

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 _____

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

June 24 – 30, 2024

Tuesday (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Mike Woodhouse – Brian & Marie Lynch
 6:00 pm - Grade 8 Graduation Mass with St. Dominic's

Wednesday (FERIAL) *** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY ***
 12 Noon † Forcato Resende & family – Maria Soares
 † Paul Kubica – Eric & Rosemary
 † Herta Mulder – Nick & Sharon Cerantola
 1:30 pm - Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence
 6:00 pm - Grade 8 Graduation Mass with St. Mark's

Thursday (FERIAL)
 12 Noon - Intentions of Fr. Roque – Ron & Barb Denomme
 3:00 pm - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care Centre

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. IRENAEUS)
 12 Noon † Luiza Pereira & family – Lurdes Soares
 2:00 pm - Mass at Lanark Village

Saturday (SOLEMNITY – STS. PETER & PAUL)
 1:30 pm - WEDDING

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – June 29/30

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

SAT. 5:00 PM † Aileen Leddy – Debbi Giroux
 † Jose de Simas – Domenic
 - Int. of Kamee Law & Modesta Manderico – L. Law

SUN. 9:30 am † Derek Keough – Frank & Beth Seaward
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
A Private Intention



Used Book Sale!

**ONGOING DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE
 IN THE ST. JOHN'S ROOM**

\$5 Hardcover • \$2 Softcover • \$2 Children's Books
 Freewill offering for CDs, DVDs, Religious Items

Visit the tables often!

Selections will change as more books come in!

*Please leave your boxed donations of unwanted,
 gently used books under the tables in the St. John's Room.*

*Organized by the Catholic Women's League. A portion of the
 proceeds will go to the Woodhouse family. For more information
 please contact Dianne Seymour-Weber at 519-581-1018.*

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!



Meetings & Events This Week ...



| DATE | TIME | ROOM | EVENT |
|---------------------|---------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon. June 24 | 7:00 pm | (L) | Finance & Parish Council meeting |
| | 8:00 pm | (H) | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| Tue. June 25 | 5:00 pm | (H) | St. Dominic Graduation Dinner |
| Sun. June 30 | 9:30 am | (L) | Children's Liturgy of the Word (last session for the summer) |

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

Today is the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear the story from Mark's Gospel about the storm at sea. Jesus calms the sea and asks, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"



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Cake & Coffee Farewell to Father Stanley...

With gladness in our hearts, we congratulate Fr. Stanley Nwokeji on his assignment from Bishop Crosby to be the Associate Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Brantford, effective June 26, 2024. We extend our deep and heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Stanley for the many times he ministered to us, all while successfully completing his year of studies at Conestoga College. Please join us in wishing him well on **Tuesday, June 25th after the 12noon Mass**, for cake and coffee in the narthex.

"North of 60" Food Collection

St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in K-W are supporting the North of 60 program again this year. We are collecting **Kraft Macaroni & Cheese** and **Tetley Tea**. This food will be taken by ship to the needy families in Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut – south of the Arctic Circle. The families in this area are so appreciative of the donations given. If you can help, please look for the box in the narthex to drop off your food contribution. Thank you!

Vacant Chapel Hours

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

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

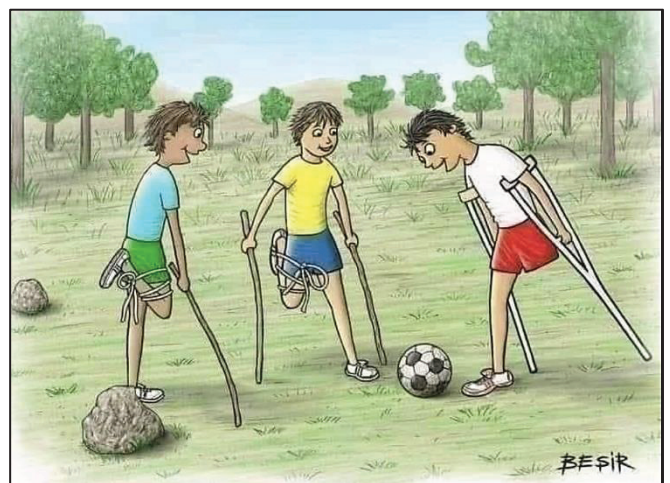
Floating substitutes also needed!

