

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 13 – 19, 2023

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Vincent Nguyen Huu Hong – *Phuong Nguyen*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Macedo Family – *Luiz*
† Irene Baptista – *Derek & Connie Keough*
† Joan Germann – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Nagwa Ibrahim – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY)

12 Noon † Rutchil Magallanes – *Brian Garrucho*

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Nov. 18/19

Prov. 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31++; 1 Thess. 5:1-6; Mt. 25:14-30

Sat. 5:00 PM † Hien Tran – *Tim Tran*
† Paul Nyo Min – *Tim Min*
† Edward Anstett – *Jerry & Helen Kieffer*

7:00 PM - **Monthly Filipino Mass**

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am † Members of Antonio & Amelia DeSousa Family



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The repose of the souls of
Jose Alves and Gracinda Branco



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

Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18
Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I	Permanent Deacon Candidates	Deceased Members of our Parish Community	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Rev. Michael Isabelle

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.



Weekly Offertory Report

November 4/5, 2023	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,753.00	\$ 579.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,515.58	\$ 375.35
Loose offerings	\$ 532.30	\$ --
Totals	\$ 4,800.88	\$ 954.35

Remembrance Day – November 11th

Every year on November 11th Canadians pause in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.



Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Nov. 13	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Nov. 14	6:45 pm	(H/J)	Alpha Marriage Course
	7:00 pm	Zoom	Knights' Executive meeting
Wed. Nov. 15	6:00 pm	(L)	Baptism Preparation
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Nov. 16	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. Icon Painting
Sat. Nov. 18	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group

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

Being prepared for the coming of the Lord is the nugget in the gospel for the 32nd



Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear in Matthew's Gospel the story of the foolish maidens who are not ready for their master's coming, and miss the wedding feast. ~ Used with permission by Online Ministries, Creighton University

NEXT WEEKEND:

Nov. 18 & 19

Sacramental Enrollment Masses

Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** (grade 2 or above) or **Confirmation** (grade 7 or above) will be invited to submit their enrollment form to the parish NEXT WEEKEND (Nov. 18/19) at the **Mass time of their choice**. Blank forms along with a letter from Fr. Roque have been sent to families of children in grades 2 and 7 via email through the parish schools. Please check your inbox. If you did not receive the email, or have children in another school, please contact the parish office a.s.a.p. so that correspondence can be emailed to you.



A BIG THANK YOU to all who generously donated to St. Vincent de Paul's collection of hygiene items for preparing Emergency Kits for our new Ukrainian neighbours. We are so thankful! God's blessings on all.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you to all who filled shoeboxes this year!

All boxes must be returned TODAY! (Nov. 12)

Thank you for helping this worthy cause!



Winter Clothing Drive... This will be the last week to donate winter coats, boots, hats, mitts, scarves. Donations of gently used items can be placed in the bin in the narthex, and our Knights will transport them to the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God, Most Gracious, Grant them the wisdom and patience to build a city where Israelis and Palestinians reside in safety, free from oppression, and committed to the good of all. In this endeavor, make every one of us agents of your peace, O God. Forgive us our indifference and stamp out the prejudices that lead to hatred. Amen.



Parish-School Events This Week

Nov. 13 – 9:00 am – Staff Mass at Resurrection C.S.S.

Nov. 16 – 2:15 pm – Grade 4 Bible Celebration at St. Mark C.E.S.

Liturgical Ministers

NOV. 18/19	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	E. Burkholder A. Jacobs, J. Taer	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	B. Benner	T. Boettger	M. Comido
Readers:	J. Flanigan	P. Enticott	N. Comido
Ushers:	P. Smith E. Miller	L. Koehler C. Sgarbossa	E./B. Prila
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber H. Psutka	M. Walser M. Lynch	E. Weiss F. Kangaloo



ST. MARK'S PARISH FAMOUS ANNUAL Spaghetti Supper & Salad Sunday, November 12th 5:00 to 7:00 in the Parish Hall

SOLD OUT!

