

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 – 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.

ANointing 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 Intentions for the Week

June 19 – 25, 2023

Tuesday (FERIAL)

10:30 am – Year End School Mass with St. Dominic School
12 Noon † Cecile Simard – Pat & Margaret Drohan

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA)

12 Noon – Int. of Colette Dokis – Luiz Macedo
 – Int. of Fr. Roque Concepcion – St. Mark's Parish
 – In thanksgiving for favours received

Thursday (FERIAL)

9:30 am – Year End School Mass with St. Mark School
12 Noon † Jack Rondilla – Sabine Pfeifer & David Lynch
3:00 PM – Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Blanche Gallop – Dokis Family
2:00 PM – Mass at Lanark Village

Saturday (SOLEMNITY – THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST)

2:00 PM – WEDDING

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – June 24/25

Jeremiah 20:10-12; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Sat. 5:00 PM † Teresa Viveiros – Justina Costa
 † Gregory Tomlinson – C./P. Thompson
 † Ken Okum – Pat & Margaret Drohan

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Maria Jesus Soares & family – Maria Soares



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
A Special Intention



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

June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24
Very Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J.	Rev. Franjo Sprajc	Comboni Missionaries (M.C.C.J.)	Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Ch.	Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - Patron Saint of French Canadians

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.

THANK YOU! Sincere appreciation to the C.W.L. and volunteers who put up the **Family Game Day** last Sunday afternoon. It was a good turnout! Thank you also to [BOARDWALK Fries Burgers Shakes](#) restaurant (65 University Ave. E., Waterloo) who sponsored the fresh and delicious burgers, and to Chris and Sangeeta for their kindness. Also, a huge appreciation for the families who participated – we hope everyone had a great time!



Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. June 19	7:00 pm	(L)	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. June 20	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. June 21	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. June 22	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri. June 23	7:00 pm	(CH)	Altar Servers' Meeting
Sat. June 24	7:30 am	(H)	Men's Group

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

Today is the **Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**. Jesus missions the Twelve to proclaim the message that, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."



There is nothing like the Sermon on the Mount to help us hear the message of Jesus, and to let ourselves be addressed by those words. All of us can ask for these graces with real specificity, that is, with real people and real daily circumstances in mind. We know with whom we need to "turn the other cheek" and to love more. We know the circumstances in which we are tempted to "be religious" in the right circumstances only.

Upon reflection, each of us can take the time to "locate" our hearts, by discovering what we tend to treasure. We can check ourselves out by making a list of the "five most important things" to me. Then we can make a list of the five things I spend most of my time on. Comparing the lists will help us get concrete about asking the Lord for the grace we need to put our lives back in balance, if we aren't. All of us can name what we worry about. And so we can all ask for the graces to "seek first" the Kingdom of God.

All of this reflection can happen throughout the week in the background of our daily life, if we get into the habit of focusing for a few moments each morning. If we take just 30 seconds, at the edge of our bed each morning, it will begin to establish a habit of living more reflectively.

Thank you for this day, Lord. Help me to be focused today on not getting so hooked by Ann's ways or Bob's harsh words. I need your grace to place my trust in you. Help me especially before I have to talk with Ann on the phone and let me stay focused before Bill comes home from work.

Our version of a brief moment with the Lord – friend to friend – can be repeated and made more specific, while we are going about our day. Some days, we might have 20 such moments of prayerful conversation with our Lord – guided by the Word, the desires that are surfacing, and the events of our daily lives. And, each night, we can give thanks for this deeper relationship with the Lord that is developing in my heart.

Liturgical Ministers

June 24-25	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	J. Taer, T. John, T. Pereira	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	A. Fernandez	P. Pereira	B. Norte
Readers:	S. Ranger	T. Angel	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	J./K. Snyder	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia H. Psutka	P. Enticott M. Lynch	I./F. Kangaloo



Today is Rose Sunday (June 17/18)

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Roses for Life appliques at all Masses. All donations will go to K-W Right-to-Life.



Altar Servers' Meeting (*NEW SERVERS WELCOME!)

There will be an orientation meeting on **Friday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. Meet your fellow servers and learn more about serving. **All current servers are asked to attend, and any interested youth are also welcome to attend.** Parents are most welcome to stay for the meeting if you wish.

