

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. 26 – Oct. 2, 2022

Monday - 10:30 am - FUNERAL for the late Gary Bielaski

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)

12 Noon + Maria Silvestre – Joao

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Jose Antonio Correia & family – Nicolina C.

Thursday (FEAST – St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels)

*** NO NOON MASS TODAY**

*** 7:00 PM** + Albert & Theresa Prince – Margaret Gregg

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. JEROME)

12 Noon + Maria Elena Carinha – Fonseca family

First Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS)

9:00 am + Maria Campos – Campos family

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – October 1/2

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sat. 5:00 PM + Jeanette Lavoie – St. Mark's Parish

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

11:30 am - Int. of Marvin Nemenzo – B. & S. Garrucho



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

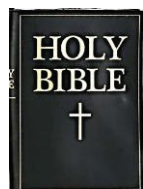
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the repose of the souls of: LEA BYERS and CHARLENE KROPIELNICKI

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



BIBLE STUDY

Every Friday 7:00-8:00 p.m.
starting **September 30th**

Please meet in the **St. Luke Boardroom**.
All are welcome! No need to register!

The study program will be discussed at the first meeting. **Please bring your bible and paper and pen.** Some have requested to meet via Zoom and we are looking into this. Masks are optional. Questions? Please contact Karen at bkkriagner@rogers.com.

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 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.



TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is the focus of the **Luke's Gospel** on the **Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. This is a classic story of how the tables are turned in the afterlife. The rich man has it good in this life and ignores the plight of poor Lazarus. In the afterlife, it is the rich man who is in torment and Lazarus is the one who is enjoying heaven. The double irony comes when the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers. Jesus responds: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Will we listen to the one who has risen from the dead?

Luke's Gospel continues to offer us stories of Jesus "resolutely" on the way to Jerusalem and the suffering that faces him there. Jesus points out a young child and asks them to strive to be the "least" not the greatest. He is not welcomed in a Samaritan village but rebukes the disciples who want revenge on the village. He encourages his followers: "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God." He sends 72 of his disciples out with nothing but their faith: "no money bag, no sack, no sandals." He holds the people of Chorazin and Bethsaida accountable for ignoring his message despite "mighty deeds done in your midst" saying "whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." As the 72 followers returned to Jesus, they marveled at the power given them in his name as he praises his father for revealing wisdom "to the childlike."

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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!!

Crisis in Pakistan - Our sisters and brothers in Pakistan are currently suffering a great climate disaster. Over 33 million people have been affected by unprecedented flooding across most of the country. To help our partners, Caritas Pakistan, cope with this crisis, **Development and Peace has launched an appeal for funds.** We have published an [article about it on our website \(www.devp.org\)](#). **The Government of Canada is matching all donations to the cause, dollar for dollar, only until Wed. Sept. 28th.** Thank you for your support. The donation link is: <https://www2.devp.org/en/civircm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24501>.

Liturgical Ministers

October 1-2	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Commentator:	S. Rellinger	J. Deneau	J. Petrovich
Reader:	D. Behl	T. Lee	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	C. Weber P. Smith	P. Drohan J. Kelly	E. Weiss C. Dignam
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	T./K. Boettger	B./C. Voisin



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.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Workshops

To assist parishes in rebuilding parish ministries, the Diocesan Liturgy Office is offering the following Formation Workshops this Fall:

Ministers of the Word Formation Workshop

Saturday, October 22 St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Workshop

Saturday, November 12 St. Gregory the Great Parish, Cambridge

Additional dates (other cities) can be found on the church bulletin board. Workshops run from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Check-in will begin at 10am. The cost is \$30.00 per participant to cover lunch and snacks. Should you have additional questions, please contact the diocesan Liturgy Office at liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com. Please register online at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/>

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!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Sept. 28 – Nov. 6, 2022
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

Opening Rally: Tuesday, September 27th at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener following the 7pm Mass. Refreshments and sign up in the Parish Hall. Archangels & K-W Right to Life will have a display and Christmas cards for sale with much more. www.40daysforlife.com

PRO-LIFE MASS for unborn babies' safe delivery from abortion: Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. with Father M. Gil, O.M.I. at **St. Teresa of Avila Church, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener**

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.



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 at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph

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

Oct. 5th - Idolatry and the Pull of False Gods with Fr. Don Sanvido

Oct. 12th - The Church Would Look Foolish Without Them: The Laity in a Time of Tumult with Prof. Michael W Higgins

Oct. 19th - My Life as a Christian with Dr. Robin Fishburn

Oct. 26th - A Deepening of a Life of Prayer with Marilyn Gostlin

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Please check the church bulletin board.

K-W Life Chain: Sunday, October 2nd in front of Kitchener City Hall, 200 King Street West from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

K-W Right to Life 50th Anniversary Dinner: Friday, November 18th at 5:00 p.m. **Waterloo Knights of Columbus Centre, Waterloo.** Celebrating 50 years of service in the K-W area. Includes founding members and special guest speaker, Jack Fonseca from Campaign Life Coalition. Doors open at 5pm. Fish Dinner at 6pm.

★ For more pro-life event info, please visit: www.kwrtl.ca



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