

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: _____

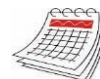
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Offering enclosed: \$_____

REQUESTED BY _____

DAYTIME PHONE # OR EMAIL _____

Meetings & Events This Week ...



12 Noon † George Brezina – *Bryson family*

12 Noon – Int. of Fr. Kevin Upendran – *St. Mark's Parish*
 – Int. of Fr. Roque Concepcion – *St. Mark's Parish*
 – Int. of Mary Schmitz – *Lisa*

12 Noon † Bill & Theresa Dietrich – *Woodhouse family*

12 Noon † Maria Silvestre — *Joao*

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of D’Arcy & Nat Dufresne – *Mom*
 – Int. of Anita’s family – *Rose Nguyen*
 – Int. of Colette Dokis – *Luiz Macedo*

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

11:30 am † Marie Voisin – *family*



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
the Intentions of Donnie



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

Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22	Sept. 23
Rev. Krzysztof Szkuhera, C.R.	Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.	Rev. Vivek Trindade	Rev. Raphael Ma, 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.

Happy 50th Anniversary – Joe & Terrie Antal

Dear Lord, we ask you to graciously bless Joe & Terrie as they celebrate 50 years of Holy Matrimony; renew and strengthen their marriage covenant each day, so that they may forever enjoy your blessing. Amen!

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – September 30

A Mass for Reconciliation will be offered on **Sat. Sept. 30th at 9:00 a.m.** at **St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener**. Following Mass, all are invited to walk up East Avenue to join the annual **"Every Child Matters Walk"** beginning at **10:00 a.m.** at The Healing of the Seven Generations (H7G), **300 Frederick Street**, and proceed to a rally in Victoria Park. A bus will be available from H7G to the rally for those with mobility needs. This Mass is offered as a joint effort of St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes. Please join us in prayer and action as we work to answer the Calls to Action in the TRC.

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.**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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Mon. Sept. 18 6:30 pm (CH) 11:30 Choir practice

8:00 pm (H) Alcoholics Anonymous

Tue. Sept. 19 7:00 pm (L) Finance Council Meeting

Wed. Sept. 20 6:30 pm (CH) 9:30 Choir practice

Thu. Sept. 21 7:00 pm (CH) 5pm Choir practice

Sat. Sept. 23 7:15 am (H) *That Man Is You!* Men's Group

MEETING ROOMS: **B** - Basement **CH** - Church **H** - Hall **J** - St. John Room
L - St. Luke Boardroom **M** - St. Matthew Room

For the **Twenty-Fourth** week in Ordinary

Time we are invited to reflect on how we forgive. Peter asks Jesus “how often” we must forgive, asking the extent of Jesus’ call for mercy. The parable of the forgiven servant who can’t forgive is meant to give us clear guidance for our lives as followers of Jesus: if we are forgiven, we must forgive others.



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Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

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



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.

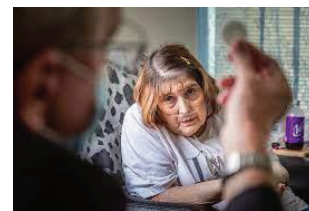
■ Coffee Sundays

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 reasons, cannot join us in the Holy Eucharist. If you are able to pray with and bring Christ, the Eucharist, to the homebound, please contact the office for more information.





Sept. 23-24	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	N. Ngo
Readers:	S. Benner	J. Deneau	B. Prila
Ushers:	B. Benner P. Smith	L. Koehler E. Ekwueme	C./S. Thiagarajah
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber A. Bendia	A. Joseph T. Lee	D. Seymour-Weber K. Dignam

North of 60 – Coffee & Baking Powder Collection

St. Mark's SVDP chapter would like to thank all parishioners that participated in our collection of coffee and baking powder for the community of Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut, for the North of 60 program. We were able to collect over 100 lbs. of coffee and almost as much baking powder. This was all packed together on September 9th along with the rest of the items, compromising over 10 pallets, that filled a 20-foot sea container. This container will travel by ship and barge to Chesterfield in the coming months and will help them deal with the high cost of food. We greatly appreciate all who helped in making their lives a little easier!



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/>.

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!



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**) at **St. Michael Parish, Waterloo**. 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

150TH ANNIVERSARY of the Birth of St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-2023)

Please join us for the celebration of the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux on **Tuesday, October 3rd** with Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmelite Monastery, **Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St. Agatha**

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.

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 Monsignor Murray Kroetsch on **Friday, October 13th** 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.

"ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ"

Adjusting our Focus: Living in Faith, not Fear

Our daily lives can be a roller coaster of happiness and "order" one moment – then sadness and "chaos" the next. Yet, our faith teaches us to trust in Jesus and not to let doubt, fear and anxiety overtake us. So, how do we live out our faith in our everyday lives, so we can earn the **true** peace that only a Christ-centred life can bring – **an unshakeable peace that nothing can take away?** Join us on **Sunday, October 1st** from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo**, presented by Fr. Aleks Mazur, S.A.C.

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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