

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: _____

☐ LIVING ☐ DECEASED

Offering enclosed: \$_____

REQUESTED BY _____

DAYTIME PHONE # OR EMAIL _____

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sept. 25 – Oct. 1, 2023

Tuesday	(FEAST – ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF & ST. ISAAC JOGUES)
12 Noon	† Maria Jesus Soares & family – <i>Maria Soares</i>
Wednesday	(MEMORIAL – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)
12 Noon	† George Brezina – <i>Marilyn Dufresne</i> † Maria Silvestre – <i>Joao</i> † Simona Carcano & Abramo Sgarbossa – <i>C. & M. S.</i>
Thursday	(FERIAL)
12 Noon	- Int. of Sugar Norte – <i>Boyet & children</i>
Friday	(FEAST – ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, ST. RAPHAEL - Archangels)
12 Noon	- Int. of Linda Blake – <i>Marilyn Dufresne</i>

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 30 / Oct. 1

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Sat. 5:00 PM	† Augustino Maria Nguyen – <i>Tuyen</i> † Joseph Nguyen – <i>Tuyen</i> † Souls in Purgatory – <i>Lurdes Soares</i> † Marvin Nemenzo – <i>Brian & Sharon Garrucho</i>
Sun. 9:30 am	† Tue Nguyen – <i>Tuynh N.</i>
11:30 am	– Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
the Repose of the Soul of Marvin Nemenzo
and the Intentions of Donnie



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

Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30
Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.	Rev. Francisco Cruz	All Parish Staff	Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.	Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak

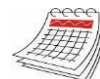
Prayer for Vocations ... God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

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.**

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 25	7:00 pm	(L)	Parish Pastoral Council
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Sept. 26	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights' General Meeting
Wed. Sept. 27	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Sept. 28	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. General meeting
Sat. Sept. 30	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			

For the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Time we receive the powerful parable about the landlord who represents God's way of caring for us. Though workers go out into his vineyard at various times of the day, he pays them all the same. When they grumble, he simply explains that he desires to be generous. How this can change our view of God and our own sense of justice?

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Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus will be holding a Membership Drive after each Mass **NEXT WEEKEND** (Sep.30/Oct.1). Listen for information at Mass, and then chat with one of the Knights in the narthex after Mass. All men 18 years of age and better are welcome!



👋 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 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.



SAFETY NOTE: Heart Start Training Video

Any parishioners interested in viewing a brief training video on how to properly use our **Automated External Defibrillator** (located in the narthex (lobby) to the right of the cork bulletin board), may view the video here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bnn0aYA3XRq>



Sep.30/Oct.1	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	T. John R./R. Jerold	F. Zumot J./K. Palafox
Commentator:	A. Fernandez	P. Enticott	D. DeSousa
Readers:	D. Behl	T. Lee	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	I./D. Culley	E./B. Prila
Eucharistic Ministers:	H. Psutka D. Fernandez	M. Walser M. Lynch	B./C. Voisin

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.**

That Man is You! "THE FIGHT OF FAITH"

Saturday mornings from Sept. '23 - April '24

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/>.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY CARD PARTY (Euchre or Solo)

Every Wednesday starting on October 4th at 1:30 p.m. Cost \$5/person. Location: **Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre**, 58 St Charles St E, Maryhill, Ontario.

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!



Church Bulletin Advertising

Next 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).



"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.

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.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Sat. October 14th from 2-3 p.m. at **Speaker's Corner** (NW corner of King & Benton Streets), Kitchener. Please come and pray with us during the 106th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions in Fatima, asking Her to intervene on our behalf to Her Son so that He may help Canada and the rest of the world in these times of great trial and evil. The goal is for 800 public rosaries to take place in Canada that day. **CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY –** www.canadaneedsourlady.org



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