

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor* (stmark.kitchener@gmail.com)

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

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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 23 – 29, 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. 26 ★ 11:30 am † Long Tran – *Tuynh Nguyen*
 † Tam Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*
 † Hung Van Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*

Friday

(FERIAL)

Oct. 27 ★ 11:30 am † Maria Campos – *Campos family*

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 28/29

Exodus 22:21-27; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of Allan Musclow – *Frances Musclow*
 † Jack Soares & family – *Maria Soares*
 † Carma da Silva & family – *Maria Soares*

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Wayne Stecho – *Garry & Cindy Mahn*

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Oct. 23	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Oct. 24	6:45 pm	(H/J)	Alpha Marriage Course
	7:00 pm	(M)	Knight's General Meeting
Wed. Oct. 25	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Oct. 26	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	C.W.L. Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 28	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-ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time we see Matthew's gospel

tell us of the Pharisee plot to set a trap for Jesus. This time they use politics to see if he will offend either Rome or the people. Should they pay Rome's census tax? Jesus pushes the challenge back to them: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." What is it they must repay to God that is God's? Their trust in Jesus -- God's gift to them.

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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) or 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 a sacrament in a previous year**, please call the parish office before November to have a letter and form emailed to you.

Hygiene Drive... Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations of **personal hygiene products** for distribution as welcoming kits for our Ukrainian neighbours arriving in Kitchener.

Items most needed are:

- hand soap
- women's deodorant
- women's shaving gel
- women's shampoo
- women's conditioner
- * full sizes please (no travel sizes)

Look for the hygiene bin in the narthex next weekend!

2024 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

\$5.00 each – available in the narthex while supplies last

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Help bring joy and hope and the Good News of the Gospel to children living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease, disaster and poverty. This Christmas season pack a shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Empty shoeboxes can be picked up in the narthex beginning next weekend (Oct. 28/29).**

Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 12th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

If you would like to remember your deceased loved one, or the intentions of a living person, please fill out the form on the front of the bulletin and drop in the collection.

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

Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28
Rev. Michael Anderson	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.	Consecrated Virgins	Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.	Fr. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

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 14/15, 2023	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,302.15	\$ 160.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,527.12	\$ 375.35
Loose offerings	\$ 469.95	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 4,299.22	\$ 535.35
Diocesan – World Mission	\$ 95.00	

Today 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 28/29	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	T. John R./R. Jerold	F. Zumot J./K. Palafox
Commentator:	N. Comido	V. DeVries	I. Kangeloo
Readers:	M. Comido	T. Boettger	G. Tran
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Smith	J./K. Snyder	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber A. Bendia	M. Lynch P. Enticott	A. Joseph K. Dignam

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.**

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 ON SALE after all weekend Masses now 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



All proceeds from the Spaghetti Supper will be donated to **Food4Kids Waterloo Region** and the many charities of St. Mark Knights of Columbus.

**DON'T MISS THIS
GREAT ANNUAL EVENT!**

food4kids
WATERLOO REGION

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.

Development & Peace's National Multilingual Rosary for Peace in the Holy Land Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m. ET

Register for Rosary here: <https://tinyurl.com/255y3ze8>

If you wish to make a donation through D&P to help the people of Palestine, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc8ps7v5>. D&P's local partners are there to provide emergency aid, essential goods, food, shelter, healthcare and psychosocial support to the besieged people, but they need all the help they can get. Thank you for your generosity, solidarity, compassion and prayers.

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. **ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL is on Saturday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, Kitchener.** Please carpool as parking is limited. All are welcome.

"FLAME OF LOVE" 4-WEEK SEMINAR

Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. from **November 8 – 29** at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener**. \$10 cost to cover seminar materials. During these difficult times, especially for families, Our Lady promises that, "By my Flame of Love, a new era of grace, never before known on the earth will begin." (Flame of Love Diary 1962). For more information or to register, please contact Pat at 519-748-5548 or flameoflove29@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener**. Baking, pies, crafts, raffles, treasures and famous Hungarian Crepes!

GRIEF RELIEF - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? **You are not alone.** The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We have programs running in both **Waterloo** and **Hamilton** this fall. Find out more at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



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