If you can fill in, please contact:

Colette Dokis at 519-576-7490.



Look closely! This is what EMPATHY looks like....





| June 29/30 | 5:00 PM Mass | 9:30 AM Mass | 11:30 AM Mass |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Altar Servers: | J./P./V. Miller | R. Alayoku T. John, J. Taer | J./K. Palafox F. Zumot |
| Commentator: | Javier Posada | J. Flanigan | R. Vergel de Dios |
| Readers: | Juan Posada | J. Deneau | D. DeSousa |
| Ushers: | P. Smith A. Beckner | K. Ogili L. Koehler | P. Abalos J. Vu |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | A. Bendia H. Psutka | M. Lynch M. Walser | I./F. Kangaloo |

TODAY! ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ:

The Art of Listening: To God and the Church, to Others and to Self
 Sometimes we may struggle to listen to God. What is He calling me to do? Or perhaps it is a challenge speaking with, and listening patiently to one another. Yet, God promises rich blessings to all who listen to him...and follow His Son Jesus in all circumstances. Join us for the next St. Agnes Education Café: "The Art of Listening: to God and the Church, to Others and to Self", with **Fr. Paul Voisin C.R.** on **Sunday, June 23rd** at 2:00pm at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.** www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org/Events

Young Men's Discernment Dinner – Sat. June 29th

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.

Weekly Offertory Report



| June 15/16 2024 | General | Mortgage |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Envelope offerings | \$ 2,523.00 | \$ 190.00 |
| Loose offerings | \$ 656.35 | \$ -- |
| Pre-authorized | \$ 1,534.04 | \$ 389.65 |
| Totals | \$ 4,713.39 | \$ 579.65 |

Diocesan Collection: Care for Retired Priests\$145.00

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

| June 24 | June 25 | June 26 | June 27 | June 28 | June 29 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, Patron of French Canadians</i> | Rev. Joseph Durkacz | Comboni Missionaries (M.C.C.J.) | Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly | Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I. | Saints Peter & Paul |

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.



That Man is You! www.tmiy.org

7:15 a.m. Saturday mornings
 St. Mark's Parish Hall

RESUMING THIS FALL! September 14, 2024 – April 2025

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. TMIY 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! This year features brand new dynamic speakers from a range of backgrounds. "All Things New" presents Earth-shattering insights from some of the greatest theologians of our day. A new day is dawning for Catholic Men. Now is the Hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising. "All Things New" – View Promo Video Here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnEvkBgTjk&t=7s>). Now is the perfect time to join or rejoin TMIY! Breakfast begins at St. Mark's Parish Hall at 7:15 a.m. followed by a video presentation and group discussion. All adult men of any background are welcome!

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.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL MASS

All are invited to attend a special Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on **Sunday, July 14th** at 2:00 p.m. at the **Carmelite Monastery**, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St. Agatha. More details to come.

Save the Date! ALL-DAY BUS TRIP TO HAMILTON – Monday, October 7

Don't miss out on this mini-pilgrimage and adventure! Purchase tickets now at Our Lady of Lourdes parish office – ONLY 56 TICKETS available. An information session will be held on **Friday, August 30th** at 5:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes parish office (173 Lourdes Street Waterloo). **Please confirm if you are planning on attending the info meeting.** To book a seat or for additional information, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext. 3, email lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com.

ReSTART: MOVING FORWARD - A 10-week education and support program for anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation.

Sessions resume this fall IN-PERSON at the Chancery Office (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or you are welcome to join our **ZOOM** classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. To register contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com. Or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/restart.

THE CATHOLIC DATE NIGHT

Hosted by Kathleen and Jesse LeBlanc of *Found Together*. Are date nights with your spouse (or future spouse!) turning into Netflix binge nights? Do you want to grow in faith and prayer together? Do you wish you had a community of Catholic couples to truly journey with? It's time to level up your marriage vocation with *The Catholic Date Night!* Enjoy the LIVE monthly date nights from the comfort of your own home. Subscribe at www.wearefoundtogether.com/datenights and follow them on Instagram @TheCatholicDateNight for date night inspiration and more!

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! This mutually rewarding ministry is open to those 18 years of age and older, and is a weekly commitment. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Roque to indicate your interest.



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