

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor* ([stmark.kitchener@gmail.com](mailto:stmark.kitchener@gmail.com))

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary* ([stmark@rogers.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week



Sept. 4 – 10, 2023

#### ★ Please note this week's **MODIFIED** schedule ★

Due to Fr. Roque's attendance at the Annual Clergy Seminar, Mass times have been modified on Tuesday and Friday, and there will be no Masses on Wednesday and Thursday. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

★ 9:00 am † John Pereira – Anthony Toscano & family

**Wednesday** ★ NO MASS

**Thursday** ★ NO MASS

**Friday** (FEAST – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

★ 7:00 PM – Int. of Thomas Gmach – Lisa & Ernie

### 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 9/10

*Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20*

Sat. 5:00 PM † Bruno Schmidt – Frank & Yvette Tully

† Jordan Fricker – McCullough Family

† Gilda Cavuoti – Josie & Maria

Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of Helen McGeehan – Pauline

11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:*

The repose of the soul of Pablo Del Monte



### ✱ Diocesan Prayer Calendar... This week let us pray for...

Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Sept. 6	Sept. 7	Sept. 8	Sept. 9
Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.	Rev. Romelito Guillen	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

**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.

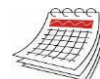
### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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 in September** and registration forms will be available in the foyer. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Roque.

### Welcome Fr. Stanley!

This weekend we welcome Fr. Stanley Nwokeji who will be staying here at the rectory with Fr. Roque for the school year, while he completes his studies at Conestoga College. During his stay, Fr. Stanley will be helping with some of our Masses. We know that you will offer Fr. Stanley a warm welcome to St. Mark's!

### Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Sept. 4</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Thu. Sept. 7</b>	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Sat. Sept. 9</b>	6:00 pm	CH/H	Knights of Columbus Installation

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

Our week begins as we look to the **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We see a glimpse of the Prophet Jeremiah who understands the pain of following the Lord and decides not to speak the Lord's name again, "but then it becomes like fire burning in my heart." Paul's letter to the Romans encourages those ancient Romans – and us – not to conform to this age but to discern the will of God. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus corrects his disciples' resistance to his own passion and death, telling them that if they try to save their lives, they'll lose them. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

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### 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](mailto:stmark@rogers.com) with your name and contact info.

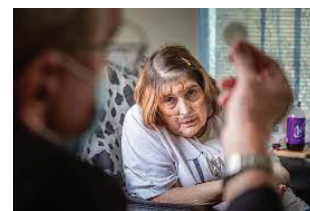
#### ■ Coffee Sundays

Coffee Sundays will resume next weekend! 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.



### Marriage Tip of the Month

When asked what matters most to someone who is married, people often answer my wife/husband and children. It is important to see if your actions reflect that belief. Do you spend time together daily talking about your day and important matters? Do you plan a date night with your spouse (even if it is from home), so your children see the love you share? Do you do little tasks that need doing without being asked? Do you compliment your spouse and tell them you love them? What we do tells others what matters – be sure your spouse knows they do!

## Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 9-10	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller	A./D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
<b>Commentator:</b>	A. Fernandez	T. Lee	N. Comido
<b>Readers:</b>	S. Rellinger	P. Enticott	M. Comido
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller P. Smith	P./M. Drohan	B./C. Voisin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	C. Weber A. Bendia	T. Lee M. Walser	D. Seymour-Weber F. Kangaloo

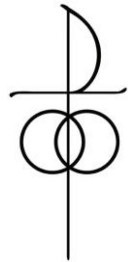


### Newly Baptized

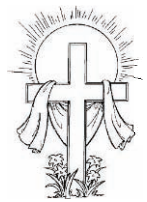
With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God: **Casper, Peyton, Evan, Isla, Alora, Leonardo, Fred, Jovani, Liam, Riely, Callum, Rowan, Jack, Mathias, Brogan, Erica and Evie.**

### Congratulations Newlyweds

Congratulations to the following couples, who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. May God continue to shower your life together with many blessings!



Michael Balucan & Xyza Canunayon  
Benedicto Cayme & Jenlynn Sunico  
Jonic James Charcos & Mechelle Castro  
Ian Anthony Coniza & Sheila Mae Sardina  
Emill Bryan Millar & Chona Mercado  
Jay Oliquino & Ampe Larosa  
Danielle Osquiza & Joan Salinas  
Jun Racho & Myleen Ugalino  
Arlan Rafanan & Margie Ragasa



### IN MEMORIAM...

We offer our condolences and prayers to the families and friends of the late **Joan Germann** (wife of Tom), and of the late **Irene Batista** (mother of Anna Joseph). "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

### 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! **Visit [www.tmiy.org](http://www.tmiy.org) for more information.** 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](mailto:ian.kangaloo@gmail.com) with your questions or to sign up.**

### C.W.L. NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**General Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 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!



**A Taste of Bavaria...** Join the **Waterloo Knights of Columbus (145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo)** for Dinner, Live Music and Dancing. **Dinner at 6pm** includes Schnitzel, German Potato Salad, Vegetable and Dessert, followed by live music and dancing from 7-10pm: **Thursday, Sept. 14** (music by St. Louis Blues); **Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** (music by Leap of Faith); **Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>** (music by St. Louis Blues). **Tickets are \$45 each and must be purchased in advance by calling Martin at 519-884-2060.**

**Diocesan Marian Days** – Join us for the final Marian Day for 2023 on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Save the Date: A Bus Trip to Toronto... Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**, downtown Toronto, followed by a stop at **Eaton Centre** and **Ripley's Aquarium**. First Stop is Mass at the Cathedral at 12:15 p.m., followed by time at the nearby shopping center in downtown Toronto. We will end our trip by stopping at Ripley's Aquarium. Cost is \$85 for seniors (65+), and \$95 for adults, and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, an entrance ticket to the aquarium, and lunch provided. To book a seat, or for more info, contact Patrycja by Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 519-886-0342 ext 3, or email: [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com). Tickets can be purchased at Our Lady of Lourdes parish office in Waterloo. **Information session at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office on Wed. August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

### Auction/Raffle to assist Catholic Children's Aid

Catholic Children's Aid of Hamilton has been helping children in the Hamilton Diocese for over 50 years and the needs continue to increase. **Youth in our community are facing homelessness, food insecurity and mental health issues.**

You can make a difference today by helping us to raise funds by placing a bid on our online auction and raffle. All the money raised will be poured back into support for our young people.

There are a variety of items to choose from – something for everyone! Check it all out at the following link and help us to support children in need! <https://event.auctria.com/c5f043d9-2952-4bcc-a019-d1390e62436b/> (be sure to scroll to the bottom of our page and hear from some of our youth directly or **CONTACT US:** Roger Ali at [Roger.ali@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:Roger.ali@hamiltonccas.on.ca) or 905-525-2012 ext. 3150).

If you like to play golf, you might also consider joining us for our **Golf Tournament on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>** ... see more here: <https://hccas.ca/attend-or-support-a-fundraising-event/>

**Parenting Tip of the Month** – As summer ends and school begins, it is time to get back to a more scheduled lifestyle. As you organize your family, remember that our priorities are what we give the most time to and what we schedule time for, so do not forget to schedule family time, prayer time and Church attendance into your schedule. Place these items on the calendar because they matter to your whole family and seeing them there raises up their importance!





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