

# 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. 5 – 11, 2022**

**Tuesday** ★ **NO MASS**

**Wednesday** ★ **NO MASS**

**Thursday** ★ **NO MASS**

**Friday** (FERIAL)  
12 noon + Mo Tran – Tim Tran

*Fr. Roque will be attending the Annual Priests' Seminar from September 6-8.*

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 10/11**

*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Mark Ciervo – St. Mark's Parish

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

**11:30 am** + Mo Tran – Tim Tran



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:  
A private intention**



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.

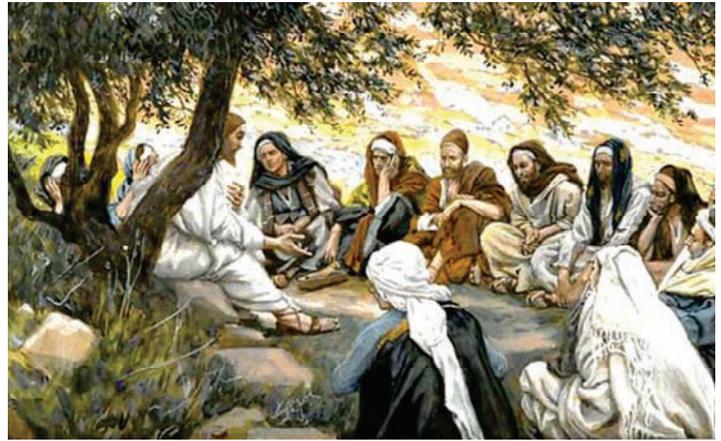
**BIBLE STUDY?**

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 [bkkrieger@rogers.com](mailto:bkkrieger@rogers.com) with your name and preferred method of contact (email or phone). Thanks!



Thank you to all who participated in the initial stage of the preparation for the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome in October 2023 on the theme of Synodality: Communion, Participation and Mission. Over 2,000 submissions were received in the Diocese of Hamilton, including both individual and group responses. Every effort was made to include your thoughts in the Diocesan summary, which is provided here for your further reflection: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/>.

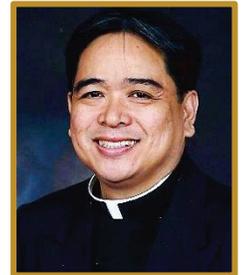
**Pajama & Sock Drive...** We continue to collect NEW and UNUSED PAJAMAS and SOCKS in ALL SIZES (adults & children) to give to **victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**. Items will be collected at the parish, and then distributed through St. Mary's Hospital. **Items can be placed in the bin in the narthex.** Thank you for your support!



On the **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** we hear Wisdom marvel at God's ways. Paul writes to his friend, Philemon, about Philemon's slave, Onesimus, who is now a convert and in prison with Paul. Paul asks that he be taken back as a son or a brother. In **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus tells the crowd that following him will involve radical conversion and requires that each us discern if we can prepare for the self-denial required.

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**From the Pastor's Desk...**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Peace!

I was born and raised in the Philippines. I was ordained on March 27, 1999.

In 2004, I moved to Canada, and I served, as an on-loan priest, in the Diocese of Prince Albert in Saskatchewan for 18 years. After almost two decades in the Prairie, I thought of trying a new environment and experience in my ministry.

Fr. Arpee Urquico, a priest in the Diocese of Hamilton, paved the way for my transfer to the Diocese by introducing me to Bishop Crosby. The process has turned out smoothly.

I moved to St. Mark Parish on August 2; it was a huge and major decision for me. Leaving my family in Saskatchewan was not easy, as if some vital part of my life was taken away from me. In a situation like this, to whom shall I turn to but God; I fervently ask him to sustain me with strength in the new phase of my journey.

Let us journey together in the mission of Christ so that the seed that has been sown through us may be nurtured and grow, and in due time our labour may bear much fruit through his grace.

Let us ask the intercessions of our Patron Saint, St. Mark, that through his teachings and examples we may find the true Spirit of Community life.

United with you in prayers,

*Fr. Roque Concepcion*

## Liturgical Ministers

<b>Sept. 10-11</b>	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Commentator:</b>	A. Fernandez	T. Lee	M. Oram
<b>Reader:</b>	D. Behl	V. DeVries	J. Petrovich
<b>Ushers:</b>	B. Benner E. Miller	I./D. Culley	B./C. Voisin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	P. Fernandez C. Weber	T. Angel A. Joseph	I./F. Kangaloo



### Calling all Knitting and Crocheting Enthusiasts!

The C.W.L. is organizing a **PRAYER SHAWL** ministry. We will officially start in the fall and more details will follow. If you are interested in getting an early start, please contact Anna at 519-577-8519 for details!



### That Man is You!

returns Saturday mornings from **September 10, 2022 - April 2023.**

*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.

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](mailto:ian.kangaloo@gmail.com) with your questions or to sign up.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR ❖ This week let us pray for...

SEPT. 5	SEPT. 6	SEPT. 7	SEPT. 8	SEPT. 9	SEPT. 10
Rev. Marko Stefanec	Rev. Joseph Akanbi	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)	Rev. Charles Jordan	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.	Rev. Archange Kebe

**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.

### VOCATION SEEDS ♦ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in O.T. ♦ Sept. 4, 2022

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton:

905-528-7988 | [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

## C.W.L. News...

**General Meeting:** Attention C.W.L. members! We are excited to invite all members to our first general meeting of the year! **Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Business updates: 1) Outcome of the instructed votes regarding membership increases & amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws; 2) Prayer Shawl Ministry progress  
The MAIN EVENT: Meet and greet with our special guest, Father Roque! Watch future bulletins and your email for further details!



### World Youth Day 2023: Lisbon & Fatima, Portugal July 28 – August 7, 2023

Bishop Crosby is sending a delegation of 40 young adults to World Youth Day in the summer of 2023. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. All young people aged 18-35 are welcome to join this pilgrimage experience.

For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit: [www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com)

### Annual Clergy Golf Tournament

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Merryhill Golf Course, Breslau. Tee Off at 11:30 am. Please arrive by 11:10 am. \$130.00 includes, golf, cart and dinner. ALL ARE WELCOME. All clergy receive complimentary golf and dinner. Steak Dinner at 5:30 pm at Waterloo K of C Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Preregistration required by September 1<sup>st</sup> – email Peter Guinta – [halifaxpg2017@gmail.com](mailto:halifaxpg2017@gmail.com) or Martin Hickey – [manager@columbusconferencecentre.com](mailto:manager@columbusconferencecentre.com). Sponsored by K-W Serra Club and Waterloo Knights of Columbus.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

**at Forest Heights Long Term Care (60 Westheights Drive)**  
Since the pandemic the volunteer roster at FH LTC has dwindled – high school student volunteers have graduated, volunteers get older, some choose not to vaccinate, and other volunteers choose to move on.

FH LTC is in desperate need of volunteers to provide things like compassionate/friendly visits, palliative visits, and to run things like the tuck shop, a book club, or even a card game playing group, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call or email **Becky Carder** (Recreation Aide, FH LTC) at 519-576-3320 ext. 2012 or [rebecca.carder@reveraliving.com](mailto:rebecca.carder@reveraliving.com).

### Keeping Up with the Diocese...

**Your Browser:** Bookmark this page for the latest news from the Diocese: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/news>

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