

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week



May 27 – June 2, 2024

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Hien Tran – *Thiep Tran*
7:00 PM - **Sacrament of Confirmation** (with St. Mark students)

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Barbara Seyler – *Randy Seyler*
† Forcato Resende & family – *Maria Soares*
† Leo McGovern – *Sheilagh McGovern*
1:30 PM - *Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of Marilyn S. – *Trish*

Friday (FEAST – VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

12 Noon † Aileen Leddy – *Dennis Leddy*
2:00 PM - *Mass at Lanark Village*
7:00 PM - **Sacrament of Confirmation** (with St. Dominic students)

First Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. JUSTIN)

9:00 am † Brigida de Sousa – *Maria Soares & Family*

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) – June 1/2

Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

SAT. 5:00 PM † Gerry Gerth – *Terry*
† Cindy-Lou Sanguinetti-Rose – *C./P. Thompson*
† Elsie Anne Savoie – *Garry & Cindy Mahn*
SUN. 9:30 am † Dave Walser – *Marianne & Family*
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
A Special Intention*



REHEARSAL for all Confirmation Candidates:

THIS MONDAY, May 27 at 7:00 PM 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)



Used Book Sale!

Starting June 1st St. Mark's C.W.L. will be holding a Used Book Sale in the St. John's Room

This will be ongoing for a few weeks. Visit the tables often!

Selections will change as more books come in!

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BOXED DONATIONS OF UNWANTED, GENTLY USED BOOKS UNDER THE TABLES IN THE ST. JOHN'S ROOM.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Woodhouse family.

For more info please contact:
Dianne Seymour-Weber at 519-581-1018

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. May 27	7:00 pm	(CH)	Confirmation Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. May 28	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Refreshments after Confirmation
Wed. May 29	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. May 30	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
Fri. May 31	8:00 pm	(H)	Refreshments after Confirmation
Sun. June 2	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

The week opens with **Trinity Sunday**, which always follows Pentecost. It celebrates the unknowable relationship between the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit - and their loving support for us in our lives. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth..."



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Opportunities to help those in need...

➔ **"North of 60" Food Collection**

St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in K-W are supporting the North of 60 program again this year. We are collecting **Kraft Macaroni & Cheese** and **Tetley Tea**. This food will be taken by ship to the needy families in Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut - south of the Arctic Circle. The families in this area are so appreciative of the donations given. If you can help, please look for the box in the narthex to drop off your food contribution. Thank you!

➔ **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 still 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.

➔ **Pre-Natal Care Baskets**

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.



Happy Anniversary!

For all couples celebrating their milestone anniversary of married love at the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass today in Hamiton: that that their celebration of the Eucharist will nourish their love for one another and strengthen their continued commitment to each other.

Lord, hear our prayer!

Liturgical Ministers

June 1/2	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	E. Burkholder T. John R. Alayoku	J./K. Palafox F. Zumot
Commentator:	S. Comido	J. Deneau	D. DeSousa
Readers:	N. Comido	J. Flanigan	N. Ngo
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	I./D. Culley	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber J. Fernandez	T./K. Boettger T. Lee	I./F. Kangaloo E. Weiss

The Serra Club of Kitchener-Waterloo is hosting a meeting to Revitalize & Increase Membership in the Serra Club

Wednesday, May 29th at St. Teresa of Avila Church

(44 Leonard Street, Kitchener)

Prayer at 6:30 p.m. Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Refreshments and a Speaker's Panel from Serra Canada Council to inform about what the Serra Club does around the world and in our local communities. For more info please contact Bill Zister at 519-578-2019 or ma_zister@hotmail.com. We hope that there will be parishioners from every parish in attendance.

Serran Club members are lay Catholics – men and women of all ages and from all walks of life: lawyers, doctors, accountants, business people, nurses, engineers, sales people, clerks, retirees, etc. – all dedicated to promoting and fostering vocations. www.serracanada.com



Weekly Offertory Report

May 18/19, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,777.75	\$ 60.00
Loose offerings	\$ 699.65	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,534.73	\$ 375.81
Totals	\$ 5,012.13	\$ 435.81

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

May 27 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; **May 28** - Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.; **May 29** - Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.); **May 30** - Rev. Adam Voisin; **May 31** - Rev. Jeffery Oehring; **June 1** - Rev. Francesco Cucchi

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

• For migrants fleeing their homes •

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

St. Agatha Parish Reunion

You are invited! **Sunday, June 2nd at St. Agatha Parish** (1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha). Beginning with Mass at 11:00 am, followed by lunch and a reception in the parish hall until 4:00 pm. Were you baptized or married at St. Agatha Church? Did you or your children attend St. Agatha School? Join us for lunch, to reminisce and reconnect with former parishioners, and to view old photos as well as an historical display commemorating the 125th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the church.

C.W.L. Potluck!

Thursday, June 6th starting with Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by **Dinner and Games**. Sit yourself down, enjoy the fellowship, and **bring your favorite dish** to share with others!



WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND - A Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held in Deemerton from **Thursday, May 30 to Sunday, June 2nd**. For information or application forms, please contact Mary Ann Kirkconnell (Weekend Coordinator) at rmkirkconnell@gmail.com.

THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED - 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. Join us on **Saturday, June 1st** from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at **St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton**. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE FROM GUELPH TO MIDLAND: Aug. 3-10

Nourish your spirituality, enjoy the great outdoors, get great exercise (20+km per day), have fun and enjoy good company. Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days! Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffel bag. **Registration deadline is June 20th**. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca/programs/walking-pilgrimage

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.

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP – Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held the **2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month**, these get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register before each session here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!



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