

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.

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 _____

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week



Jan. 29 – Feb. 4, 2024

Monday (FERIAL)

1:30 PM FUNERAL † Derek Keough

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Maria Campos – *Campos Family*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN BOSCO)

12 Noon † Rosa & Pietro Poerio
† Maria & Carmine Lagonia
- Intentions of Donnie

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Intentions of Salome Costa

First Friday (FEAST – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD) *World Day for Consecrated Life*

12 Noon † Alfredo S. Santiago – *Ronald & Ruth Miranda*
★ **Mass will include the Blessing of Candles** – bring your own candles

First Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. BLAISE)

9:00 am † Paul Costa – *Pat & Margaret Drohan*
★ **Mass will include the Blessing of Throats**



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 3/4

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

SAT. 5:00 PM † Marie Voisin – *Faye & Harold*
† Joyce Sanvido – *Colette Dokis*
† Irene Baptista – *Derek & Connie Keough*

SUN. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Tom Mahoney – *Bruce, Michelle & Family*



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

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



Blessing of Candles

Friday, Feb. 2nd at 12 noon Mass
(Bring your own candles)

Blessing of Throats

Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 9 a.m. Mass

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

Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3
Rev. Michael Bennett	Rev. James Curtin	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.)	Rev. Ralph Diodati	<i>The Presentation of the Lord / World Day for Consecrated Life</i>	Rev. David Lewis

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.

St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone that supported us during the past year. This Christmas, we requested twenty families in our area from the House of Friendship. They were given gift cards for food and also a protein of their choice. They also received dental and hygiene products, plus some food. We also tried to make Christmas special for four families. They received gift cards, hygiene and dental products, plus food. If there were children in the family, gifts were given. We will continue to keep you, our parishioners, informed about St. Vincent de Paul's future projects. Thank you once again for your support!

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Jan. 29	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed. Jan. 31	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Feb. 1	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri. Feb. 2	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
Sat. Feb. 3	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
Sun. Feb. 4	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

On the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mark's Gospel brings us the story of Jesus driving out unclean spirits from a man in the synagogue. The people are impressed because he taught with authority in ways the scribes did not and they marveled that even the unclean spirits obey him.



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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 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

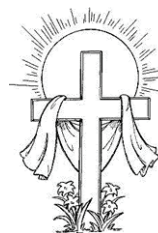
Proceeds will support the Waterloo Region Food Bank.



Join us for Alpha 2024!

Thursday evenings, **Feb. 22 to May 2**, here at St. Mark's Parish Hall.

See the insert in today's bulletin for details!



IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Derek Keough** (husband of Connie). 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 him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."**

VOCATION SEEDS – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate?

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.

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.



FEB. 3-4	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	F. Zumot J./K. Palafox
Commentator:	D. Behl	V. DeVries	B. Norte
Readers:	A. Fernandez	T. Boettger	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	T. Germann E. Ekwueme	M. Feick, J. Vu
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	M. Lynch T. Lee	I./F. Kangaloo



Weekly Offertory Report

January 20/21, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,428.00	\$ 80.00
Loose offerings	\$ 978.15	\$ ---
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,981.27	\$ 397.27
Totals	\$ 4,387.42	\$ 477.27

Dear Envelope Users: A friendly reminder to **PLEASE** discard all your old offertory envelopes from previous years, and **ONLY** use your **2024 envelopes**. If you did not receive a box for 2024, please contact the office and we will be happy to make a box up for you.

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!

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.

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 - 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. News...

The C.W.L. has received a special request from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) for League and parishioners to support **Bill S-210: Protecting Young Persons from Exposure to Pornography Act**.

Bill S-210 would make it an offence for organizations to allow young persons access to sexually explicit material on the Internet. The bill would require these organizations to implement meaningful age verification measures on their websites. It has been forwarded to the House of Commons, where it has completed its second reading. It has been referred to a committee for consideration.

A table will be set up in the Narthex to gather signatures on a Petition to the House of Commons that will be submitted to Tim Louis MP for Kitchener-Conestoga. For more information you may visit the National C.W.L. website and search Communiqué #6 Social Justice, dated January 10, 2024 (<https://www.cwl.ca/communique-06-social-justice>).



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.

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 to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo**, on **Saturday, February 10th**: 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Confession; 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception in the parish hall. **Sunday, February 11th** at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will be joined by Celebrant His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger for Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome.

BOOK STUDY: LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES A DIALOGUE GUIDE ON JUSTICE & RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

St. Mary's Parish Truth and Reconciliation Circle invites you to listen to Indigenous voices and to dialogue and support social transformation with our Indigenous neighbours. **Saturdays: Feb. 24, March 23, April 20, June 1** from **10 am to 12 pm** at the **WCDSB Catholic Education Centre** (35 Weber St. W., Kitchener). Topics include The Kairos Blanket Activity; Beginnings: Sharing Circles; A Tale of Two Communities: Racism; The Land is Us. Cost is \$40 and includes course materials (financial assistance available). To REGISTER, contact the parish office by Feb. 10th at 519-576-3860 or stmarys@rogers.com.

STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY

PLEASE NOTE - *NEW DATE! 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, April 20th** from 9:15am to 3:30pm at **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph**. Register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events. For more info contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext.2249.



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