

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

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday 12:00 NOON
First Saturday of the Month 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

Principal: *Marylin Dawson*
3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

St. Mark Catholic Elementary School

Principal: *Gary Lankowski*
240 Autumn Hill Crescent 519-743-4682

Resurrection Catholic Secondary School

Principal: *Marisa Munroe*
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 call or email the parish office to make pick-up arrangements.

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*: _____

* **Please submit requests several weeks in advance to reserve preferred dates.**
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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Mass Intentions for the Week



Nov. 21 – 27, 2022

- Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. CECILIA)
12 Noon * Liturgy of the Word with Communion (NO MASS)
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon * Liturgy of the Word with Communion (NO MASS)
- Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC)
12 Noon * Liturgy of the Word with Communion (NO MASS)
- Friday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon * Liturgy of the Word with Communion (NO MASS)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Nov. 26/27

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44



- Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark
- Sun. 9:30 am + John, Beatriz & Joe Coelho – *DaCosta family*
- 11:30 am + Tania Yonan – *Grace Tran*



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday is the **Solemnity of Christ the King** and the last week of the liturgical year. The readings remind us of God's faithfulness to us as he promises to shepherd the people of Israel. In **Luke's Gospel** we are taken to the crucifixion and Jesus being mocked as "King of the Jews." The man crucified next to him asks Jesus to remember him when he gets into his Kingdom. Jesus replies, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

In this last week of Ordinary Time, we have readings from **Luke's Gospel**, which grow more explicit about the end time as Jesus and his disciples draw closer to Jerusalem. Jesus watches rich people make donations at the Temple but when a poor widow drops in two small coins he notes that her donation is far larger for "she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood." He speaks of the end time, and cautions that many will claim to come in Jesus' name. "Do not follow them!" He says that the cost of following him may be high, and may lead to trials and divisions in families. But, he says, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." In a dramatic look at the end time, Jesus says, "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Just as we know what the signs in nature tell us - fig trees in bloom announce the coming of summer - Jesus want us to be aware of the signs of the coming of the Kingdom: "when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near." Finally, he tells us not to let our "hearts be drowsy" from drunkenness or anxiety but to be vigilant at all times and to pray for the strength we will need for the "tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

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* NO WEEKDAY MASSES: Nov. 21 – Dec. 9

Please note there will be no weekday Masses celebrated from Nov. 21st to Dec. 9th, as Fr. Roque will be visiting the Philippines on compassionate leave*. We are grateful to Deacon Philip who will be celebrating **Liturgies of the Word with Distribution of Communion** on these days while Father is away.

In Father's absence, our **SUNDAY MASSES** will be celebrated by: **Fr. Earl Talbot** (Nov. 26/27) and **Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R.** (Dec. 3/4). Please offer them your gratitude and a warm welcome.

* *Fr. Roque will be leaving on Monday for the Philippines for the burial of his sister, **Helen Concepcion**, who resided in Amsterdam, and passed away last year due to Covid. Due to the pandemic, funeral plans were postponed. Her family decided to bring her urn back to the Philippines, since it was her wish to be buried alongside her parents. In your charity, please remember the Concepcion family in your prayers as they gather to lay their sister to rest.*

Sacramental Enrollment Masses TODAY!

Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion (gr. 2)** or **Confirmation (gr. 7)** are invited to submit their enrollment form to the parish this weekend at the Mass time of their choice. 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. Please check your inbox. If you did not receive one, or have children in another school, please contact the parish office a.s.a.p. so that correspondence can be emailed to you.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for

A PRIVATE INTENTION



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.

MASKING / FACE COVERING: Please note that Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health is strongly recommending that Ontarians wear masks in indoor areas of public settings during the current surge in viral illnesses. While there is no mask mandate in the province at this time, we kindly ask everyone to please be considerate of everyone's personal choice.

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 to April 27

6:45 to 9:15 p.m.



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the late **John Bedic**, husband of Michelle and father of Rachel and Kevin. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

 *Liturgical Ministers*

NOV. 26/27	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	R. Jerold P./T. Pereira	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	S. Benner	J. Deneau	M. Oram
Reader:	D. Behl	T. Lee	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	C. Weber P. Smith	M. Walser V. Chen	C. Dignam
Eucharistic Ministers:	J. Swartz G. Kubisewsky	T./K. Boettger	B./C. Voisin

The Bishop of Hamilton, Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination on January 2nd, 2023.

