

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.

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 _____

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

January 22 – 28, 2024

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Manuel Rogo & Family – *Salome Costa*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES)

12 Noon † Souls in Purgatory & Lusía Pereira – *Lurdes Soares*
† Laura Gardoni
- Int. of Tin Min

Thursday (FEAST – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE)

12 Noon † Rosemary Paul – *Garry & Cindy Mahn*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS)

12 Noon † Irene Baptista – *Smydo Family & Marlene*

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Jan. 27/28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

SAT. 5:00 PM † Gerry Gerth – *John & Elaine Kelly*

† Evo Cerantola – *Nick & Sharon*

† Int. of Jude Whittle – *Soundara Jaya*

SUN. 9:30 am † Baluswamy Marianna – *Dilip & Divya*

11:30 am – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Jan. 22	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	Finance Committee Meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Jan. 23	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights' General Meeting
Wed. Jan. 24	5:45 pm	(L)	Sacramental Team Meeting (F.C.)
	7:00 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Jan. 25	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. General Meeting & Elections
Fri. Jan. 26	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
Sat. Jan. 27	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	6:00 pm	(B)	Knights' Social

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

Today is the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**.

The readings include the wonderful story from Mark's Gospel repeated from last week's weekday readings: Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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Sunday of the Word of God - January 21, 2024

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time 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 NOW ON SALE after all weekend Masses!

A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door.

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



Have you recently moved? As we prepare to issue Tax Receipts for 2023, please let the office know if you have a new address, before the end of January. Thank you!

VOCATION SEEDS – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate?

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com | www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Duc Nguyen



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

Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26
Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)	Rev. Edward Hampson	Rev. Robert Dunn

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.

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.





JAN. 27-28	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	R. Alayoku, E. Burkholder A. Jacobs	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	S. Benner	P. Enticott	N. Ngo
Readers:	C. Stanley	M. Drohan	G. Tran
Ushers:	P. Smith A. Beckner	I./D. Culley	C./S. Thiagarajah
Eucharistic Ministers:	H. Psutka C. Weber	A. Joseph M. Walser	B./C. Voisin



Weekly Offertory Report

January 13/14, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 160.00
Loose offerings	\$ 566.75	\$ --.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,981.27	\$ 397.27
Totals	\$ 4,148.02	\$ 557.27

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.

SMART STEPS

Are you a parent or step-parent adjusting to blended family life? This program is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. \$50 per person (includes lunch). Join us **Saturday, March 9th** from 9:15am to 3:30pm at **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph**. Register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more info contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext.2249.

C.W.L. Members

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.*

THOMAS TOAST

The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on **Friday, January 26th** at 7:00pm at **St. Jerome's University, 290 Westmount Road North, Waterloo**, in the Notre Dame Chapel in SJ1 (at the south-east corner of the SJU campus, on the path leading to the main campus and the other church colleges). We will pray Vespers, socialize, and toast St. Thomas Aquinas. Wine and canapes provided. Freewill donations gratefully received. If arriving by vehicle, park for free in Lot B. For information visit: www.communiohamiltondiocese.org, or contact Father Mark Morley: mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org, or Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454.

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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