

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor*  
Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*  
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

## LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM  
Monthly Filipino Mass: Third Saturday 7:00 PM

## 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** – 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 will be confirmed by the parish office only after you have met with Father.

## MARRIAGE

At least 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to start the process.

## ANointing OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATION

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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

**St. Dominic Savio Catholic Elementary School**  
3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

**St. Mark Catholic Elementary School**  
240 Autumn Hill Crescent 519-743-4682

**Resurrection Catholic Secondary School**  
455 University Avenue West 519-741-1990



*“... The seed is sprouting and growing ...”* (Mark 4:27)

## MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

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.

I would like to have \_\_\_\_\_ Mass(es) celebrated for:  
HOW MANY?

☐ the intentions of (living) **OR** ☐ the repose of the soul of (deceased)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

**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\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Requests for specific dates (birthday, anniversary of death or wedding) must be submitted several weeks/months in advance to avoid disappointment.*

*\* Sunday Masses may only be requested twice per year. All other requests will be satisfied on weekdays.*

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # or email: \_\_\_\_\_

*We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.*

## Mass Intentions for the Week



February 6 – 12, 2023

### Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Maria Campos – *Campos family*

### Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Linda Hopf – *Donald Hopf*

### Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Teresa Viveiros – *Alberto & Artemisia Simoes*

### Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. SCHOLASTICA)

12 Noon + Donald Hopf Sr. – *Donald Hopf Jr.*

### 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Feb. 11/12

Sir. 15:15-20; 1 Cor. 2:6-10; Mt. 5:17, 20-24, 27-28, 33-34, 37++

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am + Clara Herteis – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

11:30 am + Catherine Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*



**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**  
*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*  
**A Private Intention**



### IT'S BACK!!

St. Mark Knights of Columbus are pleased to be bringing back their annual



## Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

**Tickets NOW ON SALE after all weekend Masses:**

Adults \$12 • Youth \$8 • Kids (3-6yrs) \$4 • Family \$35 • FREE under 3yrs

A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on the 21<sup>st</sup>.



**POTATO BLITZ** – Bring your spuds to the Church during the month of February and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.

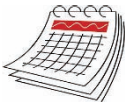
**COMING SOON: ALPHA 2023!** Right here at St. Mark's ... and you're invited! Alpha is back! This 11-week program brings people together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus, helping to answer questions like: Who is Jesus? Why and how do I pray? Does God heal today? More information to come. In the meantime, tell your friends and mark your calendar: Thursday evenings, **February 16 – April 27** from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR | This week let us pray for...

FEB. 6	FEB. 7	FEB. 8	FEB. 9	FEB. 10	FEB. 11
Rev. Matthew Durham	Rev. Kevin Upendran	Missionaries	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel	Rev. Tom Moisan	Rev. David Weise

**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.

## Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Feb. 6</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Feb. 7</b>	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 choir practice
<b>Wed. Feb. 8</b>	7:00 pm	(J)	R.C.I.A.
<b>Thu. Feb. 9</b>	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir Practice
<b>Fri. Feb. 10</b>	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
<b>Sat. Feb. 11</b>	7:30 am	(H)	That Man Is You!

**MEETING ROOMS:** B = Basement CH = Church H = Hall \* = Offsite  
J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room M = St. Matthew Room

On the **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Jesus encourages his disciples to let their light shine: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."



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## Women's Bible Study

Please join us for a look at the culture and society in the first century in the Middle East. In this captivating study, *Jesus and Women* by Kristi McLelland, we will be transported back to when Jesus was with us in the flesh. This study (feast) will begin with a time to chat about the homework that we completed throughout the week, an hour-long teaching video and then a chance to unpack the video. **This 7-week program runs from Feb. 28 to April 11 (Tuesday evenings) from 7 to 9 pm in the St. John Room.** Please email Denise Case at [debestgramma64@gmail.com](mailto:debestgramma64@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining. You can purchase the study manual through Amazon for \$35: [https://www.amazon.ca/Jesus-Women-Bible-Access-Century-dp-1087773954/dp/1087773954/ref=dp\\_ob\\_title\\_bk](https://www.amazon.ca/Jesus-Women-Bible-Access-Century-dp-1087773954/dp/1087773954/ref=dp_ob_title_bk). If you experience difficulties purchasing online, please let Denise know. To view a sample of the study guide and video, please visit: <https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/jesus-and-women-bible-study?intcmp=hw:jesusandwomen:smrch>

## "That Man is You!" Saturday Morning Men's Group

*That Man is You!* honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop *The Vision of Man Fully Alive!* Visit [www.tmiy.org](http://www.tmiy.org) for more information. This year's new multi-speaker format continues with the topics that are at the forefront of our Christian lives: The Life of Prayer, Sexual Ethics, Biblical Scholarship, and Faith and Science, among others. It's the best year yet and not to be missed. We begin with **Breakfast in the Parish Hall on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m.** followed by a video presentation and group discussion. Contact Ian at [ian.kangaloo@gmail.com](mailto:ian.kangaloo@gmail.com) with your questions or to sign up.

