

# 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.

## **ANOINTING 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Feb. 26 – Mar. 3, 2024

#### **Modified Mass Schedule (Feb. 20 through Mar. 22)**

Please keep Father Roque and his family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their sister, Lourdes de Leon-Concepcion. Fr. Roque was already planning a trip to the Philippines later in March to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his Ordination, but due to his sister's death Father needed to fly out sooner in order to attend her funeral. Consequently, our weekday Mass schedule will be modified until he returns. Our weekend Mass times will remain the same. We are grateful to Fr. Stanley Nwokeji for celebrating Mass with us on the days his schedule permits.

**Tuesday** \* **NO MASS TODAY**

**Wednesday** \* **NO MASS TODAY**

**Thursday** \* **NO MASS TODAY**

**First Friday** (FERIAL)

**5:40 PM - ROSARY**

- \* **6:00 PM** † Peter Nickl and all deceased family members of Albert & Lucy Lorentz – *Judy Nickl*
- † Nagwa Ibrahim – *E./R. Kubica & M. Gergiss*
- † Alfredo Angeles – *Buendia Family*

**6:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**First Saturday** (FERIAL)

- \* **9:00 am** † Aileen Leddy – *Karen & Brian Krigner*

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – March 2/3**

*Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25+; John 2:13-25*

- SAT. 5:00 PM** † Brigida De Sousa – *M. Soares and family*
- Int. of Jude Whittle – *Soundara Jaya*
- Int. of Donnie

- SUN. 9:30 am** † Mary Howe – *Ron & Kathleen*
- 11:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

### Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Feb. 26</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Pastoral Council & Finance Committee
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Feb. 27</b>	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
<b>Wed. Feb. 28</b>	5:45 pm	multi	First Communion Prep Meeting #3
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thu. Feb. 29</b>	6:45 pm	multi	Alpha
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Fri. Mar. 1</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	(H)	BCBP
<b>Sat. Mar. 2</b>	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	10:00 am	(H)	BCBP
<b>Sun. Mar. 3</b>	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God tested Abraham's faith. In the gospel we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

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#### **PASSION PLAY**

**ACTORS NEEDED! Adults and children (aged 10 and up). No speaking required.** If we get enough actors, practices will be held on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. If you are interested in participating, please email Sonia Chacon at [soniachacon33@yahoo.ca](mailto:soniachacon33@yahoo.ca). A short play takes place Holy Thursday (Mar. 28) and the main play takes place Good Friday (Mar. 29).



**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:*

**The repose of the soul of † Felisitas Sajo**



#### **Fridays During Lent**

**5:40 pm** - Rosary

**6:00 pm** - Mass

**6:30 pm** - Stations of the Cross



#### **Diocesan Prayer Calendar** ✕ *This week let us pray for...*

Feb. 26	Feb. 27	Feb. 28	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	Mar. 2
Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski	Rev. Timothy Higgins	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.C.J.)	Rev. Michael King	Msgr. Earl Talbot	Rev. Ronald Voisin

**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.



MEDITATIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### **"Stations in Song"**

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Live music provided by the band **Laurelin** (featuring members of the 9:30 choir). Join us for prayers and meditations for the Stations of the Cross (in keeping with the more traditional format of the Stations), followed by musical reflections to conclude each Station.

**We look forward to praying with you!**

**Potato Blitz** – Bring your spuds to the Church over the next month and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.



#### **A Day of Prayer for**

#### **Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse**

**TODAY - Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

Liturgy of the Word & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.



MAR. 2/3	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	R./R. Jerold J. Taer	F. Zumot J./K. Palafox
<b>Commentator:</b>	A. Fernandez	J. Deneau	I. Kanggaloo
<b>Readers:</b>	D. Behl	V. DeVries	N. Ngo
<b>Ushers:</b>	B. Benner E. Miller	J. Kelly, T. Mendonca	B./E. Prila
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	H. Psutka J. Fernandez	T./K. Boettger	B./C. Voisin



**Weekly Offertory Report**

February 17/18, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 5.00
Loose offerings	\$ 787.60	\$ --
Pre-authorized	\$ 1,558.96	\$ 385.73
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,616.56</b>	<b>\$ 390.73</b>



**A Message from St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society**

For those that do not know, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an International organization within the Catholic Church. Many parishes like St. Mark's have a conference.

For many years, St. Vincent de Paul has been known for distributing food to those in need. St. Mark's SVDP Conference did this from the portable, for families in our area. This had to stop during the pandemic. And then, the Food Bank of Waterloo Region took over all distribution.

Most parishes have not returned to doing food hampers, including St. Mark's. The House of Friendship has established a Food Bank at the Forest Heights Community Centre, where families can receive a food hamper once a week.

Continuing our mission to serve the poor, St. Mark's SVDP would like to start preparing **individual kits of dental and hygiene products. Hats, scarves, socks, etc. are also needed (new or gently used).** We will donate these to the YWCA and the Sanguine Centre, who will distribute these in our community. **A box will be placed in the narthex with a list of items most needed.**

**Other requests have come to us, but we do need new members to maintain our mission.**

**If you are interested, please contact us at [stmarksvdp@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmarksvdp@yahoo.ca).**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the St. Luke boardroom.

**Thank you for your continuing support!**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

WDP Palestinian Christian Women's Committee

*"I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love"* (EPHESIANS 4:1-3)

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

**St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church**

321 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener

Reception to follow. Livestream: <https://livestream.com/accounts/4258512>

**C.W.L. News...**



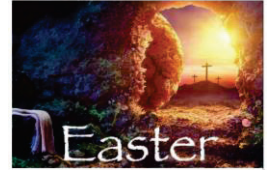
■ **LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY – Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the **Toronto Convention Centre**. THE FIRST BUS IS SOLD OUT!! We are collecting names to fill the second bus, if you are interested, please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519, no later than February 19<sup>th</sup>.

■ **LENTEN RETREAT**

**To all St. Mark C.W.L. Members...** Please save the date! **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 9 am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall.

*"Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"*

Join us for a day of creating, meditating, and praying away the stone that might be in your life. Each participant will create an Easter arrangement (a sample will soon be displayed on the C.W.L. table in the narthex). Please fill out the sign-up sheet found at the C.W.L. table. A fee for supplies will be collected from all participants. For more info please call Sue Sawchuk at (519) 277-1898.



■ **Any lady who has not yet joined the C.W.L. (or who has not renewed her membership) is encouraged to contact Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 ASAP. Don't miss out on the opportunity to join our Lenten retreat!!!**

■ **MAID for Mental Illness Legislation**

Eligibility for medical assistance in dying for persons suffering solely from mental illness has been extended to March 17, 2024. The C.W.L. has cards on its table for you to fill out, requesting that Legislation allowing mental illness as a sole condition for MAiD must be REVOKED! **Please fill out the card and place it in the basket provided.** Thank you for supporting this very important cause!



**IN MEMORIAM**

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Maria Da Silva** (mother of Maria (Frank) Roma, and grandmother of Susie (Leo) Gimenez).

*We mourn the loss of those who have gone before us in death and continue with us in the Communion of Saints. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

**SPEAKING OUR TRUTH AS CATHOLICS:  
The Truth Will Set You Free**

**St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo – Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.**

Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice – or to find the "right words" to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend the "St. Agnes Education Cafe" talk: *"Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free."* Special guests are Bishop Wayne Lobsinger and Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry.

**THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED**

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 3:00 pm  
Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster**

In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. **Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch.** To register on the website go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and look under *Upcoming Events*, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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