To mark this occasion, the Diocese of Hamilton has invited all its parishes to participate in a **SPIRITUAL BOUQUET** for the Bishop's intentions. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who wish to commit to a number of: Rosaries, Morning Offerings, Acts of Charity, Acts of Mercy, and Holy Communion. **The sheet will be available in the narthex until the last Sunday of November.** May God continue to bless Bishop Crosby in his Episcopal role!

Living With Christ 2022-2023 Sunday Missals
\$5 each ~ while supplies last

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) (AND CATHOLIC FAITH REFRESHER COURSE)

RCIA is a program and faith journey for Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. We meet on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Room.** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please fill out an RCIA form in the foyer or call Fr. Roque at 519-571-9200 for more details. This is also open to anyone who would like to have a refresher course on the Catholic Faith – **all are welcome!**

BIBLE STUDY... Fridays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. John Room

-- *All are welcome!* Please bring your bible and paper and pen. Masks are optional. Questions? Please contact Karen at bkkrieger@rogers.com.

Positions at Waterloo Catholic District School Board

The WCDSB is currently accepting applications for:

- **Lunch Hour Supervisors**
 - **B.Ed. 2022-2023 Graduates** to join the Daily Occasional Teacher List
 - **OCT Certified Teachers** to join the Daily Occasional Teacher List and Available Long-Term Occasional Teaching Assignments
- Please visit www.wcdsb.ca for job details and application criteria.

Open House and Christmas Market

Saturday, Dec. 10th, 10 am to 4 pm at **Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre** (437 Wilson St. East, **Ancaster**). Guests are welcome to tour the grounds and buildings, enjoy some refreshments and do some Christmas shopping. Free admission, all are welcome! More info: www.mountmary.ca.

C.W.L. News...

Do you wish you were part of a group that fed mind, body and soul? Do you yearn for a way to 'right' some of the 'wrongs' in today's world? All that and so much more awaits for only \$40 with a membership in St. Mark's Catholic Women's League! Gift memberships are also available for a special woman in your life. **C.W.L. Membership Drive launches this weekend.** Talk to ladies in the Narthex today for more information and to sign up, or contact Sue Sawchuk, Organization Chair at 519-277-1898 or email stmarkcwl@gmail.com.



Knights News...

ROSE SUNDAY – The Knights are distributing rose appliques **this weekend** after all Masses. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be given to the Right to Life organization. Thank you.



TOY DRIVE – Our council will be joining other councils in the Christmas Toy Drive. Watch for the blue box / container in the narthex to accept donations of children's gifts (unwrapped) which will be distributed to needy families. Thank you.

Lecture Series at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph
Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room

Nov. 23rd - Living the Mystery of God with Trust and Joy *with Emily Orlando*. Our vocations in life are callings that lead us into growing in and sharing our faith, which are acts of entrusting and deliberate gratitude that leads to joy in the Lord.

Nov. 30th - God's Design for Us: Who are we Called to Be? Who are we Capable of Being? *with Mrs. Teresa Hartnett*.

John B. Miller & Friends Advent/Christmas Music

Hosted by K of C Council 8192 on **Friday, Nov. 25th** at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira** (19 Flamingo Drive). Reception to follow in the Church Hall. No tickets are needed, free will offering.

Adoration and Prayers for the Unborn

Saturday, November 26th starting at 6:30 p.m. at **St. Aloysius Church**, 11 Traynor Avenue, Kitchener.

Coping with the Holidays ... when someone you love is gone

Christmas is an especially challenging holiday to cope with and the Diocesan Family Ministry Office offers a workshop on the First Sunday of Advent each year to help you cope with the season. When it does not feel like "Peace on Earth," know that you are not alone. Learn and share strategies for coping at Christmas. Join us on **Sunday, Nov. 27th** from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the **Chancery Office, 700 King Street West, Hamilton**. To register please call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or you may register via email at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Young Adults Night – Saturday, December 3rd

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30-8:30pm), Praise and Vocation Testimony (8:00-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm). **Saturday, Dec. 3rd** at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate** (28 Norfolk Street, **Guelph**). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



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