

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

March 4 – 10, 2024

#### ★ Modified Mass Schedule ★

While Fr. Roque is in the Philippines, our weekday Mass schedule will be modified until Father returns on March 23. We are grateful to **Fr. Stanley Nwokeji** for celebrating Mass with us on the days his schedule permits, and to **Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.** who will celebrate our weekend Masses on March 2/3 and March 9/10.

**Tuesday** \* NO MASS TODAY

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7:00 PM - **Lenten Penitential Service**

**Thursday** \* NO MASS TODAY

**Friday** (FERIAL)

5:40 PM - **ROSARY**

★ 6:00 PM † Brigida De Sousa – *Amelia De Sousa*  
† Souls in Purgatory  
- In Thanksgiving

6:30 PM - **STATIONS IN SONG**

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 9/10

*2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23+; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21*

**SAT. 5:00 PM** † Irene Baptista – *Cathy Menes*  
† Joan Germann – *Bernard Crawley*  
† Marie Voisin – *Phyllis Keip*


**SUN. 9:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am † Enrique Estavillo – *Beth & Eryl*

### Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Mar. 4</b>	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	Forward Together in Christ team mtg.
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Mar. 5</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting
<b>Wed. Mar. 6</b>	7:00 pm	(CH)	Lenten Penitential Service
<b>Thu. Mar. 7</b>	6:45 pm	multi	Alpha
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Fri. Mar. 8</b>	6:30 pm	(CH)	Stations in Song
	7:00 pm	(L)	Bible Study
<b>Sat. Mar. 9</b>	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
<b>Sun. Mar. 10</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 **Third Sunday of Lent** we read the Ten Commandments and witness Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple. He says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." John's Gospel tells us the point: "Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken." In most parishes, there will be one Liturgy for the RCIA candidates, using the Gospel of the Woman at the Well. *Used with permission by Online Ministries, Creighton University* 

### 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).

### School Confessions for Lent

Students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the parish schools on the following dates:

**Tuesday, March 5 (AM)** at St. Dominic School  
**Thursday, March 7 (PM)** at St. Mark School

### Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings


**FIRST COMMUNION:** Wed. March 20 at 5:45 p.m.  
**CONFIRMATION:** Sun. March 24 at 1:00 p.m.



### MEDITATIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS "Stations in Song"

**THIS FRIDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 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. 



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



### 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...

March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9
Rev. George Nowak, C.R.	Rev. Edward Hinsperger	Disabled Persons	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.	Rev. James Link, C.R.

**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.

### Lenten Penitential Services

DATE	TIME	PARISH
<b>Wed. March 6</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Mark</b>
<b>Tue. March 12</b>	7:00 PM	St. Anne
<b>Thur. March 14</b>	7:00 PM	St. Teresa (Kit.)
<b>Tue. March 19</b>	2:00 PM	St. Francis
	7:00 PM	St. Joseph
<b>Wed. March 20</b>	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius
<b>Thur. March 21</b>	11:00 am	St. Mary's
	7:00 PM	Blessed Sacrament
<b>Fri. March 22</b>	7:00 PM	St. Anthony Daniel
<b>Tues. March 26</b>	7:30 PM	St. Teresa (Elmira)

# Liturgical Ministers

MAR. 9/10	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller	R. Alayoku E. Burkholder A. Jacobs	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
<b>Commentator:</b>	S. Comido	T. Lee	D. DeSousa
<b>Readers:</b>	N. Comido	J. Flanigan	B. Prila
<b>Ushers:</b>	C. Weber P. Smith	P./M. Drohan	C./S. Thiagarajah
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	D. Fernandez A. Bendia	P. Enticott A. Joseph	D. Seymour-Weber K. Dignam



## Weekly Offertory Report

February 24/25, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,347.00	\$ 85.00
Loose offerings	\$ 487.75	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,558.96	\$ 385.73
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,393.71</b>	<b>\$ 470.73</b>



### March 17<sup>th</sup> is Solidarity Sunday

**This Lent, please give generously**

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's *Reaping our Rights* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

**Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.**

"Development and Peace – Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our

institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**" – Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

**Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for your solidarity!**

A Share Lent donation envelope can be found in your personal offertory box, and a supply of Share Lent envelopes will also be available in the church lobby next weekend. The Share Lent collection will be taken up March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH...** Vacations or 'Stay-cations' are a wonderful time to step away from the busy-ness of everyday family living and reconnect with each other. As you laugh and play this March break, do not forget to stay connected to your faith. Be the family that plays and prays together. Take some time to talk about Lent and how it leads us to the great celebration at Easter!

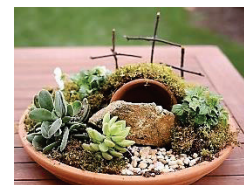
**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH...** Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament: our love for each other is to mirror the love of God for each person. When you look at your relationship, do you see it truly reflecting the total love and giving of God's love? Love is a choice and the decision to love can and should influence how we treat our spouse. When we purposely act in ways that reflect God's love, our marriages are better and will then echo, through our relationship, a visible love showing God's invisible love to the world.

## C.W.L. News...

### ■ 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 (sample on display 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!

### 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.

### GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY – March 29<sup>th</sup>

**Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo**  
Eat-in seating times, on the hour starting at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. Takeout from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. One-piece dinner **\$17.50** tax incl., Two-piece dinner **\$22.50** tax incl. Includes Fish, Fries, Coleslaw, Roll and Butter. Contact Martin at 519-884-2060 for EAT IN BOOKINGS.

### ANNUAL CARD PARTY

**St. Anthony Daniel Parish – Wed. April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets available for our annual card party in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets call parish at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.



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