

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor* (stmark.kitchener@gmail.com)

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary* (stmark@rogers.com)

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.

ANOIDING 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 _____

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

January 15 – 21, 2024

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Manuel Borges, Maria, Julia & Family – S. Costa

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANTHONY)

12 Noon † Tobi Alayoku – *Olajumote Alayoku*
† Franca Ianni & Simona Carcano
– Int. of Larry & Sharon Koehler – F./B. Seaward

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Bryan Fromm – Garry & Cindy Mahn

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Laura Gardoni

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Jan. 20/21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

SAT. 5:00 PM † Mijo Kovacevic – Milka K.
† Joan Germann – Kathy Gaspar
– Int. of Wah Min
SUN. 9:30 am † Hendrika Groothuis – St. Vincent de Paul Society
11:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark



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

Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 19
Rev. Phillip Cook	Rev. Luc Payette	Youth Ministers	Rev. David Weise	Rev. Tom Moisan

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. Mass
for children in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us Fridays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. John Room.
All are welcome! Please bring your bible and paper and pen.
Questions? Please contact Karen at bkkriagner@rogers.com.



IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Beverly Zister** (mother of Duane (Lois) Donaldson) and of the late **Brigida de Sousa** (mother of Maria Neto (Leonel Martins) and Antonio (Isabel) De Sousa).

We mourn the loss of those who have gone before us in death and continue with us in the Communion of Saints. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Jan. 15	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Jan. 16	7:00 pm	(L)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
Wed. Jan. 17	5:45 pm	multi	First Communion Prep Meeting #1
	7:00 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Jan. 18	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Alpha Team Meeting
Fri. Jan. 19	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
Sat. Jan. 20	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You! Men's Group

On the Second Week of Ordinary Time, John's Gospel offers us the story of the calling of the first two disciples. He asks them what they are looking for and when they ask where he lives, he invites them, "Come, and you will see."

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First Communion Important Dates

PREPARATION SESSION DATES

(for Children AND Parents)

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

January 17

February 7 and 28

March 20

April 10

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 28th

2:00 pm

(with St. Dominic students)

Sunday, May 5th

2:00 pm

(with St. Mark students)

Finance Committee Meeting

Monday January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Luke Boardroom

Join us for Alpha 2024

Thursday evenings, Feb. 22 to May 2

St. Mark's Parish Hall

Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join us – all are welcome!

To learn more, please contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD – The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of **Bible Sunday** in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how **#TheBibleSpeaks** in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks>.

St. Mark Knights of Columbus are pleased to host their annual



Pancake & Sausage Supper!

Shrove Tuesday, February 13th

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

Tickets go on sale starting Jan. 20/21 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.





Litururgical Ministers

JAN. 20-21	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	R./R. Jerold, J. Taer	J./K. Palafox T. John
Commentator:	A. Fernandez	T. Lee	M. Comido
Readers:	D. Behl	J. Flanigan	N. Comido
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	L. Koehler C. Sgarbossa	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	D. Fernandez A. Bendia	T./K. Boettger	K. Dignam D. Seymour-Weber

Weekly Offertory Report



January 6/7, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 3,398.65	\$ 565.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,981.27	\$ 397.27
Loose offerings	\$ 622.00	\$ --
Totals	\$ 6,001.92	\$ 962.27

Attention All Envelope Users

Please pick up your 2024 Offertory Envelopes from the narthex, and **DISCARD ALL ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS**. I.D. numbers are reassigned every year, which means old envelopes from previous years are no longer linked to your name in our computer. Using envelopes from previous years causes problems in the office and causes your donation to be credited to someone else.

If you have looked and cannot find your name among the 2024 boxes, please call the parish office, and we will gladly prepare a box for you.

If you don't currently use envelopes and would like to start, please fill out a parish registration form, and drop it in the collection.

If you would like to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Debit Plan, please fill out a "Pre-Authorized Giving" pamphlet, include a void cheque (or equivalent details), and drop it in the collection in a plain envelope marked "OFFICE".

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18** at **St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo**. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. **Three and five week e-seminars are available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning.** For more info about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

C.W.L. Members

Last chance to submit election nominations!

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL JAN. 15TH ONLY,

for candidates for your next parish **Executive Council!** Nomination forms are available on the CWL table in the Narthex. Please drop your signed forms in the box on the table no later than Jan 15th or email your nominations to Kim at kim.a.montag@gmail.com.

C.W.L. GENERAL MEETING - Thursday, Jan 25th at 7 p.m. with **THREE** very important agenda items!...

- ✓ Elections for your new **Executive Council for 2024/2025**
- ✓ Reveal Secret Prayer Sisters of 2023
- ✓ Select your 2024 Secret Prayer Sister

Start 2024 off right with great friends to celebrate all we've accomplished and the great things yet to come!



REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

RJFF kicks off the 2024 season on **Jan. 25th** from 7 – 9 p.m. with the film **Gather**, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. The dynamic duo of **Kitty R Lynn Lickers** and **Dr. Adrienne Xavier** from McMaster University's Indigenous Studies Department will be guest speakers for the evening. Educators in Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Food Sovereignty, they also managed the *Our Sustenance* program, a sustainability and food sovereignty program in their community of Six Nations. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at:**

<https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com>. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ EVENT

**Difficult People, Dysfunctional Families & Broken Relationships:
Loving & Forgiving Our Way to Healing**

Sometimes we are faced with difficult relationships, whether in our families, workplaces or beyond, continually challenging us to love & forgive. When hurtful behaviour persists, and attempts to mend are continually met with hard hearts, how do we love and forgive despite it all ... just as we are called to do? Join us **Sunday, January 28th** at 2:00pm at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo** with speaker Fr. Michael King.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's in Waterloo

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, 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 and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church (**80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON**). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



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