

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 _____

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 27 – Dec. 3, 2023

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Tania Yonan – Grace Tran

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Nagwa Ibrahim – Eric & Rosemary Kubica
 † Patricia Cable – Bryson family
 † Maria Leite – Colette Dokis
 1:30 PM - Monthly Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence

Thursday (FEAST – ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE)

12 Noon † Luc Houle – Caroline Houle

First Friday (FERIAL) (NO NOON MASS TODAY)

* 6:00 PM - Confessions in the Chapel
 * 7:00 PM † Pete O'Neill – Brian & Marie Lynch

First Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am † Stella Szpak – Annelies, Penny & Wendy

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 2/3

Is. 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

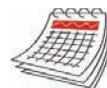
Sat. 5:00 PM † Dec. Mem. of Antonio & Amelia DeSousa Family
 † Augustine Proulx – Caroline Houle
 † Jeannine Venita Paquet – Daniel, Colette, George

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

11:30 am † Jose Alves & Gracinda Branco – Lourdes & family



Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Nov. 27	7:00 pm	(L)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Nov. 28	6:45 pm	(H/J)	Alpha Marriage Course
	7:00 pm	(L)	Knights' General meeting
Wed. Nov. 29	5:45 pm	(L)	Sacramental team meeting
	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Nov. 30	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(H)	Alpha team meeting
Fri. Dec. 1	7:00 pm	(H)	B.C.B.P.
Sat. Dec. 2	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You! Men's Group

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

Sunday is the Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**. Jesus tells the marvelous parable about how we will all be judged - as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, based upon our care for the poor: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."



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Preparation for First Communion or Confirmation

Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** (grade 2 or above) or **Confirmation** (grade 7 or above) who have NOT YET submitted their Enrollment Form, are asked to please do so as soon as possible - please come to ANY MASS, and have your son/daughter give their form to Father Roque after 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 that email, or have children in another school, please pick up an Enrollment Form in the narthex (church lobby).



Advent Confessions at School

Nov. 28 – St. Dominic School
 Nov. 30 – St. Mark School

SPAGHETTI SUPPER A SUCCESS!

The Annual Spaghetti & Salad Supper, held on Sunday, Nov. 12th, was a great success! Over 170 guests came out to enjoy excellent spaghetti pasta with the very best-tasting meat sauce, handmade by Phil and Debra Milan of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Elmira. Thanks so much to all those that came out to enjoy the meal and all the opportunities to meet and greet so many friends and acquaintances. Through your participation in this fine event, we can provide generous donations - first to FOOD4KIDS of Waterloo Region - and to several charities supported by our own Knights of Columbus. THANKS! ~ St. Mark Parish Knights of Columbus Council 9276



IN MEMORIAM...

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Frank Simpson** (husband of Helen).

We mourn the loss of those who have gone before us in death and continue with us in the Communion of Saints. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The Repose of the Souls of Jose Alves & Gracinda Branco



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

Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2
Rev. Roger Yaworski, S.J.	Parents & Guardians	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ	Rev. Edward Hampson	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger	Rev. David Reilander

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 18/19, 2023

	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,240.20	\$ 530.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,515.58	\$ 375.35
Loose offerings	\$ 1,044.95	\$ --
Totals	\$ 4,799.73	\$ 905.35

Good News! Children's Liturgy of the Word is back!

Starting **Sunday, December 3rd** at the **9:30 a.m. Mass** for children in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

Liturgical Ministers

DEC. 2-3	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:	S. Benner	T. Lee	G. Tran
Readers:	C. Stanley	J. Flanigan	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	B. Benner C. Weber	E. Ekwueme T. Germann	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia H. Psutka	T./K. Boettger	K. Dignam D. Seymour-Weber



Christmas Toy Drive

Our K of C council is joining other councils in the Christmas Toy Drive. **Those who wish may drop donations of UNWRAPPED children's gifts into the brown bin in the church narthex.** All toys will be distributed to needy families. Thank you.

Our Knights of Columbus will be selling **POINSETTIAS** after all the Masses on the weekend of **December 9/10**. A minimum of \$10 for each poinsettia. Thank you for your support.



THANK-YOU!!!

- Thank you to everyone who packed **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**. The 111 shoeboxes collected will go to eight different countries around the world helping children in desperate need know the love of Christ.
- Our Knights of Columbus would like to give a huge thank-you to all those who contributed to the **Winter Clothing Drive**. The generosity exhibited will go a long way in providing the winter clothing that is so appreciated by all those who will receive the items this winter. Thank you!

Rejoicing in Hope – World Youth Day

At the conclusion of the Solemnity of Christ the King in 2021, Pope Francis announced his decision to transfer the diocesan celebration of World Youth Day to **Christ the King Sunday** from Palm Sunday. The theme for this year's World Youth Day 2023 is "Rejoicing in Hope" (Romans 12:12). To read Pope Francis' address for the 38th World Youth Day, click here:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/youth/documents/papa-francesco_20231109_messaggio-giovani_2023.html

We are so fortunate to have many ministries across the Diocese of Hamilton who accompany young people to rekindle hope in their communities. The Office of Youth Ministry has been collecting stories from youth and young adult ministries who have been doing amazing things within their parish, school, or community. Let us be hopeful of the good things these young people have experienced and accomplished. We invite you to read *Celebrating Youth Ministry Across the Diocese of Hamilton*, here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-Youth-Ministry-2023-Across-the-Diocese-of-Hamilton.1.pdf>

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' ... **3rd Tuesday of every month**, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feel free to come early for 7 p.m. Mass. We meet in the Parish Centre (basement) of **St. Michael Parish, Waterloo** at 7:30 p.m. To register, call 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.



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.
- ✓ Questions? Please contact Anna 519-577-8519 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.

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!

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.)

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*

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MUSIC with JOHN B. MILLER AND FRIENDS

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 8192 on **December 8th** at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira** (19 Flamingo Drive). A perfect way to kick off the Advent/Christmas Season. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. No tickets are needed, freewill offering.



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