

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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## **PARISH STAFF**

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## **SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Monthly Filipino Mass: *Third Saturday 7:00 PM*

## **CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday and First Friday 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM or by appointment

## **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday to Friday 12:00 NOON

First Saturday 9:00 AM

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Our Adoration Chapel is open to the public

Tuesday to Friday 1:00 - 8:00 PM

**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 your home blessed.

## **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. 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 runs from the Fall 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 or HOSPITAL VISIT**

Whenever possible, Anointing of the Sick should be requested before the need becomes dire. In any case, contact the parish office to request this sacrament.

## **PARISH SCHOOLS**

<b>St. Dominic Elementary</b>	3 Westforest Trail	519-576-5503
<b>St. Mark Elementary</b>	240 Autumn Hill Cr.	519-743-4682
<b>Resurrection Secondary</b>	455 University Ave. W.	519-741-1990



HAPPY  
*Thanksgiving*

*Dear Lord,*

Today we give thanks for our many blessings  
*As we pray for those in need.*

We give thanks for our family and friends  
*As we pray for those who are lonely.*

We give thanks for our freedoms  
*As we pray for those who are oppressed.*

We give thanks for our good health  
*As we pray for those who are ill.*

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity  
*As we share our blessings with others.*

On this day of Thanksgiving,  
May the *love of God* enfold us,  
The *peace of God* dwell within us  
And the *joy of God* uplift us.

AMEN.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Intentions for the Week** 

**October 14 – 20, 2024**

**Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. TERESA OF JESUS)  
**12 Noon** - Int. of Generational Family Healing – *K. Smith*

**Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. MARIE-MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE)  
**12 Noon** † Gerry Gerth – *Terry & family*

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH)  
**12 Noon** - Int. of Greta Dunlop

**Friday** (FEAST – ST. LUKE)  
**12 Noon** - Int. of Aldee Deen – *Boyet & Sugar Norte*

**29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 19/20**  
*Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45*

**SAT. 5:00 PM** - Int. of Fr. Stanley Nwokeji – *St. Mark's Parish*  
 - Int. of Marg Heldman

**7:00 PM** - MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS

**SUN. 9:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark  
**11:30 am** † Whittle Family

**Meetings & Events This Week ...**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Oct. 14</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Oct. 15</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Finance & Maintenance meeting
	7:00 pm	(M)	St. Vincent de Paul meeting
<b>Wed. Oct. 16</b>	6:00 pm	(L)	Baptism Preparation meeting
	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thur. Oct. 17</b>	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	Children's Liturgy Team meeting
<b>Fri. Oct. 18</b>	2:00 pm	(H)	Sewing!
<b>Sat. Oct. 19</b>	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man is You! Men's Group
	8:00 am	Grounds	Fall Cleanup – <i>volunteers welcome!</i>
	10:00 am	(H)	B.C.B.P.
<b>Sun. Oct. 20</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

The powerful story of the rich young man will be repeated in the gospel in the **Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. He asks Jesus what he can do to inherit eternal life and already keeps the commandments. Jesus offers him the challenge of the gospel: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor ... then come, follow me." Mark's gospel tells us that the young man "went away sad, for he had many possessions." When Jesus tells his followers how hard it will be for a rich person to be saved they are astonished - and worried. They wondered how they could ever be saved. "All things are possible for God," was Jesus' response.



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**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**  
*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*  
**The Intentions of Manuel Luis Alves**



★ MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 ★  
**Parish Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Parish Photo Directories ...** Available at the Parish Office, Monday to Friday. ONE FREE COPY to each household that sat for a portrait. Extra copies available for \$15 (cash or cheque).

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

Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19
Rev. Francis Ahuekwe	Rev. Kevin D'Souza	Chaplains	Rev. Piotr Golinski	Rev. Stephen Murrin	Rev. Andrew Czarny

**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 married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.*

**YARDWORK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NEXT SATURDAY!**

Next **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be looking for volunteers to help with yardwork to tidy up the church grounds for the Fall. If you can help, **please meet at the church at 8 a.m.** and **bring your own work gloves** (and pruning shears if you have a pair). Other tools will be provided. Also, if anyone has experience with cutting down trees, please contact the parish office.

**A message from the music ministers of St. Mark's:**

We are in urgent need of **choir editions** of the *Spirit and Song* hymnals, **Volume 1 and Volume 2**. If you have copies, please bring them to the church office or leave them with a choir member at Mass. Thank you!

**Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday (October 20)**

At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The collection is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! Confirmation Prep Team**

Would you like to help in preparing students in grade 7 for the Sacrament of Confirmation? All meetings are held at the church in the Winter/Spring of 2025. Please see Fr. Roque to indicate your interest or for more details.



**Let's Sew Again!** Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED to join the C.W.L. as we sew **zippered pencil cases** to be filled and included in the Christmas shoe boxes this fall! Bring a sewing machine if you have one – but NO experience is necessary! Also, any old/used zippers would be appreciated. No need to sign up, just drop by the parish hall – the more the merrier!

**Saintify! All Saints' Day Celebration**

**FOR CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS**

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> • 6:00 to 8:30 PM • Parish Hall**

Come dressed in costume as one of the saints, or simply bring a picture of your favorite saint! Praying – Games – Singing – Fun – Snacks and "Sainly Trick or Treat!" Everyone is welcome! **Please pre-register before Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** – forms are available in the narthex!



