

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 _____

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Please keep this bulletin handy for the month of August.

Weekly bulletins will resume on September 1st.

For new items of importance, please listen for announcements after Mass, or check the parish website at www.stmarkcatholicparish.org.

Have a safe and blessed summer!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

OPEN: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30am – 4:30pm

CLOSED: MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
and the week of July 29-Aug. 2

WEEK OF JULY 29 – AUG. 4

Tuesday, July 30 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Claire LaFlamme

Wednesday, July 31 (MEMORIAL – ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA)

12 noon † Mary & Lofty Shipp – Nick & Sharon Cerantola

† Bob Smerchinski – Garry & Cindy Mahn

1:30 PM – Monthly Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence

Thursday, August 1 (ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI)

12 Noon † Helen McIntyre – Pat & Margaret Drohan

First Friday, August 2 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Souls in Purgatory – Tien Nguyen

First Saturday, August 3 (FERIAL)

9:00 am - Generational Family Healing

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 3/4

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, 31a++; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of St. Mark's Heart of Prayer Network

Sun. 9:30 am † Irene Baptista – Pam Olinski

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

WEEK OF AUGUST 5-11

Tuesday, August 6 (FEAST – TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD)

12 Noon † James & Mavis Chase – Chase family

Wednesday, August 7 (FERIAL)

12 noon † John Horvath – Nick & Sharon Cerantola

† Manuel Toscano – Anthony Toscano & family

Thursday, August 8 (MEMORIAL – ST. DOMINIC)

12 Noon † Maria Campos – Campos family

Friday, August 9 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Joseph Terrance Gonsalves – Nick & Julie Muza

Saturday, August 10

12:30 PM – WEDDING

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 10/11

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51

Sat. 5:00 PM † Luiza Pereira & family – Lurdes Soares

7:00 PM – MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS

Sun. 9:30 am † Joan Germann – Tom & family

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

Please note: There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS while Fr. Roque is away from August 12 – 27.

WEEK OF AUGUST 12-18

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 17/18

Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Sat. 5:00 PM † Len Andrechek – Tammy & family

† Joseph Nguyen – Tien Nguyen

† Rosa Chaves & family – Lurdes Soares

Sun. 9:30 am † Maria Campos – Campos family

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

WEEK OF AUGUST 19-25

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 24/25

Josh. 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph. 4:32—5:1-2, 21-32++; John 6:53, 60-69

Sat. 5:00 PM † Hubert & Mildred Miller – Paul & Angela Beckner

† Robin Grant – McCullough family

- Int. of Allan Musclow & Julie Gentilcore – F.M.

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Yauder family – Violeta Yauder

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

WEEK OF AUG. 26 – SEPT. 1

Wednesday, August 28 (MEMORIAL – ST. AUGUSTINE)

12 noon † Brigida De Sousa – Maria Soares

1:30 PM – Monthly Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence

Thursday, August 29 (MEMORIAL – The Passion of St. John the Baptist)

12 Noon † Mike Woodhouse – Nick & Julie Muza

Friday, August 30 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Thomas Dignam – Pat & Margaret Drohan

2:00 PM – Monthly Mass at Lanark Village

Saturday, August 31

1:00 PM – WEDDING

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUG. 31 / SEPT. 1

Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sat. 5:00 PM † Aileen Leddy – Debbi Giroux

- Int. of Serena, Chevy & Elijah – Frances Musclow

Sun. 9:30 am † Maria Campos – Campos family

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
TAKES A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER.**

This program will resume on September 8th.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this month for:

Int. of Serena, Chevy & Elijah (week of Aug. 19)

Int. of Allan Musclow & Julie Gentilcore (week of Aug. 26)

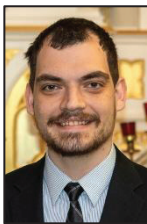


LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Kindly consult your summer schedule. If you have misplaced yours, please email the office to have another emailed to you. If you are unable to fulfill a particular date, kindly call a replacement in advance so that we are not left looking for ministers at the last minute before Mass begins. *Thank you!*

Dear Parishioners of St. Mark,

August 11th will mark my last day of ministry here at St. Mark's. I want to thank Fr. Roque and all of you for your warm welcome and hospitality during my stay here this summer. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as I move forward with my studies.



