

# 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.**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**



October 17 – 23, 2022

**Tuesday** (FEAST – ST. LUKE)

12 Noon + Marie Van Nuland – Agnes Corke

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Antonio Luz Correia – Nicolina Correia

**Thursday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Brian Flood – Sharon Penlington

**Friday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Antero Correia – Nicolina Correia

**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – October 22/23**

Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Sat. 5:00 PM + Esther Sagan – St. Mark's Parish

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

11:30 am + Amelia Monte – Alberto & Artemisia Simoes



**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the repose of the souls of: OLE RANNAOJA and SHARON RANNAOJA*

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.

**FORMAL INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW PASTOR**



*We are delighted to invite all parishioners to join us on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 Mass*

*as we welcome His Excellency, Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, to formally install Fr. Roque Concepcion as Pastor of St. Mark's!*

*Bishop Crosby will be the presider for this Mass, which will be followed by light refreshments in the narthex. 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 [bkkriagner@rogers.com](mailto:bkkriagner@rogers.com).



**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Tuesdays through Fridays**  
1:00 - 4:00 PM in the **CHURCH**  
4:00 - 8:00 PM in the **CHAPEL**



TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

For the **Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**, through the parable of the persistent widow wearing down the unjust judge, Jesus urges us to have faith. "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them?"

**Paul's Letter to the Ephesians** speaks about God's mercy and grace, calling us "members of the household of God" and saying that as a community we "are being built together into a dwelling place" of the Spirit. Paul, who was probably a prisoner at the time he wrote this letter, urges us to live "in a manner worthy of the call you have received" and calling us to patience and humility.

This week in **Luke's Gospel** we hear Jesus giving us his challenging message: be prepared for the coming of the Kingdom, be unencumbered enough to follow Jesus freely. He says, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Our faith and calling as Christians means we are called to go beyond what our world and culture requires: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Jesus envisions his mission on earth as a purifying fire, "and how I wish it were already blazing!" He tells us, "If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate, make an effort to settle the matter on the way." The weekday gospels end with the parable of the gardener who saves the barren fig tree from being cut down, saying to his owner "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down."

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**ST. MARK'S PARISH FAMOUS Spaghetti Supper & Caesar Salad**

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 7:00 in the Parish Hall**



Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, an annual tradition returns after a 3-year pandemic hiatus!

Bring your family and friends for superb spaghetti, a delicious Caesar salad, a 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**

**\$10 Children**  
4-12 YEARS

**\$35 Family**  
2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN

**FREE admission**  
for kids 3yrs & under

**Tickets NOW ON SALE** after all weekend Masses until Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:jdeneau@sympatico.ca)

## Liturgical Ministers

OCT. 22/23	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
<b>Commentator:</b>	D. Behl	T. Angel	D. DeSousa
<b>Reader:</b>	T. Lee	J. Flanigan	I. Kanggaloo
<b>Ushers:</b>	B. Benner E. Miller	M. Walser V. Chen	B./C. Voisin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	J. Swartz A. Bendia	T./K. Boettger	K. Dignam D. Seymour-Weber



**ALTAR SERVERS** ... We are happy to welcome our altar servers back to an active role at Mass! If you would like to become or resume being an altar server, please fill out an altar server form in the church foyer and give it to Fr. Roque after Mass.

## 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!**



This year the **Feast of All Souls** falls on a **Wednesday (Nov. 2)** and Mass will be celebrated that evening at **7:00 p.m.**

Slips are available in the narthex, for you to print the names of your deceased loved ones, and place in the basket provided before Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The basket will be offered at the altar during Mass on All Souls' Day. All are cordially invited to attend.

If you wish to have a candle burn for your loved one(s) on All Souls' Day, please place \$5 in the envelope provided and place it in the basket before November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Sacramental Preparation Volunteers

In January we will begin preparing our children in grades 2 and 7 for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you feel called to join our preparation team, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Roque after Mass, before Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU to all who responded with donations of SOCKS & PJs for the patients at St. Mary's Hospital.** In total we collected 288 pairs of socks and 77 sets of pyjamas! Please check the bulletin board for a heart-felt thank-you note from the hospital.

## St. Mark's Knights of Columbus is requesting your help!

We would like to offer an Auction Sale during our upcoming **Spaghetti Supper** being held here at St. Mark's on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> as a fund raising opportunity. Would you be willing to offer a **QUILT** to help us with this fund raising dinner?? What about another **NEW ITEM** that you would be willing to give to the Auction?? If you have an item to donate, please call John Deneau at 519-741-0434, or text 226-789-1094, or email [Jdeneau@sympatico.ca](mailto:Jdeneau@sympatico.ca).

*Thanks in advance for your help!!*

## ALL-CANDIDATE'S MEETING for WCDSB Trustee Candidates

Co-hosted by the Cherry Park & Victoria Park Neighbourhood Assoc.'s on **Sunday, Oct 16 from 1-3 p.m. in the Victoria Hills Community Centre** (10 Chopin Drive at Westmount). This is an excellent opportunity for all the Catholic School ratepayers to meet the candidates running for the Kitchener Trustee positions. For more info please email Shirley at [cpna@exculink.com](mailto:cpna@exculink.com) or Peggy at [info@victoriaparkna.com](mailto:info@victoriaparkna.com).

**"Act II" Separated and Divorced Support Group**  
**3rd Tuesday of every month** from 7:30-8:30pm at **St. Michael Parish basement**, 80 University Ave W., Waterloo. No fee, join when you can. For more info call 519-884-9311 or visit [www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced).

## LECTURE SERIES at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph

Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. In the Community Room.

(\*Please note the Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> talk by Prof. Michael W Higgins has been rescheduled for the spring.)

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - My Life as a Christian** with Dr. Robin Fishburn

**Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - A Deepening of a Life of Prayer** with Marilyn Gostlin

## Ministers of the Word Formation Workshop

To assist parishes in rebuilding parish ministries, the Diocesan Liturgy Office is offering a workshop for Lectors this Fall on **Saturday, October 22 at St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph**. Additional dates (other cities) can be found on the church bulletin board. Workshops run from **10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Check-in will begin at 10am. The cost is **\$30.00** per participant to cover lunch and snacks. Should you have additional questions, please contact the diocesan Liturgy Office at [liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com). **Please register online at:** <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/>

## All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery

The annual All Souls Day Mass at **Marymount Cemetery in Guelph** will take place in Our Lady Immaculate Mausoleum on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

## Sacramental Enrollment Masses – Nov. 19 & 20

Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion (gr. 2)** or **Confirmation (gr. 7)** will be invited to submit their enrollment form to the parish on the weekend of November 19/20 at the Mass time of their choice. Blank forms along with a letter from Fr. Roque will be sent home through the parish schools before the end of this month. Parents with children in other schools are asked to please contact the parish office so that correspondence can be emailed to you.





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