## 2023 Sacramental Preparation Sessions

### ✦ FIRST COMMUNION Preparation Sessions:

WEDNESDAYS at 5:45 PM: Jan. 18, Feb. 1, Feb. 15, March 8, March 29

### ✦ CONFIRMATION Preparation Sessions:

SUNDAYS at 1:00 PM: February 26, March 26, April 23

**WANTED!** The 11:30 Sunday Mass is really in need of **READERS** and **USHERS**. If interested, please email your name and contact info to Pam at the parish office ([stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com)) or see Fr. Roque after Mass. Thank you!

## Liturgical Ministers

FEB. 11/12	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	C. Perkovic J./P./V. Miller	R. Jerold P./T. Pereira	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
<b>Commentator:</b>	D. Behl	T. Germann	J. Petrovich
<b>Reader:</b>	S. Rellinger	T. Lee	D. DeSousa
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller C. Weber	I./D. Cullley	B./C. Voisin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	D. Fernandez H. Psutka	M. Walser M. Lynch	I./F. Kangaloo

### TIME TO SMILE!

## For our 2023 Photo Directory!

We invite ALL PARISHIONERS to participate in our Parish Family Photo Directory for 2023!

★ **Sign-up after Mass this weekend to book your free session!**

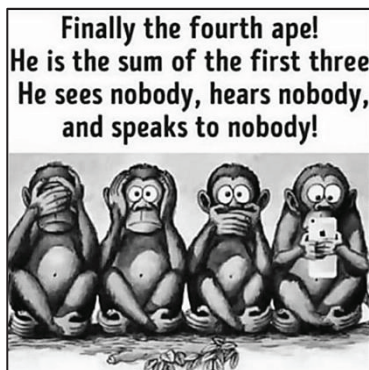
Can you believe it's been 10 years since our last directory?! Photo directories are a great way to get to know fellow parishioners by name and develop a better sense of community. Just like a high school yearbook, they create a "snapshot" of who and what the parish is, for present and historical purposes. Each participating family will receive a FREE 30-minute sitting and FREE photo directory (at no cost to you or the parish) as well as an opportunity (but not an obligation) to purchase studio quality portraits at less than studio prices. All photography and viewing of photos is done in one convenient appointment at the church.

Also! ... If you have snapshots of parish activities or groups from the last 10 years, and are willing to submit them for possible inclusion in the directory, please email the parish office ([stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com)).

**Parenting Tip of the Month** - Manners matter because they promote respect between your child and every person with whom they engage. Manners promote higher self-esteem, making your child feel more confident in all areas of their lives. Manners are both taught and caught, so continually remind your children about – and expect them to use – good manners! More importantly, model manners in all you do, including your own interactions with your children.

**Marriage Tip of the Month** - Parents are the first and primary teachers about relationships for their children. It is good, now and then, to take a quick check and ask if your marriage and the way you interact with each other is what you hope your children's relationships will look like when they grow up. If the answer is no, as a couple you deserve to find a way to create for yourselves the kind of relationship you want for your children. Seek support, read together relationship self-help books and/or consider attending a Retrouvaille weekend with the Diocese. Marriages cannot be perfect all the time, but they should be lived in a way that makes you proud to model for your children.

~ Tips submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Hamilton Diocesan Family Ministry Office



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

Congratulations to all the ladies that received their **milestone pins** and awards. Thank you for all your years of dedication to the Catholic Women's League – we are a great organization because of your loyalty and support!



Pictured (left to right) Back row: Helen Kress (30 yrs.), Sue Sawchuk (35 yrs.), Kim Montag (25 yrs.), Helen Psutka (5yrs.). Front row: Marie Voisin (60 yrs.), Agnes O'Neil (60 yrs.), Mary Collins (30 yrs.). Absent: Marjorie Brezina (50 yrs.), Marianne Walser (45 yrs.), Carmel Schade (40 yrs.), Barb Denomme (20 yrs.), Edwina Weiss (20 yrs.), Marie Lynch (20 yrs.), Vi DeVries (10 yrs.).

**EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY** - Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency" – an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the **second Friday of each month** from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month (**Feb. 10**) we will look at Chapter 3 – The Moral Life of the Church. Also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel\*. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome. \* <https://www.youtube.com/@StAnnCatholicParishAncaster/streams>

**CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM** - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 8-week Christian Life Program at **St. John's Church Hall**, 85 Strange Street, Kitchener on Thursday evenings from **Feb. 9 to Mar 30**. Dinner is provided at 6pm and program starts at 7pm. The Christian Life Program is an integrated course intended to lead program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian couples or individuals. There is no cost and kids-watch will be provided. For more information or to register contact Raminta 548-994-4020.

**CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF LOURDES!** – The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858. Come and be reminded of the healing power of prayer and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at **Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish in Waterloo** with Celebrant His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession; 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick and veneration of St. Bernadette's relics. First 24 families will be asked to join in a procession of roses to Our Lady. Followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - March 3, 2023** at **St. George's Anglican Church**, Kitchener at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

### LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: "Empowered to Stand"

**March 4, 2023** at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**. A bus has been arranged to leave from the parking lot at Highway #6 South and the 401. To book a seat on the bus call Lisa Reitzel at 519-749-2579. **Seats are limited, and it's on a first come first booked basis.**

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** – Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023 are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, April 16, 2023** at 1:30 p.m. at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton**. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please register online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/sfm/anniversary-mass.php](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/sfm/anniversary-mass.php) or call the Diocese at 905-528-7988 for assistance. **Registration closes March 26<sup>th</sup>.**



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