

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 & 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 – 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



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

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:
HOW MANY?

the intentions of (living) **OR** 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



Sept. 12 – 18, 2022

- Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM)
 12 Noon + Albert & Theresa Prince – *Margaret Gregg*
- Wednesday** (FEAST – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS)
 12 Noon + Maria Silvestre – *Joao*
- Thursday** (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF SORROWS)
 12 Noon + Carma Silva & family – *Maria Soares*
- Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. CORNELIUS & ST. CYPRIAN)
 12 Noon + Jack Boettger – *Fr. Steve*

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 17/18

- Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7++; Luke 16:1-13*
- Sat. 5:00 PM** + Rosa & Onofre Clemente – *Leonor Fonseca*
- Sun. 9:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
- 11:30 am** + Bryan Schlumskoski – *St. Mark's Parish*



TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

God's loving mercy and forgiveness to us is the central message in **Luke's Gospel** for the **24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**. Knowing that his audience includes not only the sinners but also the judgmental religious leaders, Jesus offers three parables about mercy, ending with the powerful story of the Prodigal Son. The father says to the jealous older son, "You are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Tuesday is the **Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom**, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Wednesday has its own readings with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. Thursday is the **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows** and Friday the **Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian**, Bishop, Martyrs.

In our first reading, Paul's wonderful **First Letter to the Corinthians** continues to feed us with powerful messages about good community behavior, the Eucharist and the mystery of the Resurrection.

We experience more of the beauty of **Luke's Gospel** this week. Jesus heals the slave of a Roman officer, praising the officer's faith. He encounters a widow whose only son had died. "He was moved with pity" and raises the son from the dead. Jesus tells the people how inconsistent their responses are. At a dinner, Jesus encounters a weeping, sinful woman who washes his feet with her tears. "So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love." We hear that Jesus is accompanied by a group of women "who provided for them out of their resources." Jesus tells the parable of the sower to a large crowd of listeners. and breaks it open for his disciples.

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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.**

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
A private intention

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?

Father Roque would like to know if anyone would be interested in joining a Bible Study. If there is enough interest, we will proceed. If not, we may revisit another time. To express your interest, please email Karen at bkkriagner@rogers.com with your name and preferred method of contact (email or phone). Thanks!



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Madeline Kuepfer** and the late **Clarence Moser**.
 "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

*Lord, teach me to be generous,
 to serve You as you deserve,
 to give and not to count the cost,
 to fight and not to heed the wounds,
 to toil and not to seek for rest,
 to labor and not to look for any reward,
 save that of knowing that I do Your holy will.*

~ ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA ~

Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 17-18	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	T. Boettger	I. Kangeloo
Reader:	S. Rellinger	P. Enticott	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	C. Weber E. Miller	M. Walsler V. Chen	C. Dignam
Eucharistic Ministers:	P. Fernandez G. Kubisewsky	T. Lee J. Swartz	D. Seymour-Weber K. Dignam



That Man is You!

Saturday mornings
Sept 2022 - April 2023
ALL MEN WELCOME

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! For more information please visit www.tmiy.org.

This year will feature a new multi-speaker format covering 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.kangeloo@gmail.com with your questions or to sign up.

All men – married or single – are welcome!

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR ❖ This week let us pray for...

SEPT. 12	SEPT. 13	SEPT. 14	SEPT. 15	SEPT. 16	SEPT. 17
Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)	Rev. Adam Voisin	Rev. David Wilhelm	Rev. Jeffery Oehring

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.

VOCATION SEEDS ♦ 24th Sunday in O.T. ♦ Sept. 11, 2022

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton:

905-528-7988 | vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Career Opportunities

♦ St. Francis of Assisi Parish is now accepting resumés for the position of **Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper** at St. Francis Parish, Kitchener. Please visit <https://stfranciskw.ca/2022/08/30/career-opportunity-at-st-francis/> for details.

♦ The Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) is now accepting applications for **Occasional Teachers**. Please visit www.wcdsb.ca for job details and application criteria.

C.W.L. News...



General Meeting: Attention C.W.L. members! We are excited to invite all members to our first general meeting of the year! **Thursday, Sept. 29th at 7 p.m.**

Business updates: 1) Outcome of the instructed votes regarding membership increases & amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws; 2) Prayer Shawl Ministry progress

The MAIN EVENT: Meet and greet with our special guest, Father Roque! Watch future bulletins and your email for further details!

Thank you to all who participated in the initial stage of the preparation for the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome in October 2023 on the theme of Synodality: Communion, Participation and Mission. Over 2,000 submissions were received in the Diocese of Hamilton, including both individual and group responses. Every effort was made to include your thoughts in the Diocesan summary, which is provided here for your further reflection: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/>.



The Canadian Conference of Bishops recently released their report on the 4 regional (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West) submitted to the Vatican on August 15th, 2022 (<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/the-ccb-submits-its-national-synod-synthesis-to-the-holy-see/>). So from Hamilton (diocese) to Ontario (region) to Canada (country) we have three reports for those interested in what the 'people of God' are sharing with each other, as 'Church with the Holy Spirit'.

We are now in the 'continental' stage that will conclude early October. This stage has an 'aim of formulating open questions more accurately, and to better substantiate and flesh out the insights coming from the local Churches, now at a continental perspective.' NOTE: 'Continent' does not correspond with the 5 continents (Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania); rather two components: 1) That expressed by the 5 International Meetings of Episcopal Conferences (indicated in brackets), corresponding roughly to the five continents: Europe (CEE), Latin America and the Caribbean (CELAM), Africa and Madagascar (SECAM), Asia (FABC) and Oceania (FCBCO). 2) North America (USA+Canada) and the Middle East (which will specifically see the contribution of the Eastern Catholic Churches).

Hamilton Diocese Marian Days 2022 – Join brothers and sisters from around the Diocese in honouring Our Blessed Lady for the last Marian Day of the year with Bishop Crosby on **Saturday, October 1st** at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph**.

Join us for confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Holy Mass with Bishop Crosby at 10:00 am, the Solemn Crowning of Our Lady with Rosary at 11:00 a.m., and The Queen's Tea at 12:00 p.m., honouring the crowning of the image of our Lady. Cost for lunch is \$20 payable at the door. Call the Basilica to reserve your spot: 1-519-824-3951.

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 cgsac.ca/courses-1 to learn more about the course and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and to register.



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