

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

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

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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 _____

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Please keep this bulletin handy for the month of July.

The next bulletin will be published on July 28th for the month of August. 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 1-7

Monday, July 1 (FERIAL) **CANADA DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS while Fr. Roque is away on Pilgrimage from July 2 - 5.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 6/7

Ezekiel 2:3-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

- Sat. 5:00 PM** † Anna Angeles Dazon Buendia – *Buendia family*
† Visitacion Buendia – *Buendia family*
- Divine Mercy – *Anthony Toscano & family*
- Sun. 9:30 am** † David Buchanan – *John & Linda Deneau*
- 11:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

WEEK OF JULY 8-14

There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS while Fr. Roque is away on Pilgrimage from July 8 - 12.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Thursday & Friday, July 11 & 12

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 13/14

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

- Sat. 5:00 PM** † Tue Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*
† Sim Do – *Tuyen Nguyen*
† Enrique Estavillo – *Beth*
- Sun. 9:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
- 11:30 am** † Jose de Simas – *wife Maria*

WEEK OF JULY 15-21

Tuesday, July 16 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Irene Baptista – *St. Mark C.W.L.*

Wed. July 17 (FERIAL)

- 12 noon** † Jerome Nguyen – *Thanh Nguyen*
† Adelina & Peter Cerantola – *Nick & Sharon C.*
† Gene Buencamino – *Navaleza & Buencamino families*

Thursday, July 18 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Maria Campos – *Campos family*

Friday, July 19 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Maria Do – *Thanh Nguyen*

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 20/21

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

- Sat. 5:00 PM** † Brigida de Sousa – *M. Soares & family*
† Mike Woodhouse – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica*
† Vincent Kim Van Toan – *Melissa Nguyen*
- 7:00 PM** – **MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS**
- Sun. 9:30 am** † Gerard O'Malley – *Pat & Margaret Drohan*
- 11:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

WEEK OF JULY 22-28

Tuesday, July 23 (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of the Yauder family – *Violeta*

Wed. July 24 (FERIAL)

- 12 noon** † Thomas Dignam – *Colm, Kay & Family*
† Forcato Resende & family – *M. Soares*
† Nellie & Bill Yarosh – *Nick & Sharon Cerantola*

Thursday, July 25 (FEAST – ST. JAMES)

- 12 Noon** - Generational Family Healing – *K. Smith*
- 3:00 PM** – *Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care*

Friday, July 26 (Feast – St. Anne & St. Joachim, Parents of the Bl. V. Mary)

- 12 Noon** † Mike Woodhouse – *Magda Gergiss*
- 2:00 PM** – *Monthly Mass at Lanark Village Retirement Residence*

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 27/28

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

- Sat. 5:00 PM** † Marion Polzin – *Paul & Angela Beckner*
† Aileen Leddy – *Debbi Giroux*
- Sun. 9:30 am** † Joan Germann – *Tom*
- 11:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this month for:

- + Edwin & Gerry Balm (week of July 1)
- + Aundrie Thomson (week of July 8)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

IS TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER.

This program will resume on September 8th.

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on sale after all Masses on the weekend of **July 20/21.**

Visiting Missionary Priest – July 27/28

Fr. Edmund P. Tilakarathne, a Missionary Priest from the **Sri Lanka National Seminary** in the Archdiocese of Colombo, will be visiting our parish on the weekend of July 27th & 28th to participate in our Annual Missionary Co-op Appeal Program.

MANY THANKS to everyone who donated to this year's **Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place.** The young mothers and their babies really appreciate the support.



"North of 60" Food Collection

K-W St. Vincent de Paul Conferences are collecting **KRAFT Macaroni & Cheese** and **TETLEY Tea** to be taken by ship to the needy families in Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut, south of the Arctic Circle. Boxes are located in the narthex to drop off your food contribution. Thank you!

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!*

Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of July For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confers to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and becomes ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



Canada Day – July 1

Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes. Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and through-out the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

- Taken from the Ordo Liturgical Calendar 2023-2024



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.

Prayer for Our Adoration Chapel

O Lord, when I look upon You in the Blessed Sacrament, my human eyes see only bread; but when I gaze upon You with the eyes of Faith, I see Your most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. I thank You, Lord, for the treasure of really believing in Your Eucharistic Presence. What a privilege it is to kneel before You, the Lord of History and Creation, and if that is not enough, to realize how very anxious You are to have me bring all my burdens and cares so that You can strengthen me with Your most tender graces. Lord, won't You please draw other members of our parish family to the Adoration of Your Real Presence, that they may refresh their souls in the Sacrament of Your Love. Fill the empty houses with adorers and fill their hearts with Your merciful Love. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us.

Copies of this prayer are available in our Adoration Chapel

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>.

Pre-Authorized Giving

Approximately 85 individuals and families currently use this program. Withdrawals take place monthly on the 15th day (or next business day) of every month. New members are always welcome! Enrollment forms are available on the information wall in the narthex. Offertory envelopes can also still be used for those times when you may wish to augment your automatic monthly contribution, or give to a special collection. Questions? Please feel free to contact Pam at the parish office.

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.



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.

Congratulations Class of 2024!

Wishing all graduates and all students a safe, happy and restful summer, with God's blessings on all your future endeavours!



Dear Friends at St. Mark's....

I just wanted to say a huge thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the generous donations to our family during this most difficult time. I was so touched by how many of you donated and were willing to support our family during this difficult time. We are truly blessed to be a part of the beautiful family at St Mark's church.

I am truly touched by the huge amount of prayers that were said and are still being said for Mike and for all of us. Thank you to everyone for every single prayer and for all of the mass cards that were given to us for Mike.

Mike was truly touched by how many people were praying for him before he passed away.

I also want to thank all of you for all of the food and care packages that have been dropped off at the house for our family it has really helped us to get through this trying time.

You are all angels helping us to navigate our way through this incredibly difficult time and I cannot say thank you enough.

We truly feel blessed to know each and everyone of you and to be a part of such a loving and caring community.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your love and support. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

Love, Melissa, James, Jacob and Charlotte Woodhouse





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