

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

Oct. 30 – Nov. 5, 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 (All Soul's Day – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)
Nov. 2 ★ 7:00 PM † All the Faithful Departed

First Friday (FERIAL)
Nov. 3 ★ 11:30 am † All Deceased Clergy of Hamilton Diocese
 † Indra Andrea Sirju – *Oscar*
 - Int. Kenny & Christian Gutoskie – *F. Musclow*

First Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO)
Nov. 4 ★ 9:00 am † Maria Silvestre – *Joao*
1:30 PM - WEDDING

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Nov. 4/5

Malachi 1:14—2:2, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12

Sat. 5:00 PM † Ana Pereira & family – *Maria Soares*
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory – *Maria Soares*
 † Joe Lancaster – *Doyle family*

Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Lisa Narayansingh – *N. family*
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



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. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4
Rev. Vinko Nenadić	Catholic Teachers	Feast of All Saints	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.

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 21/22, 2023

	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 1,607.00	\$ 110.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,527.12	\$ 375.35
Loose offerings	\$ 550.55	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 3,684.67	\$ 485.35
Diocesan – World Mission	\$ 436.00	



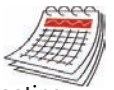
IN MEMORIAM...

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Bernard Crawley** (father of Julie & Guy Burkholder).

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."



Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Oct. 30	7:00 pm	(L)	Parish Council & Finance meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Oct. 31	6:45 pm	(H/J)	Alpha Marriage Course
Wed. Nov. 1	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Nov. 2	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri. Nov. 3	5:30 pm	(CH)	Wedding Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	(H)	BCBP
Sat. Nov. 4	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

Justice and compassion are keys to loving, in the readings for the **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Exodus proclaims God's call that we act justly toward foreigners, and the most vulnerable among us: widows, orphans and the poor. Jesus says it most simply: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ...You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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Enrollment Mass for First Communion or Confirmation

Parents and children are reminded to attend the **Enrollment Mass** on the weekend of **Nov. 18/19** (Mass time of your choice) to submit your child's Enrollment Form for the sacrament of First Communion (grade 2) or Confirmation (grade 7). Children who missed a sacrament in a previous year are also invited to enroll. Enrollment forms were emailed in early October on our behalf through your child's school (St. Mark / St. Dominic) to all Catholic families in grades 2 or 7. **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 this week to have a letter and form emailed to you, or pick one up in the narthex.

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 blue and yellow box in the narthex!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes have been filled, collected and distributed in countries around the globe. This fun and hands-on project of Samaritan's Purse enables people to get involved and personalize their gift filled shoeboxes in ways that will eternally bless the lives of children living in some of the world's most desperate situations. Over the next two weeks, pack a shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. Empty branded shoeboxes can be picked up at the display in the narthex starting this weekend, or you may simply use any sturdy regular shoebox sized container. Please feel free to check out the display for more details on how to pack your shoebox. There will also be a limited amount of hand sewn items supplied by the C.W.L. available for you to use. Please return all filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 12th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!





NOV. 4/5	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:	S. Rellinger	J. Flanigan	R. Vergel de Dios
Readers:	B. Benner	T. Lee	B. Norte
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	J. Kelly V. Chen	C./S. Thiagarajah
Eucharistic Ministers:	H. Psutka J. Fernandez	K./T. Boettger	I./F. Kangaloo

All Souls' Day – Thursday, 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, this Thurs. Nov. 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Slips are still 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. Please fill out slips by Nov. 1st.

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.



Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee

Joint Meeting: Monday, Oct. 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Luke Boardroom

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.**

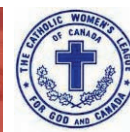
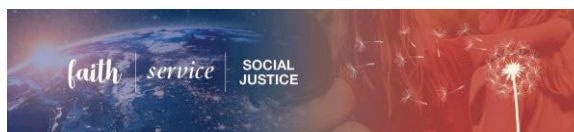
\$15 Adults 13YRS & OLDER	\$10 Kids 4-12 YEARS	\$40 Family 2 ADULTS & 3 KIDS	FREE admission KIDS 3YRS & UNDER
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TICKETS ON SALE after all weekend Masses now until Nov. 12th. Some tickets may be available at the door. Get yours in advance to avoid disappointment! **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!**



C.W.L. Membership Drive

Do you yearn to be part of a women's movement that believes in growing in your faith, in service, and in social justice? Please help us to grow our council by joining St. Mark's Catholic Women's League. Our Membership Drive begins on November 11th. Speak with a member in the narthex after any Mass for any questions you might have, or to sign up, or contact Sue Sawchuk, Organization Chair, at 519-277-1898 or by e-mail at stmarkcwl@gmail.com. **All ladies 16 years and over are very welcome to join!** Membership for 2024 is \$40.

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.**

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

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!

"THE STRUGGLE TO FIND MEANING IN SUFFERING" - St. Agnes Education Cafe with guest speaker Fr. Chris Tracey, Chaplain of Hospitals, Prisons, and Palliative Centres in the Diocese of Hamilton. **Sunday, Nov. 12th** at 2:00 p.m. at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo**. See poster for details.

2024 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

\$5.00 each – Available in the narthex, while supplies last!



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