

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener, Ontario N2N 3A2 • 519-571-9200 • www.stmarkcatholicparish.org

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor*

✉ stmark.kitchener@gmail.com

Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

✉ stmark@rogers.com

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Monthly Filipino Mass: Third Saturday 7:00 PM

Monthly Igbo Mass: Last Sunday 3:30 PM

CONFESSION

Wednesday and First Friday 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM or by appointment

DAILY MASS

Tuesday to Friday 12:00 NOON

First Saturday 9:00 AM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our Adoration Chapel is open to the public,

Tuesday to Friday 1:00 - 8:00 PM

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 your home blessed.

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 pre-authorized debit plan. 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 runs from the Fall until Easter.

MARRIAGE – A minimum of 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to start the process.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK or HOSPITAL VISIT

Whenever possible, Anointing of the Sick should be requested before the need becomes dire. In any case, contact the parish office to request this sacrament.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Dominic Elementary 3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

St. Mark Elementary 240 Autumn Hill Cr. 519-743-4682

Resurrection Secondary 455 University Ave. W. 519-741-1990



REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION

To have a Mass celebrated for a loved one (living or deceased), please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection. 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 the week.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention is \$10 per Mass.

Number of Masses requested: _____ Offering enclosed: \$_____

Name of person(s)

to be remembered: _____
Please check if this person is: ☐ LIVING or ☐ 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: We can only accept requests for specific dates if they are a birthday, death anniversary or wedding anniversary. Since dates fill up quickly, your request 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 satisfy 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: _____
Please check if this person is: ☐ LIVING or ☐ DECEASED

Offering enclosed: \$_____

REQUESTED BY _____

DAYTIME PHONE or EMAIL _____

Mass Intentions for the Week



September 7 – 13, 2026

Join us for recitation of **The Rosary**, 20 minutes before each weekday Mass.

***NO NOON MASSES THIS WEEK. Parish Office Closed Monday.**

***PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES FOR TUESDAY AND FRIDAY.**

Tuesday (FERIAL)

*** 9:00 AM** † Ronald Dault – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Wednesday *** NO MASS TODAY**

There will be no Mass on Wednesday or Thursday due to the Annual Clergy Seminar.

Thursday *** NO MASS TODAY**

Friday (FERIAL)

*** 7:00 PM** - Int. of Pat & Margaret Drohan – *Frances Musclow*
 - Int. of Tam Nguyen – *Campos family*
 † Dominic Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*
 † Vincent Kim – *Tuyen Nguyen*

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 5/6

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

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of John Nguyen – *Nhuong Vu*
 - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*
 † Shirley Raetsen – *Albert & Artemisia Simoes*

Sun. 9:30 am † Rosita & Pelagio Asoque – *Rechilda Tallman*

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



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Manuel Luis Alves



Vocations Prayer Calendar ✕ This week let us pray for...

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Andrew Czarny	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.	Catholic Teachers	Rev. Jerzy Tomon	Rev. Livinus Okamgba

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 married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

VOCATION SEEDS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Report



August 29/30, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 235.00
Loose offerings	\$ 621.05	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 384.12
Totals	\$ 5,125.05	\$ 619.12

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Program resumes September 20th.

Meetings & Events This Week ...



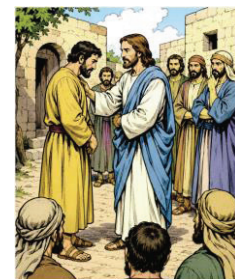
SEPT.	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 7	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 8	7:00 PM	(L)	C.W.L. Executive Meeting
Wed 9	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir Practice
Thur 10	7:00 PM	(H/J/L)	Multicultural Team Meeting
Sun 13	12:30 PM		Multicultural Festival (<i>advance tickets only</i>)

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

'I Am My Brother's Keeper'

God loves us too much to leave us in our sins. He comes to seek us, forgive us, and bring us back. In the Gospel today, the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus reminds us: no one is ever beyond the mercy of the Father. Even when someone goes astray, the door is never closed—there is always a way back, always a new beginning.

This is the Good News: we are loved, we are forgiven, and we are called to bring one another home. As we celebrate this Eucharist, may we receive God's mercy and share it with others. For we are our brother's keeper.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

An Update from St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul Conference

A sincere thank-you to all our parishioners and friends of the St. Mark Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for your continued support. Because of your generosity, we are able to assist our neighbours both near and far.



■ **North of 60 Program – Nunavut ...** Our parish contributed 667 boxes of Mac & Cheese, 330 bags of 30 Tetley tea bags (9,900 tea bags in total), and 52 large bags of clothing and footwear. Combined with the contributions of the other conferences, a total of 9,680 kg was shipped by barge to Nunavut and is arriving this week for many families in need!

■ **Food for Kids ...** We also donated 30 jars of peanut butter to their food program.

■ **School Program ...** We continue to work with our schools to support families in need. In addition, we provide juice and nutritional bars for diabetic students at Resurrection High School.

■ **You may have noticed our new portable!** Thank you to the team on the parking lot project for sourcing it and arranging its delivery and construction. We look forward to putting it to good use in helping our families in need.

If you are interested in supporting, helping, or learning more about St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul, please call the parish office.

