

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: _____

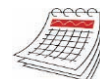
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Offering enclosed: \$_____

REQUESTED BY _____

DAYTIME PHONE # OR EMAIL _____

Meetings & Events This Week ...



12 Noon - Int. of Tin Min

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- Int. of Lusía Pereira – *Lurdes Soares*
† Irene Baptista – *Marilyn Dufresne*
† Joan Germann – *Tom & Judy Swartz*

12 Noon - Int. of Sandra Bergin – *Nick & Sharon Cerantola*

12 Noon † Carmada Silva & family – *Maria Soares*

Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Sat. 5:00 PM † Theresa Xuyen Nguyen – *Melissa*
 † Tam Nguyen – *Melissa*
 † Joaquim Clemente – *Leonor Fonseca & family*

7:00 PM - Monthly Filipino Mass

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

11:30 am † Maria Gomes Barbosa – *Agostino Barbosa*

Today begins the **Twenty-Third week in Ordinary Time**. As faithful followers, we are encouraged to “love one another” throughout the readings. Ezekiel tells us that we are responsible for each other and Paul’s letter to the Romans offers: “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.” In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus tells us to challenge each other on our behavior and to pray, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”



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Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.
in the St. Luke Boardroom



LORD. HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
**the Intentions of Allan Musclow
 and the Intentions of Donnie**



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

Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16
Rev. Ronald Voisin	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.	Missionary Sisters of Christ the King	Rev. Roque Concepcion	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.

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.

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.

The program will start in September and registration forms will be available in the foyer. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Rogue.



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.

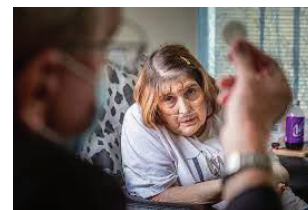
■ Coffee Sundays

Coffee Sundays will resume next weekend! 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 reasons, cannot join us in the Holy Eucharist. We are praying with and bringing Christ, the presence of God to you. Please contact the office for more information.



Your Sunday Chuckle...

How do you identify the Catholics at a Star Wars convention?
When you say, *"May the force be with you!"*
the Catholics all respond, *"And with your spirit!"*

Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 16-17	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	J. Taer R./R. Jerold	J./K. Palafox F. Zumot
Commentator:	D. Behl	T. Boettger	R. Vergel de Dios
Readers:	A. Fernandez	V. Devries	G. Tran
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	M. Walser C. Sgarbossa	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	M. Lynch P. Enticott	B./C. Voisin



That Man is You!
returns Saturday mornings from
September 16, 2023 - April 2024
"THE FIGHT OF FAITH"

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! A multi-speaker format covers topics at the forefront of our Christian lives: The Life of Prayer, Sexual Ethics, Biblical Scholarship, Faith and Science, among others! It's the best year yet and not to be missed. Breakfast begins at St. Mark's Parish Hall at 7:15 a.m. followed by a video presentation and group discussion. Contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with questions or sign up. Visit www.tmiy.org for more information.



Kitchener Campaign: Sept. 27th – Nov. 5, 2023

OPENING RALLY – Monday, Sept. 25th – Join us at **Sacred Heart Parish** (66 Shanley Street, Kitchener) for Holy Mass at **7:00 p.m.** followed by refreshments, fellowship and a chance to sign-up for vigil hours. You can also sign-up for vigil hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/en/kitchener or Email 40daysKW@gmail.com or Call 519-904-2620. As usual, this year's vigil site is located across the street from Freeport Hospital (3570 King St. E., Kitchener).

Frassati Leadership Program

The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a **Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16)**. This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice.

Registration for this program closes September 30th and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

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.

C.W.L. NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!!! General Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 28th at 7 p.m. We welcome representatives from our Hamilton Diocesan Executive Council for their National Unity Outreach Presentation. We will also be planning for upcoming meetings and events and would LOVE to have your feedback and suggestions!



A TASTE OF BAVARIA... Join the **Waterloo Knights of Columbus (145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo)** for Dinner, Live Music and Dancing. **Dinner at 6pm** includes Schnitzel, German Potato Salad, Vegetable and Dessert, followed by live music and dancing from 7-10pm: **Thursday, Sept. 14** (music by St. Louis Blues); **Friday, Sept. 15th** (music by Leap of Faith); **Saturday, Sept. 16th** (music by St. Louis Blues). Tickets are \$45 each and must be purchased in advance by calling Martin at 519-884-2060.

ANNUAL ELMIRA GARDEN PARTY... **Friday, September 15th** at **St. Teresa of Avila Church** (19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira). Community BBQ in the parish hall from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Outdoor Snack Booth (chips, soft drinks, fresh popcorn, candy). Lots of fun for young and old – penny table, silent auction, bouncies, tombola, 50/50, music, inside and outside activities, play area for children 5 and under and much more. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Fun starts at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome!

DEEMERTON CEMETERY MASS ... St. Ignatius Cemetery, Deemerton on Sunday, September 17th at 3:00 p.m. Mass will be in the cemetery, weather permitting. Please bring lawn chairs. Our celebrant will be Fr. Ed Hinsperger. Reception to follow in the hall (please bring a lunch). We hope many of you will plan to attend and enjoy visiting with everyone. FYI: the roads between Mildmay and Deemerton are being repaired. It's suggested to take the road before Mildmay to get to Deemerton. Donations to St. Ignatius Formation Centre at Deemerton would be greatly appreciated. Receipts provided for donations over \$20. Thank you for your support!

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO... Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month** from 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19). Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer at 7pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS – Join us for the final Marian Day for 2023 on **Saturday, October 7th** at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph**. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information and to register: 1-519-824-3951.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT - Your marriage doesn't have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. **The solution is Retrouvaille – a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship.** Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. **The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 20-22.** For more information call 1-905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.



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