

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week



January 23 – 29, 2023

- Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES)
 12 Noon + Teresa Viveiros – *Justina Costa & family*
- Wednesday** (FEAST – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE)
 12 Noon + Maria Campos – *Campos family*
- Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS) * **NO NOON MASS**
 * 6:30 PM + Maria Silvestre – *Joao*
- Friday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon + Terry Montag – *Diane Bendia*

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Jan. 28/29

- Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12*
- Sat. 5:00 PM** – Int. of Joji Deen-Gaspacho – *Sugar & Boyet Norte*
- Sun. 9:30 am** + Caroline Toscano – *Anthony Toscano & family*
- 11:30 am** – Int. of Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
the Intentions of Anita & Jason

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)... and Catholic Faith Refresher Course

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Room. All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY... Fridays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. John Room – *All are welcome!*

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

JAN. 23	JAN. 24	JAN. 25	JAN. 26	JAN. 27
Rev. Francisco Sordo	Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)	Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo

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.*

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.**

Winter Clothing Drive ... The Knights are still collecting winter coats, hats, mitts, scarves for the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need. Donations of gently used items can be placed in the bin in the narthex. Thank you!

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Jan. 23	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Jan. 24	7:00 pm	(M)	K of C general meeting
Wed. Jan. 25	7:00 pm	(J)	R.C.I.A.
Thu. Jan. 26	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. Potluck
Fri. Jan. 27	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
Sat. Jan. 28	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

The **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** brings us to a cycle of **Matthew's gospels** during every Sunday of Ordinary Time this year. This week we see the call of the first disciples as Jesus stops Andrew and his brother, Peter on the beach. *"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."* At once they left their nets and followed him."



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That Man is You! has returned, Saturday mornings from **Jan. 21st to April 2023**. *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 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 at 7:30 a.m.** followed by a video presentation and group discussion. Contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions or to sign up.

✠ 2023 Sacramental Preparation Sessions ✠

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation Sessions:

WEDNESDAYS at 5:45 PM

January 18,
 Feb. 1, Feb. 15
 March 8, March 29

Celebration of the Sacrament:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2 pm
with St. Dominic students

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2 pm
with St. Mark students

CONFIRMATION

Preparation Sessions:

SUNDAYS at 1:00 PM

February 26
 March 26
 April 23

Celebration of the Sacrament:

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7 pm
with St. Dominic students

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 7 pm
with St. Mark students



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**.



JAN. 28-29	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	E. Burkholder, A./D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon, J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	R. St. Cartier	P. Enticott	I. Kangaloo
Reader:	D. Behl	J. Flanigan	B. Norte
Ushers:	B. Benner, P. Smith	J. Kelly, P. Drohan	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. Kubisewsky, A. Bendia	T. Angel, A. Joseph	D. Seymour-Weber, E. Weiss

MASTERING YOUR MONEY: A Financial Wellness Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton – Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special **zoom session** on **Tuesday, January 24th** from 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Mr. Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money' (and recently retired from teaching at Resurrection C.S.S.). He has delivered dozens of personal financial literacy presentations and is a sought-after media commentator on financial literacy. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link.

HEALING STRESS/TRAUMA – We all experience stress from world, regional and possibly family or personal issues. This is normal. The body tells the truth about hidden stress. The body keeps the score as we discover, sometimes painfully, the impact of intergenerational and collective trauma within us. We invite you to join Sr. Barbara Paleczny, School Sister of Notre Dame PhD, on **Saturdays, Feb. 4 and 11, 9:30 – 11:30** to learn ways to relieve and heal some of your stress and to help others. We will not ask your personal stories. Come, ready to participate without judging. Sister Barbara will explain why this method of popular education is essential, at least to accompany talk therapy. **Location:** Waterloo Catholic District School Board office, 35 Weber St. W, behind St. Mary's Church. **To register**, email St. Mary's Parish office stmarys@rogers.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 honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, February 11th** 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.

Today is Bible Sunday 2023

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 2023. Visit: www.hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks for more information.

READ THE BULLETIN ONLINE AT: <http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/220>

C.W.L. News...

ST. MARK C.W.L. IS CELEBRATING YOU, OUR SISTERS IN THE LEAGUE! On **Thursday, January 26th** we begin with **Mass at 6:30 pm** followed by our **Potluck Dinner**. There will be a presentation of Milestone Pins, our Secret Prayer Sister reveals, and a new one chosen. We are looking forward to seeing all of you as we CELEBRATE OUR CIRCLE OF SISTERHOOD! Please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 if you have any questions.



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 a portrait sitting for February (20th to 25th)**



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).

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY - Marian Consecration

St. Louis Parish will begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great saints who'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. Join us weekly on Tuesday mornings beginning **January 24th** after the 9 o'clock Mass, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at **St. Louis Church Hall** (53 Allen Street East, Waterloo). We'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a short video. The proposed date for the Marian Consecration will be March 25th (Feast of the Annunciation). If you already consecrated yourself to Mary, this might be a great refresher retreat for you. For more info and to order your copy of the book (\$25) contact St. Louis parish office (519-743-4101 stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com).

BEYOND THE PEW SPEAKER SERIES at **St. Clement's Parish** (745 Duke Street, Cambridge) 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Join us as insightful speakers with "boots on the ground" experience share stories on Homelessness, Addictions, Mental Health, and Youth in our community. A wonderful opportunity to really get to know what is going on, followed by discussion. Not to be missed. Free will offering. Register at stclements@rogers.com or 519-653-6123. Dates are:

January 24, 2023 **Joe Mancini**, Co-founder, The Working Centre

February 21, 2023 **Wayne Paddick**, Executive Director, Bridges
Bryan May, MP, Cambridge

March 21, 2023 **Lisa Legault**, Society Saint Vincent De Paul
Eva Vlasov, Executive Director, Argus Residence
Region of Waterloo Police Officer



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