# 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 & <u>First</u> Fridays 11:00 - 11:45 AM Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 PM or by appointment



"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

<u>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</u> – 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.

<u>BAPTISM</u> – 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

### 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:				
$\Box$ the intentions of (living) <b>OR</b> $\Box$ 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 3 - 9, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u> (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI)

12 Noon \* Liturgy of the Word with Communion (NO MASS)

Wednesday (FERIAL)

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Thursday (FERIAL)

9:30 am - School Mass with St. Mark School 12 Noon + Antero Correia — Nicolina Correia

Friday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY)

10:45 am - School Mass with St. Dominic School 12 Noon - Int. of Eric & Rosemary Kubica

### 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - October 8/9

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:813; Luke 17:11-19

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Gerhard Sachse – *St. Mark Parish* 

 $\textbf{Sun. 9:30 am} \hspace{0.3cm} \textbf{-} \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{Int. of Bob \& Kathy Bamberger} - \textbf{\textit{their children}} \\$ 

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

#### \* NO MASS THIS TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Please note there will be no Mass celebrated on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, as Father is attending a diocesan workshop. Instead, Deacon Philip will lead us in a **Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Communion**. Thank you Deacon Philip!

# Happy 50th Anniversary – Bob & Kathy Bamberger

Dear Lord, we ask you to graciously bless Bob & Kathy as they celebrate 50 years of Holy Matrimony; renew and strengthen their marriage covenant each day, so that they may forever enjoy your blessing. Amen!



# LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the repose of the soul of Marinha Coutinho and the intentions of Lynn Coutinho

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.



# **BIBLE STUDY**

Every Friday 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Please meet in the St. Luke Boardroom.
All are welcome! No need to register.

The study program will be discussed at the first meeting. **Please bring your bible and paper and pen**. Some have requested to meet via Zoom and we are looking into this. Masks are optional. Questions? Please contact Karen at <a href="mailto:bkkrigner@rogers.com">bkkrigner@rogers.com</a>.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

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. The program will start on **Wednesday**, **September 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Luke Boardroom.** If you or someone you know is interested, **registration forms are available in the foyer**. Please call Fr. Roque at 519-571-9200 for more details.



#### TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

We read from **Luke's Gospel** on the Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time about the apostles asking Jesus, "Increase our faith." Jesus assures them they only need faith the size of a mustard seed. Then, Jesus makes it clear that as disciples our role is that of servants.

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### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

# For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

# 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, contact John Deneau at phone 519-741-0434 or text 226–789-1094 or email Jdeneau@sympatico.ca.

Thanks in advance for your help!!

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 2-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? Takehome will be available. Tickets go on sale after all weekend Masses from Oct. 8 until Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.



\$15 Adults

\$10 Children

\$35 Family 2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN

FREE admission for children 3yrs & under

To reserve tickets call John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094.

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Please check the church bulletin board.



October 8-9	5:00 рм Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	T. Germann	I. Kangaloo
Reader:	S. Benner	T. Boettger	L. Gimenez
Ushers:	B. Benner, E. Miller	I./D. Culley	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic	P. Fernandez	M. Lynch	K. Dignam
Ministers:	C. Weber	A. Joseph	D. Seymour-Weber



**ALTAR SERVERS** ... We would like 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.

# 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 <a href="liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com">liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com</a>. **Please register online at:** <a href="https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/">https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/</a>

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, continue this fall at St. Ann's Parish, Ancaster. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit their parish website, <a href="https://www.stannparish.ca">www.stannparish.ca</a> or watch on Youtube: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3exfkjhh">https://tinyurl.com/3exfkjhh</a>

9th Annual Public Square Rosary Rally with Our Lady of Fatima's Pilgrim Virgin Statue – Saturday, Oct. 15th from 2-3pm at Speaker's Corner (NW corner of King & Benton Streets) in Kitchener. Come and pray with us during the 105th anniversary of Our Lady'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 times of great trial. The goal is for 800 public rosary rallies to take place in Canada that day. www.canadaneedsourlady.org.

#### 2000 Hail Marys Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

**St. Agnes Parish** will be praying on **Saturday, Oct. 15**th at the church, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo. The day begins at 7:30 am, we anticipate the Devotion will finish by 7:30 pm. Bring your own lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer throughout the day, if even for a short time. For more information contact 519-569-1761 or st.agnesprayernetwork@gmail.com.

#### Heartache to Healing – 6-week Grief Support Group

St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, Wednesday evenings – Oct. 19 – Nov. 30 from 7:00-8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). All in need are welcome to this program, designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or after a significant loss. Developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All are welcome. There is no fee, but you must register by October 5<sup>th</sup> -- contact the Parish office at 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. More info at <a href="www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support">www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support</a>.

## Let's Sew!

everyone is invited to join the C.W.L. on Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm 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!

\*For those that wish to be part of our **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**, we will get together to work on our creations, and get more information on this very special ministry.
We'll have <u>SEW</u> much fun for a great cause!!

## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

CATECHIST FORMATION ... St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener, is very happy to be hosting Level 1, Part A Catechist Formation beginning this fall for those who wish to help children deepen their relationship with God through this Montessori style of catechesis. The formation program consists of 6 retreat-like sessions, 1 each month, from October 2022 to April 2023. Part B will be offered the following pastoral year. There is a cost to the program but scholarships are available. Please visit <a href="mailto:cgsac.ca/courses-1">cgsac.ca/courses-1</a> to learn more about the course and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and to register.

#### STRONG START READING PROGRAM

"Making the difference in the life of a child" ...

Join the team at St. Mark School in helping young children reach their potential! As a Strong Start® volunteer, you can expect to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the life of a child. Play short games and activities with children in senior kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 to help them practise their early literacy skills. Attend two, 2-hour training sessions prior to working one-on-one with a child in a local school. Once trained, the minimum time commitment to work with one child is 30 minutes, once a week for a 10-week period. If interested, please contact St. Mark School at 519-743-4682.

#### LECTURE SERIES at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph

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

Oct. 5th - Idolatry and the Pull of False Gods with Fr. Don Sanvido
Oct. 12th - The Church Would Look Foolish Without Them: The Laity
in a Time of Tumult with Prof. Michael W Higgins

Oct. 19th - My Life as a Christian with Dr. Robin Fishburn

Oct. 26th - A Deepening of a Life of Prayer with Marilyn Gostlin

#### "Act II" Separated and Divorced Support Group

Has your marriage ended? Trying to adjust to your new life? Act II is a new, informal support group for those who are experiencing separation or divorce. With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social, and spiritual devastation of separation/divorce. Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month** from 7:30-8:30pm at **St. Michael Parish basement**, 80 University Ave W., Waterloo. Relax, experience support, make new acquaintances and see a glimmer of hope for a healthy and satisfying life. You are not alone. There is no fee, join when you can, bring a friend. For more info call 519-884-9311 or visit www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

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