

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 _____

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

November 20 – 26, 2023

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

12 Noon † Claude Shouinard – *Bryson family*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. CECILIA)

12 Noon † Joaquim Clemente – *Leonor Fonseca*
 † Theresa Nguyen – *Melissa*
 † John Curran – *Pauline*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of Serena, Chevy & Elijah Kastner – *F. Musclow*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS)

12 Noon † Pelagia Karashiali – *Colette Dokis*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Nov. 25/26 (SOLEMNITY)

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Sat. 5:00 PM † Sim Do – *Tuyen Nguyen*
 † Tue Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*
 † Patrick Walsh – *Colm & Kay Dignam*

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

11:30 am † Tania Yonan – *Grace Tran*

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Nov. 20	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 choir practice
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Nov. 21	6:45 pm	(H/J)	Alpha Marriage Course
	7:00 pm	(L)	Children's Liturgy team meeting
Wed. Nov. 22	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Nov. 23	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(H)	Alpha team meeting
Sat. Nov. 24	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

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary

Time brings us the familiar and powerful parable from Matthew's Gospel about the servants who are each given sums of money to invest. We are all called upon to use the gifts we have received as gifts, and to return them, fully developed, having made the best use of them. ~ *Used with permission by Online Ministries, Creighton University*

TODAY! - Sacramental Enrollment Mass

Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** (grade 2 or above) or **Confirmation** (grade 7 or above) are invited to submit their enrollment form to the parish today (**Nov. 18/19**) at any Mass. Blank forms along with a letter from Fr. Roque were sent to families of children in grades 2 and 7 via email through the parish schools. 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.

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.



Advent Confessions at School

Nov. 28 – St. Dominic School

Nov. 30 – St. Mark School

Children's Liturgy Team Meeting

This Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 pm in the St. Luke Boardroom.

Spaghetti Supper 50/50 Draw Winner

The Knights of Columbus wish to congratulate the winner of last Sunday's 50/50 draw, Veronica Bediako-Cra, who took home \$215.15. Congratulations Veronica!



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.**



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The Intentions of Serena and Chevy K.



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

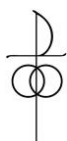
Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25
Catholic Youth	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters	Rev. Felix Nwatu	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan	Rev. Robert Bulbrook

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 11/12, 2023	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,292.00	\$ 330.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,515.58	\$ 375.35
Loose offerings	\$ 479.75	\$ --
Totals	\$ 4,287.33	\$ 705.35



Congratulations Newlyweds

Congratulations to **Dennis Bristol & Madison Bonneville** who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on November 4th 2023. May God continue to shower your life together with many blessings!



A reminder to please refrain from the use of perfumes and other scented products at Mass. Many folks have allergies and/or sensitivities to these items. Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers

NOV. 25/26	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	J./K. Palafox T. John,
Commentator:	D. Behl	J. Deneau	D. DeSousa
Readers:	A. Fernandez	V. DeVries	B. Prila
Ushers:	A. Beckner E. Miller	I./D. Culley	P. Abalos M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	P. Enticott T. Lee	B./C. Voisin

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.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Time to jingle all the way into the Christmas season! Join us for festive cheer on **Sunday, December 3rd** from 1:00-4:00pm at **Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre** (437 Wilson St. E., Ancaster). Free admission and free event, everyone welcome! Fun includes: Music, Hot cocoa, Cookie decorating, Magic show, Face painting, Balloon animals, Local artisans (cash only), Visit from Santa, Walk our beautiful grounds, Crock-a-doodle Christmas ornament painting.

The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to extend this invitation to your family and friends. Come celebrate with us! If inspired to give generously this Christmas, donations of cash and/or non-perishable food items will be collected for beneficiaries of the Bishop's Charities. If you are able, we appreciate your support! For more information, please contact: mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com or 905.528.7988 ext. 2251

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.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, December 2nd at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Meal at 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar available at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are limited, available until Nov. 29th. Purchase through the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by call 519-669-3387. Adults \$30.; Children 5-10 years \$100 and Children 4 & under are FREE. Disc jockey will be providing music during and after dinner. Please plan to stay and even sneak in a dance or 2!



All C.W.L. members and ANY interested
Ladies are warmly invited!!

Christmas Potluck Dinner!

Thursday, December 7th
starting with
Mass at 6:30pm



We're making a list and checking it twice...to make the evening extra nice!

- ✓ Bring a friend!
- ✓ Don your 'ugly' Christmas sweater
- ✓ Share the story behind a special ornament or tradition in your family
- ✓ Enjoy a relaxed, casual and fun social event among friends.
- ✓ Any questions, please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 or email stmarkcwl@gmail.com.

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

Do you yearn to be part of a women's movement that believes in growing in your faith, believes in service, and in social justice? Please help us to grow our council by joining St. Mark's C.W.L.. We invite all ladies 16 years of age and over to join. Membership for 2024 is \$40. Please call Sue Sawchuck, Organization Chair, at 519-277-1898 or email stmarkcwl@gmail.com for further information.

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!

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS ... WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the **Diocesan Chancery Office**, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on **Sunday, December 3rd** from 1:30–3:00 pm. You are welcome to join the session **in person OR by zoom**. The event is **FREE** of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/> (You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)



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