*New servers are asked to please fill out an Altar Server Sign-Up form (available in the narthex) and bring it with you to the meeting.

North of 60... The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mark's Parish will be supporting the "North of 60" program again this year, with the items collected going to the residents in **Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut**. Currently, they are most in need of **BAKING POWDER** (454g size) and **GROUND COFFEE** (any size, as it is repacked).

*** ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED IN THE BLUE TUB IN THE NARTHEX.**

To learn more about this initiative, please visit: <https://ssvp.ca/special-projects/north-of-60/> or <https://twitter.com/NO60KW>. Your support of this program is greatly appreciated!

IN MEMORIAM...

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Marie Voisin**, wife of the late Clarence (2020) and mother of Diane (Rich) Fritz, Don (Jackie) Voisin, Bob (Cathy) Voisin and Brenda (Rick) Denomme.



"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."



Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held at the **Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha on Sunday, July 16th at 2.00 p.m.** The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. All are welcome.

Faces of Abortion Tour – Every day in Canada, nearly 300 children are killed by abortion – faceless and nameless. To bring an end to the killing and spare parents the trauma of abortion, we need to bring the culture face to face with the victims of abortion, to rehumanize those who have been dehumanized. This summer, CCBR is going on a national tour across the country. At each stop, there will be educational street outreach during the day and an evening presentation on The Faces of Abortion and how to take action to [End the Killing](#). **Local stop: Tuesday, June 20th at 7:00 pm at Trinity Bible Chapel** (1373 Lobsinger Line, Waterloo). For more details and other stop locations visit www.endthekilling.ca/tour. If you'd like to join local outreach during the day, please contact Charity at cwielinga@endthekilling.ca. For more information regarding the tour and our work at CCBR please visit <https://www.endthekilling.ca/tour/> or our Facebook event page <https://rb.gy/d6omx>

Perennial Plant Sale

Saturday, June 24th from 9:00 am to 12 noon (or by appointment-call 519-746-8073) at Sharon and John Carey's Garden (**556 Canewood Crescent**, Waterloo, just off of Glen Forest Blvd. and Thorncrest St.). Does your garden need a little lift with a few more perennials? This is a great opportunity to come visit a beautiful garden, ask the experts and choose plants directly from the garden. Sharon and John have over 150 different kinds of hostas and there will be a variety of other plants at great prices. If possible, please bring your own containers. Sponsored by and all proceeds to support St. Louis Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Marian Days in the Hamilton Diocese – 2023

First Saturdays at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph:**

July 1 - Bishop D. Crosby	9:00 AM Confessions
Aug. 5 - Bishop G. Bergie	10:00 AM Mass
Sep. 2 - Bishop W. Lobsinger	11:00 AM Rosary Procession
Oct. 7 - Cardinal T. Collins	12 NOON Lunch
	1:00 PM Holy Hour / Marian Catechesis
	2:00 PM Benediction

Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Guided tour of the Basilica available during the lunch hour. *Regina Caeli Tea at 12 noon on the final day only (Oct. 7) – \$25/person in advance - register at one of the Marian Days, or call the Basilica at 1-519-824-3951*

Save the Date: A Bus Trip to Toronto

Monday, October 16th to St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, downtown Toronto, followed by a stop at **Eaton Centre** and **Ripley's Aquarium**. First Stop is Mass at the Cathedral at 12:15 p.m., followed by time at the nearby shopping center in downtown Toronto. We will end our trip by stopping at Ripley's Aquarium. Cost is \$85 for seniors (65+), and \$95 for adults, and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, an entrance ticket to the aquarium, and lunch provided. To book a seat, or for more info, contact Patrycja by Sept. 29th at 519-886-0342 ext 3, or email: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com. Tickets can be purchased at Our Lady of Lourdes parish office in Waterloo. **Information session at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office on Wed. August 30th at 5:00 pm.**



Elder Abuse and The Modern Family:

What You Need to Look Out for and to Know

With guest speaker Hugh Scher, Human Rights and Health Law Lawyer

Information about this talk was received too late to print in last month's bulletin. However, the talk was recorded and posted on YouTube for those who wish to view it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mr8d3AsywyA>



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