All proceeds from the Spaghetti Supper will be donated to **Food4Kids Waterloo Region** and the many charities of **St. Mark Knights of Columbus**.

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. **Those who are interested may call the parish office for more information.**

CALLED TO WRITE? You are welcome to join St. Mark's Writers' Group. We meet with the goals of improving our writing, encouraging one another, and publishing our work. If you write, or aspire to write, fiction or non-fiction that is compatible with Catholic ideals, please contact Jane Petrovich at 226-220-7993. We meet online (Skype) Saturdays at 1 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

■ **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** – We are in need of volunteers particularly at the 9:30 Mass. Please call or email the parish office if you would like to help. We are always looking for more volunteers ... many hands make light work – the more volunteers we have in the rotation, the less often you have to serve.

■ **COMMUNION TO THE SICK** – "For I was sick, and you cared for me..." (Matthew 25:36). We are in dire need of **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound**. Through this ministry, we represent our Christian Community to show compassion and love to those who, for health reasons, cannot join us in the Holy Eucharist in the Church, through praying with and bringing Christ, the Holy Eucharist, to them. Please contact the office for more information.

GRIEF RELIEF – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with loss? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton offers a 6-week grief program **starting January 17, 2024, 1:30-3:00pm in person** at 700 King St. West, Hamilton and by **Zoom**. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events.

C.W.L. Member News...

ICONS: MAJESTY AND MYSTERY

This **Thursday, November 16th** starting at 7 p.m. C.W.L. members are invited to join us for an evening of art appreciation and creativity. Our own Vi DeVries will share her knowledge about the history of religious icons and how they are distinct from paintings. This will be followed by a painting workshop led by Jane Petrovich, so everyone will leave with a guided individual painting of the Virgin and Child. Refreshments will be served at 6:45. **Please sign up in the narthex after Mass, or phone Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 so we can ensure we have enough canvases.**



C.W.L. Membership Drive continues...

Do you yearn to be part of a women's movement that believes in growing in your faith, in service, and in social justice? Please help us to grow our council by joining St Mark's Catholic Women's League! There are three easy ways to do this: contact Sue Sawchuk, Organization Chair (519-277-1898 or stmarkcwl@gmail.com); or, place an envelope addressed to C.W.L. with your name and phone number in the collection basket, or, fill out the blue "C.W.L. Annual Membership" envelope in your box of offertory envelopes and drop it in the collection. Membership fees for 2024 remain at \$40.

"THE STRUGGLE TO FIND MEANING IN SUFFERING" - St. Agnes Education Cafe with guest speaker Fr. Chris Tracey, Chaplain of Hospitals, Prisons, and Palliative Centres in the Diocese of Hamilton. **Sunday, Nov. 12th** at 2:00 p.m. at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo**. See poster for details.

FISH FRY – Friday, November 17th at **St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall**, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira, hosted by KofC Council 8192. Continuous seating from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Take-out is \$20 (4:30–5:00 p.m.) please bring your own take-out bag. **Advanced tickets available until Nov. 15th**. Purchase tickets at St. Teresa's Parish Office, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Adults \$20; Kids (6-12) \$12; Kids 5 and under Free. Proceeds to Knights of Columbus Charities.

THE ANNULMENT PROCESS: THE FACTS AND MYTHS

Thursday, Nov. 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Michael Parish Centre** (basement), 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo. Deacon Joseph Di Loreto (Administrative Officer and Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal for the Hamilton Diocese) will present an overview of the Annulment process, clarify the steps, dispel the myths, share facts and answer your questions. **Please reserve your spot** by emailing parish@stmichaelw.ca or calling 519-884-9311.

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or in 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 Tuesdays of every month, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Next two sessions are **November 21st** and **December 19th**. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer at 7:00 p.m. Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) of **St. Michael Parish, Waterloo** at 7:30 p.m. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca.

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE – Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening. Held the **2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month**. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. **Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM**. Please contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!



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