Warm regards, **Paul Reczek**, Seminarian

Farewell to Seminarian Paul ...

We offer our continued prayers and best wishes to Paul Reczek as he leaves us to continue his studies at the seminary this fall. We thank him for all of his help over the summer, and ask for God's abundant blessings on his journey toward the priesthood! Amen!

Visiting Missionary Priest – July 27/28

Fr. Joe Selvanayagam, Pastor of St. Patrick's RC Church in Cambridge, joins us this weekend (July 27/28) to participate in our Annual Missionary Co-op Appeal Program. Special envelopes will be available to make your donation. If paying by cheque, please remember to make it payable to St. Mark Parish.

"North of 60" Food Collection

We would like to thank everyone for your fantastic support of our North of 60 program. We received 600 packages of Kraft Macaroni & Cheese and prepared 300 bags (containing 30 bags each) of Tetley Tea. The families in the Chesterfield area will be so grateful for your assistance!!

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.



Vacant Chapel Hours

Thursdays 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Fridays 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Floating substitutes also needed! If you can fill in, please contact: Colette Dokis at 519-576-7490.

That Man is You!

RESUMING THIS FALL: Sept. 14, 2024 – April 2025

7:15 a.m. Breakfast, Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall

Now is the perfect time to join or rejoin TMIY! Breakfast begins in the Parish Hall at 7:15 a.m. followed by a video presentation and group discussion. All adult men of any background are welcome! **For more details, please see the bulletin board in the narthex** or visit: www.tmiy.org View promo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnEvkBgTjK&t=7s>.

Do you have a PYX that you no longer use?

We would be grateful if you could please return it (or consider donating your own) to the church, so that others may bring the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and homebound. Thank you!

Communion to Shut-Ins



If you are interested in knowing more about taking communion to our Catholic nursing home residents, consider going on a "ride along" with one of our current ministers, to see what it's all about! We travel to Forest Heights Long Term Care Centre every Sunday to bring the Lord to our friends who are homebound. Our hope is to assemble a big enough team to give each member the ability to be away when necessary. This mutually rewarding ministry is open to those 18 years of age and older. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Roque to indicate your interest.

SUMMER EUCHRE NIGHTS – Monday Evenings in Maryhill, **July 8th to August 26th** (no cards on Aug. 5th Civic Holiday). Games start at 6:30 pm. Please arrive no later than 6:15 SHARP! **St. Boniface Church Rectory**, 1355 Maryhill Road, Maryhill (the large house between the parking lot and the church). **FREE PARKING** in the gravel parking lot at the side of the building. Cost: \$5 per player. Bring your own drinks & snacks (no alcohol please). All Euchre Players Welcome – Please pass it on! This is a **DROP-IN** card night – NO commitment required! Please RSVP to Mare Zettel at 519-590-1516 (call or text). **OPTIONAL 50/50 Draw** each night – tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

YOUNG MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER – Saturday, August 31st

Wondering about religious life or priesthood? Looking to deepen your faith and understand your vocation? Join us at **St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener** (56 Duke St. West) for Dinner & Discernment **EVERY LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**. We'll enjoy a meal, prayer, and conversations with fellow young men and Resurrectionists. Explore your calling and discern your vocation in a community. Evening begins with Mass at 5:00 p.m., evening prayers at 6:30 and dinner together. If you cannot join us for Mass, please join us for evening prayers at 6:30. **Registration is required to attend our dinner.** Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ydm7u7bd> or scan the QR code on the poster in the narthex.

PRAYER FOR THE 4th WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

July 28, 2024

Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image, You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life, do not abandon us; take care of us, and grant us, once again, the ability to discover ourselves and recognize that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word and do not allow anyone to be cast aside. May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness and teach us to say: "I will not abandon you!" to those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness. Help us to look to the future with renewed hope, and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly a day without loneliness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace. Amen.



NO SCENTS IS GOOD SENSE!

A reminder to refrain from the use of perfumes and strongly scented products when coming to Mass. Many folks have allergies and/or sensitivities to scents.

Thank you.

The giant that's in front of you is never bigger than the God who's inside of you. Amen!





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