

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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*Let us give thanks to the Lord*

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright

With scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**October 9 – 15, 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. 12 ★ 11:30 am** † Maria Silvestre — *Joao*

#### Friday (FERIAL)

**Oct. 13 ★ 11:30 am** — Int. of Benefactors of Marilyn Dufresne  
— Int. of Bernard Crawley  
— Int. of Anita's Family — *Rose Nguyen*  
— Int. of Finn McGuinness — *Doyle Family*

### 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 14/15

*Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** † John Dsa — *Austin Dsa*  
† Sim Do — *Tuynh Nguyen*  
† Tam Nguyen — *Melissa*

**Sun. 9:30 am** † Vince Jereb — *Brian & Marie Lynch*  
**11:30 am** — Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

## Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Oct. 9</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Oct. 10</b>	5:30 pm	(H/J)	Planning meeting
<b>Wed. Oct. 11</b>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thu. Oct. 12</b>	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Fri. Oct. 13</b>	2:30 pm	(H)	Sewing with the C.W.L.
<b>Sat. Oct. 14</b>	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

A parable about tenants who were entrusted with their master's fields is at the center of the **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We hear Jesus really challenge the religious leaders with this story of the tenant farmers who refused to listen to the master's servants (the prophets) and abused and killed his son (Jesus) in an attempt to usurp his inheritance. Jesus tells them, "Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

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## 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](mailto:stmarkmc1@gmail.com).

## Newly Baptized...

With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God: **Lillian Laurin, Bennett David Michael, and Cian Trey**.

*God has saved us by living water which gives our lives a fresh beginning, and He put his Spirit in us, so that healed by His grace, we may share His life and hope to live forever. (TITUS 3:5,7)*



**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**  
*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*  
**the repose of the soul of Glenn John Nemenzo and the intentions of Donnie**



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

Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14
Rev. Timothy Higgins	Rev. Christopher Tracey	Chaplains	Rev. Brendan McGrath	Rev. Jason Kuntz	Rev. Grayson Hope

**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

**Sep. 30 / Oct. 1, 2023**

	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 405.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,527.12	\$ 375.35
Loose offerings	\$ 490.30	\$ 0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,567.42</b>	<b>\$ 780.35</b>

## 2024 First Holy Communion / Confirmation

All parents of Catholic children in Grades 2 or 7 at St. Mark and St. Dominic Schools will be receiving a letter from Fr. Roque inviting them to begin preparations for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion (Gr. 2) and Confirmation (Gr. 7). **Please watch your inbox for this letter and enrollment form coming from the parish, via the school email.** You will be asked to 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.





## Liturgical Ministers

October 14-15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	T. John R./R. Jerold	F. Zumot J./K. Palafox
<b>Commentator:</b>	S. Benner	T. Lee	B. Norte
<b>Readers:</b>	S. Rellinger	J. Deneau	N. Ngo
<b>Ushers:</b>	P. Smith E. Miller	F. Seaward K. Ogili	P. Abalos M. Schimus
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	C. Weber H. Psutka	K./T. Boettger	I. Kangaloo K. Dignam

### Light a candle for your dearly departed

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.**

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.**

As well, **All Souls' Day 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to be blessed and remembered.** These remain wonderful and fitting ways to show tribute in prayer to our beloved deceased.

### Baptism Preparation Classes

Our Baptism Team will now be hosting face-to-face Baptismal Prep Classes on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, for parents and godparents wishing to baptize their child. The next class is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6:00 p.m.** at St. Luke Boardroom. **Parents must first fill out a Baptism Registration Form and submit it to Father Roque.** Two months notice is required.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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>.

**MUSIC AND LITURGY WORKSHOP** – Members of the music ministry, cantors, choir members instrumentalists and all parishioners interested in liturgical music are invited to a workshop facilitated by Msgr. Murray Kroetsch on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener. We welcome musicians from other parishes.** "Sacred music and liturgical song have the task of giving us a sense of God's glory, of His beauty, of His holiness that envelops us like a 'luminous cloud.'" Pope Francis, 2017.

### Let's Sew!

EVERYONE IS INVITED to join the C.W.L. on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>  
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.**

<b>\$15 Adults</b> 13YRS & OLDER	<b>\$10 Kids</b> 4-12 YEARS	<b>\$40 Family</b> 2 ADULTS & 3 KIDS	<b>FREE admission</b> KIDS 3YRS & UNDER
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**TICKETS ON SALE** after all weekend Masses from **Oct. 14 – Nov. 12<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)

### 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](mailto: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.

### Church Bulletin Advertising

This month Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. Ads will begin in December 2023 on the back of each bulletin. This advertising is what pays for the printing and delivering of our bulletins each week – at no cost to the parish. Please support our bulletin by advertising your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637 (this number is printed on the back of every bulletin).

### SMART STEPS – SUPPORTING STEP-FAMILIES

This is a **one-day workshop** designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Cost is \$50/person. **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.** Register online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and look under *Upcoming Events*. For more info contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.





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