May God bless you for all you do to help our neighbours in need!

Today is White Box Sunday

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a member at the church doors this weekend to receive monetary donations to assist families in our area. We appreciate your ongoing support!



Please note the **She Shall Be Called Woman** program has been **CANCELLED** until further notice.



Bible Study: Friday, Sept. 18th at 7:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 12/13	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller G. Selwyn	J. Taer, T. John X. Taguinod D. Akinkuotu	A./E./K. Palafox S. D'Souza
Commentator:	B. Barbon	M. John	P. Arroyo
Readers:	J. Deneau	T. Morgan	J. Palafox
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	I./D. Culley	B. Prila, M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	P. Campao W. D'Mello H. Psutka	T. Lee, A. Joseph M. Walser	K. Dignam L. Maenpaa E. Weiss



St. Mark's Multicultural Festival

NEXT SUNDAY! September 13th
after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Come and experience the incredible food, culture,
and community our parish has to offer!

- Enjoy... ★ a delicious BBQ lunch
★ sample foods from different countries
★ cultural presentations
★ children's activities
★ fun and games
★ exciting door prizes

ADMISSION BY ADVANCE TICKET ONLY
DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY.

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS
TO KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY TICKETS LEFT.



LOST! Women's wedding band and diamond engagement ring.
If found, please contact the parish office
at 519-571-9200 or stmark@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. Registration forms are available in the foyer. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Roque.



Monthly Praise & Worship
Saturday, Sept. 26 at 6:00 p.m.

All are cordially invited to join us after the 5pm Mass for Praise and Worship in the **Parish Hall**. Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

"I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Psalm 146:2

Mass for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Join St. Mark's C.W.L. at Mass on **Thursday, September 24th** at **7:00 p.m.** to commemorate the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Join us in prayer as we give thanks for the life, faith and witness of Archbishop Sheen. After Mass you're invited to stay for a **short video** on Archbishop Sheen and **refreshments** in the hall. Hope to see you there!

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be observed this year on **Sunday, September 27th** under the theme, "*Even just one of these children.*" This is taken from the Lord's promise that "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (Matthew 18:5). The theme draws attention to the Church's special concern for children affected by migration. We are called to welcome every child with the love and dignity of Christ, recognizing their immeasurable value and need for care, protection, and hope. On this occasion, we pray in solidarity with migrants, refugees, and displaced people throughout the world.

Multicultural Mass

All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, September 27th** at 3:00 p.m. at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!

Epic: The Early Church

A 10-session DVD study that explores the people, places, and events that shaped the Church's first five hundred years. Presented and authored by Steve Weidenkopf, Church historian from Christendom College and published by Ascension Press. Offered by **St. Louis Parish in Waterloo**, **either** on **Sundays** from 12:30 – 1:40 PM with lunch, **or** on **Mondays** from 7:30 – 9 PM with refreshments in Large Hall from **Sep. 20/21 to Dec. 6/7**. For more details, or to reserve your spot, contact stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com, or 519-743-4101, or check www.saintlouisparish.ca.

Fall Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, September 26th at the **Carmelite Monastery**, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R.1, St. Agatha. The theme is The Little Way of St. Therese, with Fr. Peter Turrone, offered by the Carmel Guild. The retreat is open to both men and women. **Registration is open from Sept. 7 – 22, and spaces are limited.** Please visit the Carmel website at www.thecarmel.ca to view the schedule and a registration form. Enjoy a day of quiet reflection, Mass, Adoration.

Holy Hour & Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, St. Agatha

Thursday, October 1st in honour of St. Therese.
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour, 7:00 p.m. Mass.

WALK WITH JESUS:

Retreat for Parents after the Death of a Child

Saturday, Oct. 10 (Fergus) or Sat. Nov. 7 (Hamilton)
9:00am - 4:00pm. \$20 includes lunch. Registration is required at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/06/walk-with-jesus-retreat-day-for-grieving-parents> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



528 Victoria St. N., beside Weston's Bakery
519-745-6136

ERB & GOOD
FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
Exceeding Expectations Since 1946
Paula Heimpel & Rebecca Hlavac
(nee Henhoeffler)
Funeral Directors & Owners
171 King Street South Waterloo
519-745-8445 | www.erbgood.com



**2M
Taylor**

Alterations & Tailoring
for men, women & children
Custom Tailoring

519.578.6054
milicabojo@hotmail.com

BIG

**BILLYARD
INSURANCE
GROUP**

HOME • AUTO • LIFE • BUSINESS

Frank Marinelli 519-489-0621 • frank@thebig.ca

We ♥ our
Residents
Lanark Village



Independent & Assisted Living
519-743-0121

44 Lanark Cres Kitchener

Join Today!



**Westmount Memorial
Celebration Centre**
1001 Ottawa St. S.
519-743-8900

Call
1-800-268-2637
for this space



Shopping
Locally
Saves Gas

**THE PERFECT SPOT
TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**



**TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL
1-800-268-2637**



AN INDEPENDENT FAMILY -
OWNED FUNERAL HOME
507 FREDERICK ST. (at expressway)
519-749-8467

Remember...
Let our advertisers know
you saw their ad here.

