

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. 19 – 25, 2022

- Monday** (FERIAL)
 ✱ 9:00 am + Queen Elizabeth II
- Tuesday** (Memorial – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions)
 12 Noon + Argemiro Correia – *Nicolina Correia*
- Wednesday** (FEAST – ST. MATTHEW)
 12 Noon + Maria Campos – *Campos family*
- Thursday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon + Terry Montag – *Marilyn Dufresne*
- Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA - "PADRE PIO")
 12 Noon + Domenica Bendia – *Nick & Julie Muza*

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 24/25

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

- Sat. 5:00 PM** + Antero Correia & family – *Justina DaCosta*
- Sun. 9:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
- 11:30 am** + Brian Flood – *Sharon Penlington*



TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

On the **Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time** Jesus tells the parable of the unjust steward who finds out he's been caught squandering his master's property, and goes out and makes deals to make friends for the future. Jesus acknowledges his prudence and calls us to have, at the very least, prudence about our future. "If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?"

Tuesday is the **Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs.** Wednesday is the **Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist,** with its own special readings. Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest.**

In **Luke's Gospel** this week, Jesus shares his wisdom with the crowds he addresses. We must share the light that has been entrusted to us, not hide it. The tables will be turned on those who try to greedily hold on to what they have. When people report that Jesus' family is looking for him, he uses the occasion to highlight the nature of our relationship with him: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." When Jesus sends the Twelve to heal and to proclaim the Kingdom, he tells them to serve, trusting in God: "Take nothing for the journey." Herod hears about the new prophet and wonders who it is - he has already beheaded John the Baptist. Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter replies for them all, "The Christ of God." When Jesus tells his disciples that he will be handed over to others, they can't possibly understand until another day. They were afraid to ask Jesus about this.

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On the Death of Queen Elizabeth II

Pope Francis sent a message from the Vatican to King Charles III: "Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. I willingly

join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises. Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord." FRANCISCUS

Fr. Roque will celebrate Mass on Monday at 9:00 a.m. for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II

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 bkrigner@rogers.com with your name and preferred method of contact (email or phone). Thanks!



St. Mark's Knights of Columbus is requesting your help!

We would like to offer an Auction Sale during our upcoming **Spaghetti Supper** being held here at St. Mark's on Sunday, November 6th as a fund raising opportunity. Would you be willing to offer a **QUILT** to help us with this fund raising dinner?? What about another **NEW ITEM** that you would be willing to give to the Auction?? If you have an item to donate, contact John Deneau at phone 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094 or email Jdeneau@sympatico.ca.

Thanks in advance for your help!!

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 everyone who would like to have a refresher course on Catholic Faith. **The program will start on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Luke Boardroom.** If you or someone you know is interested, **registration forms are available in the foyer.** Please call Fr. Roque at (519)571-9200 for more details.

Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 24-25	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Commentator:	S. Benner	J. Flanigan	L. Gimenez
Reader:	A. Fernandez	T. Angel	M. Oram
Ushers:	B. Benner E. Miller	J./K. Snyder	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	J. Swartz A. Bendia	M. Walsler P. Enticott	I./F. Kangaloo



ALTAR SERVERS ... We would like to welcome our altar servers back to an active role at Mass! If you would like to become or resume being an altar server, please fill out an altar server form in the church foyer and give it to Fr. Roque after Mass.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON SEPTEMBER 25 "Needs of the Church in Canada"

Every year the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Western Regions. Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the annual assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance. Thank you for your generosity!

World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sept. 25

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations since 2001 on June 20. The January observance was instituted by St. Pius X in 1914. At the request of several conferences of Bishops, Pope Francis moved the observance to September in 2019. "The phenomenon of migration today is also a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)

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.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions or to sign up.

All men – married or single – are welcome!

C.W.L. News...

General Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 29th

Evening will start with Mass at 7:00 PM. We are excited to invite all members to our informative meeting, especially the meet and greet with our special guest Father Roque.

Kitchen Clean Up: After our floor renovations in the hallway, hall and kitchen, we are in much need of a deep clean of the kitchen cupboards, and dishes. If you are able to spare an hour or two on Friday, Sept. 23rd from 10 am to 2pm, or Saturday, Sept. 24th from 9:30am to 12:30, please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519, to schedule your availability.



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.

STRONG START READING PROGRAM

"Making the difference in the life of a child" ...

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.**

LECTURE SERIES IN OCTOBER

Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph

Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. In the Community Room.

- October 5th** **Idolatry and the Pull of False Gods**
Presented by: Fr. Don Sanvido
- October 12th** **The Church Would Look Foolish Without Them: The Laity in a Time of Tumult**
Presented by: Prof. Michael W Higgins
- October 19th** **My Life as a Christian**
Presented by: Dr. Robin Fishburn
- October 26th** **A Deepening of a Life of Prayer**
Presented by: Marilyn Gostlin

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

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