

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week  **February 13 – 19, 2023**

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHIDIUS)
12 Noon + Maria Silvestre – *Joao*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Rosa Lopes & family – *Maria Soares*

Thursday (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Mark Turner – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - In Thanksgiving – *private intention*

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Feb. 18/19

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Sat. 5:00 PM + Antonio Claro – *Ilda*
*** 7:00 PM** – **MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS** (*in Filipino & English*)
Sun. 9:30 am + Teresa Viveiros – *Lurdes Soares*
11:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark



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



IT'S BACK!!

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



Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, February 21st
 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall



TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES:

Adults \$12 • Youth \$8 • Kids (3-6yrs) \$4 • Family \$35 • Under 3yrs are FREE
 A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on the 21st.



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.

Alpha Begins! This week, Alpha is back! **Thursday evenings, February 16 – April 27 from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m.** 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? Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR ✠ *This week let us pray for...*

FEB. 13	FEB. 14	FEB. 15	FEB. 16	FEB. 17	FEB. 18
Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.	Rev. Rafal Tomon	Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)	Very Rev. Tim Uniack, C.R.	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.

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
Mon. Feb. 13	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Feb. 14	7:00 pm	Online	K of C Exec meeting (<i>via Zoom</i>)
Wed. Feb. 15	5:45 pm	(CH)	First Communion Prep – <i>Session 3</i>
	7:00 pm	(J)	R.C.I.A.
Thu. Feb. 16	6:45 pm	(H)	Alpha (<i>all rooms</i>)
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir Practice
Fri. Feb. 17	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
Sat. Feb. 18	7:30 am	(H)	That Man Is You!

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

On the **Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time** we hear Matthew's Gospel. Jesus speaks to his followers about religious laws and also of our own relationships. Go to offer gifts to God at the altar, but first, Jesus says, "Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."



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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 if you are interested in joining. Study manual can be purchased through Amazon for \$35: 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.tmjy.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 with your questions or to sign up.

Remaining FIRST COMMUNION Preparation Sessions:

Feb. 15, March 8, March 29 (Wednesdays at 5:45 pm)

Upcoming CONFIRMATION Preparation Sessions:

February 26, March 26, April 23 (Sundays at 1:00 pm)



FEB. 18/19	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	C. Perkovic J./P./V. Miller	R. Jerold P./T. Pereira	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	D. Behl	T. Boettger	D. DeSousa
Reader:	R. St. Cartier	T. Angel	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	V. Chen L. Koehler	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. Kubisewsky A. Bendia	T./K. Boettger	I./F. Kangaloo

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) or see Fr. Roque after Mass. Thank you!

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!**
 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).

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH - ROSARY GROUP GUEST SPEAKER

Tuesday, February 14th at 1pm – Come pray the Rosary and join us afterwards to meet with a special guest speaker, Deacon Sean Meany. Deacon Sean and his wife Amanda will talk about his transition from a career as a police officer to an ordained Deacon. Bring a friend to hear about this inspirational journey. Refreshments provided. St. Anne Church, 268 East Avenue, Kitchener.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

On **Thursday, February 23rd** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM our screening features two short films that highlight challenges and approaches to affordable housing. **"A Better Tent City"** follows a group of dedicated individuals, including those living rough, service providers, community members and municipal staff, working together to create a self-organized housing community in Kitchener, Ontario. **"Safe"** explores the housing and opioid crises through the stories of tenants that live in Indwell affordable housing units, available for people experiencing poverty because of their mental health and/or substance use disorders, in Hamilton, London, Woodstock, Simcoe and Mississauga. Both films focus on the necessity for low-barrier housing, community building, and respect for our shared home. Special discussion following the screening with Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. (pastor at St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener) speaking about his work and ministry with Tiny Homes and A Better Tent City, as well as with Jess Brand, Indwell regional manager for Hamilton discussing the community engagement, programs, and initiatives offered through Indwell to provide supportive affordable housing. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online.** R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com.

NO PASSPORT REQUIRED: A BUS TRIP TO MONTREAL: JULY 7- 9

We spend two nights at our downtown hotel, conveniently located within walking distance of Ste. Catherine Street. Guided city tour included. Visit Old Montréal, Notre Dame Church, sidewalk cafes and restaurants, historic and beautiful architecture, Montreal Casino, there's something to suit every taste. Cost is \$665.00+ per person (when booked with a 4-person room occupancy). To book a seat or for additional info, email Patrycja at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com. An information session will be held on **Friday, Feb 24th** at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish office.

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

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT (20-35 yrs.) – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, March 4th** at **St. Michael's Catholic Church** (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.**

HELP FOR EVERY MARRIAGE – Are you frustrated or angry at each other, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times and allows you to rediscover the relationship that drew you together. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples find a better way for their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program, happening the weekend of **March 10-12** please call **905-664-5212** or email: 1013@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT PROGRAMS:

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Join us for our new and updated program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs from **March 21st to May 23rd**. The sessions take place Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm at the **Hamilton Diocese Chancery Office**, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. Sessions are in-person, OR, you are welcome to join using our Zoom classroom. Cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php.

ReSTART: Refresh, Renew Revive – Learning, support and fun for anyone who is looking for support after a separation or divorce! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Sessions take place on the **2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month**. You can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required, but for ZOOM link please contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

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 or call the Diocese at 905-528-7988 for assistance. **Registration closes March 26th.**



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