

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 6 – 12, 2024

- Tuesday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Visitacion Buendia – *Buendia family*
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Jerome Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*
 † Brigida de Sousa – *Maria Soares & family*
 † Clayton Fitzpatrick – *Donna Lienhardt, Candace, Toni*
- Thursday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Bernard Crawley – *Al & Diane Bendia*
- Friday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † William Martin – *Pauline*

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – May 11/12

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

- SAT. 5:00 PM** † Teresa Nguyen – *Lieu Nguyen*
 † Thi Xuyen – *Lieu Nguyen*
 † Yeung Ngan Kiu – *Vincent*
- SUN. 9:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
 11:30 am † Tina Bouwman – *Diane Bouwman*

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Repose of the Souls of Mavis Chase & Viola Oxilly

Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. with St. Mark students
Friday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. with St. Dominic students

Parents, please check your email for a Rehearsal Date!

Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, **"We are called to love"**, and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: *"If we love one another, God lives in us."* (1 John 4:12) To learn more about Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Hamilton, please visit <https://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com>.

Prayer for Catholic Education Week

God who is love,
 Love is our calling, and the goal for which you have made us.
 As we celebrate Catholic Education Week,
 may our love in action reveal to our world
 that we are people of justice and mercy.
 May our daily words and example show clearly
 that we are people of faith and hope.
 In the ways we reflect you daily,
 may everyone recognize us as people of joy.
 Help us to never forget how much you love us,
 and to cherish your life within us,
 which gives energy and direction to our loving.
 May we hear your call to love generously and inclusively,
 and may we call our world to be more loving also.
 All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Friend and our Lord.
 Amen.

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. May 6	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. May 7	7:00 pm	Zoom	Knights Executive meeting
	7:00 pm	(H)	Speaker from Marillac Place
Wed. May 8	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. May 9	5:45 pm	(CH)	First Reconciliation
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
Fri. May 10	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
Sat. May 11	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
Sun. May 12	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	6:00 pm	(CH)	Philippine Madrigal Singers

On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, we hear the powerful words that Jesus uses to send us on our mission: *"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."*



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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.

St. Mark's Parish is proud to be hosting a LIVE PERFORMANCE by
The Philippine Madrigal Singers

and Mark Anthony A. Carpio, choirmaster

NEXT SUNDAY, May 12th at 6:00 p.m.

at St. Mark's Church

Organized by KW Sentro for the Filipino Cultural Gathering and Symposium. The Philippine Madrigal Singers were organized in 1963. The choir is one of the world's most awarded, 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 <https://tinyurl.com/4ebb4sba> and scroll down to Tickets.**

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.

Liturgical Ministers

May 11/12	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	T. John R./R. Jerold	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	S. Comido	P. Enticott	R. Vergel de Dios
Readers:	N. Comido	G. Tran	B. Prila
Ushers:	B. Benner E. Miller	F. Sawaya L. Koehler	E. Prila M. Feick
Eucharistic Ministers:	H. Psutka C. Weber	M. Lynch P. Enticott M. Walsler	I./F. Kangaloo E. Weiss



Weekly Offertory Report

April 27/28, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,026.00	\$ 120.00
Loose offerings	\$ 1,039.80	\$ ---
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,547.42	\$ 374.19
Totals	\$ 4,613.22	\$ 494.19

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

May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
St. François de Laval, Patron of Bishops of Canada	Very Rev. David Wynen	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)	Rev. Mark Morley	Very Rev. Adrian Lee	Rev. Fadi Rizk

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.

Filipino Cultural Gathering and Symposium

KW Sentro cordially invites you to the inaugural Filipino Cultural Gathering and Symposium on **May 11-12, 2024**. Please visit www.kwsentro.com for full details on specific events throughout the weekend. On the final night of the symposium, St. Mark's Parish will host a live performance by the world-renowned **Philippine Madrigal Singers** in concert. Scan the QR code to visit our website and click "Symposium Registration" to access our Eventbrite to purchase tickets. Note: There are specific tickets for each event during the weekend. Hope to see you there!



ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA – Saturday, May 11th at **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira** (19 Flamingo Drive). Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. Two sittings: 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$15 per Child 6–12 years. Handcrafted scones with jam and devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, delicious mini desserts and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed please request this when purchasing your ticket. For tickets call 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

Are you familiar with Marillac Place?

Curious about who they are or what they do? Join us on **Tuesday, May 7th** at **7:00 PM** in the **Parish Hall**. Julie Walder from Marillac will be doing a presentation to the parish on their support in the community to new mothers and mothers-to-be who are facing homelessness.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

Hosted by St. Mark's Catholic Women's League.



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

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NEXT WEEKEND, 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

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.



St. Agnes Church (75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo) invites you to join us in praying the **2000 Hail Mary's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary** on **Saturday, May 11th**. The day begins at 7:30am. We anticipate the Devotion will finish by 8 pm. Attendees are invited to bring their water bottles and their own lunch and/or supper. A light Lunch and Supper will be available. You can download a copy of the devotion from www.saintagnesatholicchurch.org enabling you to pray with us in May or at your convenience. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer throughout the day, if even for only a short time. Come when you can, leave when you must. For info contact Marilynne at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com.

TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE - Saturday, May 11th – Be a voice for the voiceless in Canada's largest city! The GTA is home to nearly 7 million people and is also place of death for thousands upon thousands of pre-born children every year. Join with hundreds of other pro-lifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. Gather at **Queen's Park** at 10:00 AM for a rally, then march through downtown Toronto. Workshops follow at 2:00pm (registration required). **Sign up for workshops and lunch by April 30**. For more info, or to sign-up or register your bus please visit www.torontomarchforlife.ca.

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>



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