

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 2 – 8, 2023

OCTOBER'S MODIFIED MASS SCHEDULE

While Fr. Roque is in the Philippines for the month of October, there will be **NO MASSES on Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. We are grateful to Fr. Stanley Nwokeji for celebrating Mass with us on **Thursdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m.** and also our regular weekend schedule.

Thursday (FERIAL)

Oct. 5 ★ 11:30 am † Holy Souls in Purgatory – *Maria Soares*
 † Joaquim Clemente – *Leonor Fonseca & family*
 † George Brezina – *John & Elaine Kelly*

First Friday (FERIAL)

Oct. 6 ★ 11:30 am - Int. of Fr. Kevin Upendran – *Colette & Karen*

First Saturday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY)

Oct. 7 - 9:00 am - Int. of Fr. Roque Concepcion – *F./Y. Tully*

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 7/8

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Sat. 5:00 PM † Jose Varkey – *Sijimol Jose*
 † Lusía Pereira & Souls in Purgatory – *J.C.*
 † Hung Van Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Glenn John Nemenzo – *B. & S. Garrucho*

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Oct. 2	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed. Oct. 4	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Oct. 5	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Sat. Oct. 7	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

On the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Time we hear Paul exhorting the Philippians, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus," offering us a powerful image of Jesus' humble, self-less service. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus offers a story about two sons, one who agrees to work in the vineyard but doesn't; the other who tells his father he will not work but then quietly goes to work. It is a story that challenges the chief priests and elders of the people, "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." ~ Used with permission by Online Ministries, Creighton University

TODAY – K of C Membership Drive

Members of St. Mark's Knights of Columbus will be speaking at all the Masses today about their annual membership drive. Members will be available to chat in the narthex after Mass. All men 18 years of age and better are welcome to join the Knights!

A note about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament...

Please be informed that His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, through his Vicar General, Very Reverend Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch, has granted the permission to Colette Dokis, Theresa Lee and Karen Krigner to expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament when I, Pastor of St. Mark, am not available.
 - Fr. Roque Concepcion

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.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
the Special Intention of Brian & Sharon Garrucho
and the Intentions of Donnie

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

Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7
Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.	Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.	Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)	Rev. Robert Love	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski

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.

Synod of Bishops 2023... In a letter addressed to bishops, Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites the faithful from around the world to prayerfully participate in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on October 4, 2023. The General Secretary reminds everyone that the Synodal Assembly is, above all, a spiritual event of prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit, who is the true protagonist of the event. **"Without prayer, there will be no Synod"** (Pope Francis, October 2022). For more info, please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod-21-24/>

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY CARD PARTY (Euchre or Solo)

Every Wednesday starting on October 4th at 1:30 p.m. Cost \$5/person. Location: **Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre**, 58 St Charles St E, Maryhill, Ontario.



October 7-8	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:	J. Flanigan	T. Boettger	G. Tran
Readers:	N. Comidoy	V. DeVries	R. Vergel de Dios
Ushers:	C. Weber B. Benner	T. Germann S. Roshell	M. Feick, J. Vu
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	P. Enticott A. Joseph	E. Weiss F. Kangaloo

Baptism Preparation Classes

Our Baptism Team will now be hosting face-to-face Baptismal Prep Classes on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, for parents and godparents wishing to baptize their child. The next class is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 18** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Luke Boardroom. **Parents must first fill out a Baptism Registration Form and submit it to Father Roque.** Two months notice is required.

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.**

Thank-you!

As another summer comes to a close, we take this opportunity to voice our sincere thanks to our **"Gardening Gang"** and our **"Cutting Crew"** for another season of hard work, keeping the parish grounds looking tidy, lively and beautiful. Thank you to all those who planned, planted, weeded, watered, mowed, trimmed, and kept our essential equipment in good working order! Many times throughout the summer we receive compliments – from parishioners and passers-by alike – who notice the results of this loyal team's efforts (and often lean in to smell the roses and take a photo!). We are ever-grateful for the generosity of this faithful team of parishioners who donate their time and talent (and sweat!) to keep our parish grounds in a beautiful state!



Light a candle for your dearly departed

November is the month that the Church traditionally dedicates to the memory of our beloved dead. This dedication begins with the Mass for the Feast of All Souls Day, Thurs. Nov. 2 at 7:00 p.m.

During the entire month of November parishioners will have an opportunity to remember their loved ones by lighting candles in their name. We are offering special memorial candles for a requested donation of **\$5 each**. These candles will be lit and displayed, beginning in the sanctuary for the Memorial Mass, then moved to the chapel for the remainder of November. **Envelopes are available in the narthex for this purpose.**

As well, **All Souls' Day slips are available in the narthex for you to record the names of your deceased loved ones and place in the basket provided. This basket of names will be placed before the altar on November 2nd to be blessed and remembered.** These remain wonderful and fitting ways to show tribute in prayer to our beloved deceased.



Church Bulletin Advertising

Next month Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. Ads will begin in December 2023 on the back of each bulletin. This advertising is what pays for the printing and delivering of our bulletins each week – at no cost to the parish. Please support our bulletin by advertising your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637 (this number is printed on the back of every bulletin).



"ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ"

Adjusting our Focus: Living in Faith, not Fear. Our daily lives can be a roller coaster of happiness and "order" one moment – then sadness and "chaos" the next. Yet, our faith teaches us to trust in Jesus and not to let doubt, fear and anxiety overtake us. So, how do we live out our faith in our everyday lives, so we can earn the **true** peace that only a Christ-centred life can bring – **an unshakeable peace that nothing can take away?** Join us on **Sunday, October 1st** from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo**, presented by Fr. Aleks Mazur, S.A.C.

150TH ANNIVERSARY of the Birth of St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-2023)

Tuesday, October 3rd – Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmelite Monastery, **Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St. Agatha**

DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS – Saturday, October 7th at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph**. Confessions at 9:00 a.m., Holy Mass at 10:00, Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more info and to register: 1-519-824-3951.

MUSIC AND LITURGY WORKSHOP – Members of the music ministry, cantors, choir members instrumentalists and all parishioners interested in liturgical music are invited to a workshop facilitated by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch on **Friday, October 13th** at 6 p.m. at **Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener**. **We welcome musicians from other parishes.** "Sacred music and liturgical song have the task of giving us a sense of God's glory, of His beauty, of His holiness that envelops us like a 'luminous cloud.'" Pope Francis, 2017.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY - Sat. October 14th from 2-3 p.m. at **Speaker's Corner** (NW corner of King & Benton Streets), Kitchener. Please come and pray with us during the 106th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions in Fatima, asking Her to intervene on our behalf to Her Son so that He may help Canada and the rest of the world in these times of great trial and evil. The goal is for 800 public rosaries to take place in Canada that day. CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY – www.canadaneedsourlady.org

SMART STEPS – SUPPORTING STEP-FAMILIES

This is a **one-day workshop** designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street**, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$50/person. **Saturday, October 14th**. Register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under *Upcoming Events*. For more info contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Kitchener Campaign: Sept. 27th – Nov. 5, 2023

As usual, this year's vigil site is located across the street from Freeport Hospital (3570 King St. E., Kitchener). Sign-up for vigil hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/en/kitchener or Email 40daysKW@gmail.com or call 519-904-2620.



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