

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 _____

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Please keep this bulletin handy for the month of August.

Regular weekly bulletins will resume on September 3rd. For items of importance, please listen for announcements after Mass, or check the parish website at: www.stmarkcatholicparish.org.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

Tuesday, August 1 (MEMORIAL – ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI)

12 Noon † Franca Ianni – *Simona Carcano*

Wednesday, August 2 (FERIAL)

12 noon † Jose Varkey – *Sijimol Jose*
† Souls in Purgatory
- Special Intention – *Leo Kubisewsky*

Thursday, August 3 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Theresa Xuyen Nguyen – *Melissa*

First Friday, August 4 (MEMORIAL – ST. JEAN-MARIE VIANNEY)

12 Noon - Int. of Fr. Roque – *Marilyn Dufresne*

First Saturday, August 5 (FERIAL)

9:00 am - Special Intention – *Leo Kubisewsky*

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – AUGUST 5/6

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Fr. Kevin Upendran – *St. Mark's Parish*
- Int. of Fr. Roque Concepcion – *St. Mark's Parish*
- Int. of Travis & Tracy Green & family – *Norte's*
Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Joaquim Clemente – *Leonor Fonseca & family*

Tuesday, August 8 (MEMORIAL – ST. DOMINIC)

12 Noon † Manuel Toscano – *Anthony Toscano & family*

Wednesday, August 9 (FERIAL)

12 noon † Maria Campos – *Lucia*
† Tam Nguyen – *Melissa*
† John Kurpel – *Alberto & Artemisia Simoes*

Thursday, August 10 (FEAST – ST. LAWRENCE)

12 Noon † George Brezina – *Alberto & Artemisia Simoes*

Friday, August 11 (MEMORIAL – ST. CLARE)

12 Noon † Karen Coulas – *Trevor*

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 12/13

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Sat. 5:00 PM † Joe Arruda – *grandchildren*
† Teresa Viveiros – *Estella Correia*
† Carter Querin – *Patricia McCullough*
Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Frank & Beth Seaward – *L./S. Koehler*
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Tuesday, Aug. 15 (Solemnity – the Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary)

★ 7:00 PM † Rosa Lopes – *Maria Soares* (No 12:00 Mass today)

Wednesday, August 16 (FERIAL)

12 noon † Xuyen Nguyen – *Melissa*
† Raymond Kubisewsky – *Leo Kubisewsky*
† George Brezina – *Helen Kress*

Thursday, August 17 (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of Fr. Kevin Upendran – *Colette & Karen*

Friday, August 18 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Theo Thomson – *Frank & Yvette Tully*

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 19/20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Sat. 5:00 PM † Sim Do – *Tuyen Nguyen*
- Int. of Pam Olinski & family – *F./Y. Tully*
- Int. of Dcn. Philip Fernandez & family – *Tully*
7:00 PM – MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS
Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Tue Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*

NO WEEKDAY MASSES AUGUST 21 – 25

Father Roque will be attending a Diocesan Retreat.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 26/27

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Sat. 5:00 PM † Hubert & Mildred Miller – *P./A. Beckner*
† Maria Jesus Soares & family – *Maria*
- Int. of Joe & Cheryl Irwin – *Sugar & Boyet Norte*
Sun. 9:30 am † Randy Keip – *Kate & Tom Boettger*
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Tuesday, August 29 (Memorial – The Passion of St. John the Baptist)

12 Noon - Int. of Helen Snyder – *Lisa & Ernie McCullough*

Wednesday, August 30 (FERIAL)

12 noon † Brian Correia – *Correia family*
† Galvao & Correia families – *Estella Correia*
- Int. of Mary Thomson – *Pauline*

Thursday, August 31 (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of Josh Levoie – *Patricia McCullough*

First Friday, September 1 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Manuel Trindade & family – *Maria Soares*

First Saturday, September 2 (FERIAL)

9:00 am † George Brezina – *Mr. & Mrs. Ken Sellner*

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 2/3

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Sat. 5:00 PM † Maria Campos – *Lucia*
† Jose Varkey – *Sijimol Jose*
† Joaquim Clemente – *Leonor Fonseca*
Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am - Int. of Joseph Hudec – *Lisa & Ernie*



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this month for:

+ Giuse Su van Pham (week of July 31)

Intentions of Duc & Mai (week of Aug. 7)

Intentions of Hinkewich Family (week of Aug. 14)

For Peace, Happiness & Guidance (Aug. 21 – Sept. 3)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Due to space restrictions in this bulletin for the month of August, **kindly consult your most recent schedule** for liturgical ministry duties. If you have misplaced yours, please email the office to have one emailed to you. If you are scheduled for a ministry and are unable to attend that particular Mass, PLEASE find a replacement so that we are not left looking for ministers at the last minute before Mass begins. *Thank you!*



Volunteer Opportunities...

■ Ushers needed for Saturday night Mass

Thank you to all the new volunteers who signed up to join the roster of Ushers for the Sunday morning Masses! Unfortunately **we are still in desperate need of ushers at the Sunday 5pm Mass!** The more ushers we have, the fewer times each person is required to serve ... many hands make light 'work'! If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact the parish office, or sign-up on the sheet in the narthex and we will contact you! Many thanks!

■ Children's Liturgy of the Word (a.k.a. "Sunday School")

We would like to bring back this evangelization program that is tailored to our young people! This program will take place weekly during Sunday morning Mass, and volunteers are required to obtain a police check. If you are interested, please see Father Roque or contact the parish office at stmark@rogers.com with your name and contact info.

■ Coffee Sundays on hiatus for the summer

Thank you to all the volunteers who look after setting up, making coffee, plating treats, serving, and cleaning up! We could not do it without you! **If you would like to help out when Coffee Sundays resume in the Fall, please call or email the parish office. We are always looking for more volunteers ... many hands make light work!**

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR for the month of August is posted on the church bulletin board.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a program and faith journey for Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. This is also open to anyone who would like to have a refresher course on Catholic Faith. **The program will start in September** and registration forms will be available in the foyer. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Roque.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Thank you! Fr. Joseph Srambickal, V.C., and all the Vincentian Missionaries thank you for your prayers and generous offerings during last month's mission appeal. Your offerings will help them to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions and will help them educate young men studying for priesthood. If you would like to sponsor a seminarian and help him to become a priest, you may write to: *Fr. Francis Cheruparampil V.C., Mission Procurator, P.O. Box 45, Hazlet, New Jersey, U.S.A. 07730* (or Email fcheru@aol.com). The Vincentian Missionaries keep you and our parishes in their prayers and Masses.

The **3rd Annual World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly** was observed on July 23, 2023. The event, instituted by Pope Francis in 2021, is now held on the fourth Sunday of July, which is the Sunday closest to the July 26 feast of Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. (*Excerpt from Catholic News Agency.*)

Prayer for the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way.

Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.



That Man is You!

returns Saturday mornings from September 16, 2023 - April 2024 "THE FIGHT OF FAITH"

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.** A multi-speaker format covers topics at the forefront of our Christian lives: The Life of Prayer, Sexual Ethics, Biblical Scholarship, Faith and Science, among others! It's the best year yet and not to be missed. Breakfast begins at St. Mark's Parish Hall at 7:15 a.m. followed by a video presentation and group discussion. **Contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions or to sign up.**

Diocesan Marian Days – First Saturday of each month

from July to October at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph**. Confessions at 9:00 a.m.; Holy Mass at 10:00; Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m.; Guided Tours of the Basilica are available from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.; Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1:00 p.m.; Closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for further information at 1-519-824-3951.



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