

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor* (stmark.kitchener@gmail.com)

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

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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 _____

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 5 – 11, 2024

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS)
12 Noon † Brigida De Sousa – *Gloria De Sousa*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Joyce St. Cartier – *Ray & Gloria*
 † Butch Richmond – *Lynch & Finn Families*
 † Maria Campos – *Campos Family*

Thursday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Julito Penaverde

Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Nguyen Family – *Tuyen Nguyen*

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 10/11
Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1; Mark 1:40-45

SAT. 5:00 PM † Lusía Pereira & Souls in Purgatory – *J. Costa*
 † Do Family – *Tuyen Nguyen*
 † Joan Germann – *John & Linda Deneau*

SUN. 9:30 am † Simona Carcano – *Cristina Sgarbossa*
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

 **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!** 
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The repose of the soul of † Brigida de Sousa

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

Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 10
Rev. Robert Sims	Rev. Charles Galea	<i>Missionaries</i>	Rev. Robert Kiffman	Rev. Pablito Labado	Rev. Edward Mahony

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.*

Thank You!

You may have noticed that the sacristy and each of our meeting rooms now have a window in each door. This upgrade was done for safety and transparency. A big thank-you goes to Al Bendia, Pat Drohan, John Kelly and Len Kieswetter, who volunteered to cut the doors and install the windows. They did a wonderful job and the doors look fantastic. Thank you, gentlemen! Our gratitude also goes to a friend of Father Roque's, Violeta Yauder, who made a significant donation to defray the cost of purchasing the window inserts.



We ask God's endless blessings on those who give selflessly of their TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!

The parish is always looking to update and add to our list of volunteers. If you have a skill that you are willing to share with the parish in a time of need (e.g. gardening, plumber, electrician, other trade, etc.) please call or email the parish office to let us know!

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Feb. 5	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	Knights' ad hoc meeting
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Feb. 6	7:00 pm	(L)	St. Vincent de Paul meeting
Wed. Feb. 7	5:45 pm	multi	First Communion Prep Meeting #2
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. Feb. 8	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
Fri. Feb. 9	7:00 pm	(J)	Bible Study
Sat. Feb. 10	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
Sun. Feb. 11	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

The **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time** has readings that deal with suffering and weakness. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus go to Simon Peter's house to heal Peter's mother-in-law. Crowds of people gather for healing outside the house. In the morning, Jesus slips away to pray, only to be searched out by Peter. Jesus says, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."



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St. Mark Knights of Columbus are pleased to host their annual



Pancake & Sausage Supper!

Shrove Tuesday, February 13th
 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall



TICKETS ON SALE after all weekend Masses!

A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door.
Adults \$12 • Youth \$8 • Kids (3-6yrs) \$4 • Family \$35 • FREE under 3yrs
Proceeds will support the Waterloo Region Food Bank.



There's still time to sign-up for Alpha!

Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2
6:45 to 9:15 p.m. (starting with dinner)
ST. MARK'S PARISH HALL

Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. To sign up or learn more, contact Denise Case by email at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com | www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.

⚠ Attention Envelope Users: A friendly reminder to PLEASE DISCARD all your old offertory envelopes from previous years, and ONLY use your 2024 envelopes. If you did not receive a box for 2024, please contact the office and we will be happy to make a box up for you.



FEB. 10-11	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller	R. Alayoku E. Burkholder A. Jacobs	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	S. Comido	J. Flanigan	B. Prila
Readers:	N. Comido	J. Deneau	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	P. Smith A. Beckner	K. Ogili F. Seaward	P. Abalos M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia H. Psutka	T./K. Boettger	E. Weiss A. Joseph



Weekly Offertory Report

January 27/28, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 130.00
Loose offerings	\$ 420.75	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,981.27	\$ 378.81
Totals	\$ 4,882.02	\$ 508.81

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18 at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo.**

Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. **Three and five week e-seminars are available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning.** For more info about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

The Cell Phone vs. The Bible

What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?
 What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
 What if we flipped through it several time a day?
 What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
 What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
 What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
 What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
 What if we used it when we traveled?
 What if we used it in case of emergency?
 Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill.

- Author Unknown

C.W.L. News...



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY - Saturday, March 2nd at the **Toronto Convention Centre**. There is a bus leaving from the Highway #6 and 401 parking lot. Total cost for bus and ticket for event is \$51 per person. Deadline for reversing ticket and bus is February 19th. No refunds. For further details please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

World Day of the Sick - February 11th

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF LOURDES!

The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858. Come and be reminded of the healing power of prayer and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo**, on **Saturday, February 10th**: 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Confession; 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception in the parish hall. **Sunday, February 11th** at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will be joined by Celebrant His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger for Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome.

BOOK STUDY: LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES A DIALOGUE GUIDE ON JUSTICE & RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

St. Mary's Parish Truth and Reconciliation Circle invites you to listen to Indigenous voices and to dialogue and support social transformation with our Indigenous neighbours. **Saturdays: Feb. 24, March 23, April 20, June 1** from **10 am to 12 pm** at the **WCDSB Catholic Education Centre** (35 Weber St. W., Kitchener). Topics include The Kairos Blanket Activity; Beginnings: Sharing Circles; A Tale of Two Communities: Racism; The Land is Us. Cost is \$40 and includes course materials (financial assistance available). To REGISTER, contact the parish office by Feb. 10th at 519-576-3860 or stmarys@rogers.com.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Saturday, March 2nd at St. Ann Parish in Hamilton

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food, vocations testimony, music, and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 2nd at **St. Ann's Parish** (120 Sherman Ave. N., Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY

PLEASE NOTE - *NEW DATE! Are you a parent or step-parent adjusting to blended family life? This program is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. \$50 per person (includes lunch). Join us ***Saturday, April 20th** from 9:15am to 3:30pm at **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph**. Register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events. For more info contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext.2249.



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