

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

October 16 – 22, 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. 19 ★ 11:30 am – Int. Kyle McPhee – Donna Lienhardt
– Int. Larry & Sharon Koehler – M. Dufresne
† George Brezina – Mr. & Mrs. Ken Sellner

Friday (FERIAL)

Oct. 20 ★ 11:30 am – Int. of Olive Narayansingh – Family

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 21/22

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5ab; Matthew 22:15-21

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of Fr. Kevin Upendran – the parish
– Int. of Fr. Roque Concepcion – the parish
† Maria Hoang – Tuynh Nguyen

7:00 PM - Monthly Filipino Mass

Sun. 9:30 am † Joe Munch – Pat & Margaret Drohan

11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
**The Intentions of Kenny & Christian Gutoskie
and of Serena, Chevy & Elijah Kastner**



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

Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21
Rev. Hayden Starczala	Rev. John Van Hees	Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)	Rev. Patrick Ohl	Very Rev. Lawrence Parent	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

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

October 7/8, 2023	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,500.05	\$ 300.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,527.12	\$ 375.35
Loose offerings	\$ 671.15	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 4,698.32	\$ 675.35

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Oct. 16	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Oct. 17	6:45 pm	(H/J)	Alpha Marriage Course
Wed. Oct. 18	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Oct. 19	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri. Oct. 20	2:30 pm	(H)	Sewing with the C.W.L.
Sat. Oct. 21	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

In the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear the story from

Matthew about the King who gave a banquet for his son and invited many guests. It is a powerful story about rejecting Jesus' own invitation and about God's universal invitation to a new group of "chosen" people. ~ Used with permission by Online Ministries, Creighton University



The Alpha Marriage Course is coming to St. Mark's!

One of the unique aspects of the Marriage Course by Alpha is that there is no group work involved. This means that you and your partner will have complete privacy as you engage with the content together. You'll have the opportunity to reflect on your relationship, learn from the experiences of others (as shown in the videos), and discuss important topics with each other that will help you grow closer as a couple.

You and your partner will engage with video teachings that provide valuable insights and practical tips for building a healthy and happy marriage. Whether you're newlyweds or have been together for decades, this course is designed to help couples of all ages, at all stages of life.

Throughout the course, you'll cover a range of topics that are essential for building a strong and lasting marriage. You'll learn how to communicate effectively, resolve conflicts, and create a deeper emotional connection with your partner. You'll also explore the importance of forgiveness, how to handle finances as a couple, and the role of intimacy in a healthy marriage.

This pilot program will run on **Tuesday evenings, Oct. 17 to Dec. 5, from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.** Coffee/tea and dessert will be provided. Each participant is required to have their own **guest journal/workbook**. These are **available for sale on the first night at a cost of \$15.**

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend (Oct. 7/8). As this is the first time we are hosting the program at St. Mark's, **space is limited.** Come out and enjoy a date night with your spouse! For more information, please email stmarkmc1@gmail.com.



2024 First Holy Communion & Confirmation

All parents of Catholic children in Grades 2 or 7 at St. Mark and St. Dominic Schools should have received a letter from Fr. Roque inviting them to begin preparations for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion (Gr. 2) and Confirmation (Gr. 7). **Please check your inbox for this letter and enrollment form coming from the parish, via the school email.** We ask that you fill out the form and bring it to one of the Enrollment Masses at the Church on the weekend of November 18/19, 2023.

If your Catholic child attends a different school (public, other Catholic, homeschooled), or missed one of these sacraments in a previous year, please call the parish office to have the letter & form emailed to you.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday (October 22)

At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The collection is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.



Liturgical Ministers

October 21-22	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:	D. Behl	P. Enticott	B. Prila
Readers:	A. Fernandez	M. Drohan	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	A. Beckner C. Weber	P. Drohan F. Sawaya	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	T. Lee M. Walser	D. S.-Weber E. Weiss

All Souls' Day – November 2nd

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.

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.

Also, 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.**

These remain wonderful and fitting ways to show tribute in prayer to our beloved deceased.

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.**

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join Fr. Mark Morley and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending our diocesan Men's Discernment Group. Our first meeting for the Fall will be held on **Friday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Church Hall, 80 University Ave. West, Waterloo** (side doors at the front of the church). If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> or visit <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=281739131376430>.

Marriage Tip of the Month...

There are many strategies we use to support our partners when they are under stress, but researcher Sarah Walker of the University of Sydney and her team found that two seem to have the most impact: **Receptive listening** – allowing your spouse to share details about the situation without having you providing judgment or advice – and telling your spouse how much they matter to you, called **valuing**, are the two that provide the most benefit to your partner. Try these proven techniques and you will find a receptive and happier husband/wife in your life!

- submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Diocesan Family Ministry Office

Let's Sew!

EVERYONE IS INVITED to join the C.W.L. again this **Friday, October 20th** from 2:30-5:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We will be making **zippered pencil cases** to be filled and included in the Christmas shoe boxes this fall! Bring a sewing machine if you have one but NO experience is necessary! Also, any old/used zippers would be appreciated.



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



Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Bring your family and friends for superb spaghetti, delicious salad, great dessert, hot and cold drinks and plenty of fun! **Don't want to eat in the church hall? Take-home will be available at 5pm.**

\$15 Adults 13YRS & OLDER	\$10 Kids 4-12 YEARS	\$40 Family 2 ADULTS & 3 KIDS	FREE admission KIDS 3YRS & UNDER
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TICKETS GO ON SALE after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND** until Nov. 12th. Some tickets may be available at the door. Get yours in advance to avoid disappointment! To reserve tickets call John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094 or email jdeneau@sympatico.ca

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.

Parenting Tip of the Month

October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on all God has blessed us with in our world. The harvest is evident at this time of year, but remind your children of the intricate way God created the world so humans could live. Remind them that they are part of his creative plan and their gifts and talents are like food allowing the world to thrive. Remind them that God ensured they would have faith and family to support them throughout their lives. There is so much to be thankful for, and an attitude of gratitude can provide a positive impact on our emotional and mental health, so help your children give thanks for all they have been given!

- submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Diocesan Family Ministry Office



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