meeting
Wed. May 15	6:00 pm	(M)	Baptism Preparation
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	Finance Committee Meeting
Thu. May 16	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
Fri. May 17	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
Sun. May 19	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

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Repose of the Soul of Jose Alves

St. Mark's Parish is proud to be hosting a LIVE PERFORMANCE by
The Philippine Madrigal Singers
 and Mark Anthony A. Carpio, choirmaster
TONIGHT! Sunday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m.
at St. Mark's Church

Organized in 1963, the Philippine Madrigal Singers are one of the world's most awarded choirs, 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 Eventbrite at <https://tinyurl.com/4ebb4sba> and scroll down to Tickets. Once online sales are closed, there will be a limited number of tickets at the door.** Organized by KW Sentro for the Filipino Cultural Gathering and Symposium.



REHEARSAL for all Confirmation Candidates:

Monday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Confirmation Liturgies...

Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. (with St. Mark students)

Friday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. (with St. Dominic students)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH... The statement 'Families that pray together stay together' is not just a cliché, but also a fact that has research data to prove its impact. To those of us with faith it makes sense, but we sometimes neglect to undertake what we know will be helpful to us. So, take the time to pray as a couple: first thing in the morning, before meals, before going to bed, at Mass and/or any other time you can. It is an easy way to connect and strengthen your relationship.



On May 1st, Archbishop Francis Leo, a noted Marian scholar and a devotee of the Blessed Mother, published a Pastoral Letter to the Metropolitan Province of Toronto (which includes the Diocese of Hamilton) on **The Month of the Blessed Mother.**

The entire text of the letter can be found at:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leos-message-on-the-month-of-the-blessed-mother/>.

"Mary is THE way to get closer to the Saviour and when we have a deep, authentic and personal relationship with her, she leads us, without fail, directly to Him. This is her vocation, her mission, her calling as willed by the Lord's loving providence."

His letter is a good guide for our reflection during this special month!

Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place

St. Mark's is proud to participate once again in the baby bottle campaign in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on donations from our community to keep its doors open. **Bottles are available for pick up in the narthex.** Please consider supporting this important cause by filling a bottle with your donation (bills, spare change, or a cheque) and **returning it to the church on Father's Day weekend (June 15/16).** For more info please visit www.marillacplace.ca. Thank you for your support.



➔ **Also In support of Marillac Place,** St. Mark's C.W.L. is putting together **PRE-NATAL CARE BASKETS for new mothers.** Please visit our display in the narthex to see the types of items needed. For more info, please call Dianne Seymour-Weber at 519-581-1018.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH... The data continues to grow on the dangers the internet can pose to children, and on the benefit of time spent in play, both indoors and outdoors. For younger children this means play that uses their imaginations and does not include the internet. For older children, it may include such things as playing board games, doing puzzles and hiking. Whatever the age of your children, time without the internet supports good growth. So, spend time playing as a family and you will see the positive benefits for your children!

Liturgical Ministers

May 18/19	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	E. Burkholder R. Alayoku A. Jacobs	J./K. Palafox F. Zumot
Commentator:	D. Behl	T. Boettger	S. Comido
Readers:	J. Flanigan	V. DeVries	N. Comido
Ushers:	A. Beckner P. Smith	F. Seaward, M. Waiser	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	A. Joseph T. Lee M. Lynch	K. Dignam D. Seymour-Weber E. Weiss



Weekly Offertory Report

May 4/5, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,502.00	\$ 575.00
Loose offerings	\$ 389.65	\$ ---
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,534.73	\$ 375.81
Totals	\$ 4,425.38	\$ 950.81

Diocesan Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works \$335.00

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

May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Rev. Marko Stefanec	Rev. Joseph Akanbi	Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)	Rev. Charles Jordan	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.

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.

Relics of St. Brother Andre Bessette visit Hamilton Diocese

We are truly blessed to have the relics of St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) visiting the Diocese of Hamilton **May 17-24, 2024** starting at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and finishing at Holy Family, Hanover. This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints. For dates and locations, please visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/news/2024/03/saint-brother-andre-in-the-diocese-of-hamilton. **Kitchener date and location: Thursday, May 23rd at St. Anthony Daniel Parish (corner of Franklin & Ottawa) 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Dear fellow CROCHETERS and KNITTERS from the Waterloo Deanery Parishes' Prayer Shawl Ministries,

St. Louis Prayer Shawl Ministry invites your parish Prayer Shawl Ministry members (and pastors!) to a meeting to reflect on the power of this compassionate ministry. We will gather **Tuesday, June 18th** at 1:00 p.m. in **St. Louis Parish Hall** – the elevator entrance is off Willow Street at the top of the driveway. We invite a representative from each parish to share what is happening within your parish ministry about your meeting frequency and location, regarding your members who keep the ministry working, from where your yarn comes and any other information about your parish group. Come and be inspired by members of our prayer shawls ministries.

Please RSVP for your parish ministry with the number of attendees by June 4th to Cecilia Beechey at cecbeechey@outlook.com.



St. Mark's C.W.L. will be selling potted

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TODAY! May 11th & 12th

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.



MAY CROWNING of MARY

This Tuesday, May 14th

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.

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.

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

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 25th** 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>

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - Saturday, June 1st - STONEY CREEK Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, June 1st** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church** (934 Highway #8, Stoney Creek). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

VACATION BIBLE & LEGO ROBOTICS CAMP 2024 - To Mars and Beyond **July 15-19** at **St. Louis Parish, Waterloo** (53 Allen St. East). The camp will run all day (9AM - 4 PM). Campers may register for the whole day, or half a day. The mornings will be focused on the Space theme with faith intertwined through all activities. The afternoon will be Lego Robotics, with the Space theme. All-day camp is for 7-11 year olds. Children 5-6 yrs. old may sign up for the morning VBS only. Registration forms available from St. Louis Parish website at www.saintlouisparish.ca or by contacting Kelly Krause at St. Louis Parish Office 519-743-4101 or kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com.



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