# Liturgical Ministers

OCT. 19/20	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	J. Taer R./R. Jerold	C. Chacon S. Cainoy, F. Zumot
<b>Commentator:</b>	J. Deneau	P. Enticott	Javier Posada
<b>Readers:</b>	C. Stanley	T. Boettger	Juan Posada
<b>Ushers:</b>	P. Smith E. Miller	J./K. Snyder	C./S. Thiagarajah
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	H. Psutka A. Bendia	T. Lee, M. Lynch, M. Walser	I./F. Kangaloo E. Weiss



## Weekly Offertory Report

Oct. 5/6, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,876.00	\$ 625.00
Loose offerings	\$ 616.70	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,529.42	\$ 391.62
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 5,022.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,016.62</b>

**Diocesan Collections:**

Needs of the Canadian Church....	\$ 10.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$ 50.00
National Seminary OLO Lanka....	\$ 540.00

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: September 25<sup>th</sup> - November 23

This annual campaign is a powerful global movement to pray for the end of abortion. Over these 40 Days, you are encouraged to join us in Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital for 1 hour sometime between 7am - 7pm. **OUR PARISH HAS AGREED TO SPONSOR SUNDAY, OCT. 27<sup>th</sup> and together we are committing to fill all 12 hours. We need at least 2 people for each hour. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Your prayers can make a difference.** We encourage volunteers to consider **Adopting-an-Hour** a week, which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign, and this would greatly help the campaign. It is vital to spread the message that human life is *sacred*, to provide hope to those in need, and have laws that protect innocent babies. You can also sign up for prayer hours online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or by emailing/calling Ewelina at [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysKW@gmail.com) or 519-607-1550. We are most grateful for your support and prayers! Let's save lives together!

## All Souls' Day – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

November is the month that the Church traditionally dedicates to the memory of our beloved dead. This dedication begins with the Mass for the Feast of All Souls Day, Saturday, Nov. 2 at 9:00 a.m. **Slips are available in the narthex for you to record the names of your deceased loved ones and place in the basket provided.**

These names will be placed before the altar on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to be blessed and remembered. Parishioners will also have an opportunity to remember their loved ones by lighting candles in their name. We are offering special **memorial candles** for a requested donation of **\$5 each**. These candles will be lit and displayed in the sanctuary for the Memorial Mass, as well as in the chapel for the remainder of November. **Envelopes are available in the narthex for this purpose.**

These remain wonderful and fitting ways to show tribute in prayer to our beloved deceased.



## Living with Christ

**2024-25 SUNDAY MISSALS - \$5.00 each**

Available in the narthex, while supplies last!

READ THE BULLETIN ONLINE AT: <http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/220>

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

### ◆ MASS AT THE MONASTERY – Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

All are invited to come to Mass at the beautiful Carmelite Monastery. Carpooling will be available – meet at 9:15 in the church parking lot. We are invited to watch a video on the scapular after Mass. Consider bringing a treat to share. The Sisters have provided a list of their needs and we are collecting donations in a bin in the narthex or you can bring them with you on that day. Cash donations are also always appreciated. For more info please contact Anna Joseph at 519 577-8519.

### ◆ FUNDRAISER – Silent Auction of St. Joseph Icon

Bidding for this breathtaking icon starts at \$30, to continue in \$5 increments. Please look for the display and bidding sheet in the Narthex. **Bidding CLOSES at 6:30 pm on November 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Knights of Columbus' Spaghetti Supper.

## ST. MARK'S PARISH FAMOUS ANNUAL

# Spaghetti Supper & Salad

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

5:00 to 7:00 in the Parish Hall



**Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.** Bring your family and friends for superb spaghetti, delicious salad, great dessert, hot and cold drinks and plenty of fun! **Don't want to eat in the church hall? Take-home will be available at 5pm.**

<b>\$15 Adults</b> 13YRS & OLDER	<b>\$10 Kids</b> 6-12 YEARS	<b>\$40 Family</b> FAMILY OF FIVE	<b>FREE admission</b> KIDS 5 YRS & UNDER
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### TICKETS GO ON SALE after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND until Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Limited tickets will be available at the door. Get yours in advance to avoid disappointment! To reserve tickets call John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094 or email [jdeneau@sympatico.ca](mailto:jdeneau@sympatico.ca)

## Financial Report Update – Ex Corde Grant Received!

As was mentioned in last week's Annual Financial Report, there are several high-priority, large-dollar capital projects around the church building and grounds that must be addressed soon (e.g. the cracked and uneven sidewalk in front of the main church doors, sealing a roof leak that is creating water damage, replacement of bulbs throughout the church, etc.). To help fund these costly repairs, the Finance and Maintenance Committee applied to the Diocesan Ex Corde Foundation, and **we are pleased to report that we were awarded a \$20,000 grant to use toward these repairs!**

Our sincere thanks go to the Ex Corde Foundation for this much needed assistance. Further updates to follow!

## Men's Discernment Retreat

**Is God Calling You to Religious Life?** How can you hear and understand God's call for you? Join us for the 'Come and See' Retreat on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener**. Designed to help those discerning a vocation to the Priesthood and Religious Life, this day will be spent in prayer, engaging in discussions with Resurrectionists, and in fellowship with other young men discerning their vocations. For more information, please visit: [www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see](http://www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see).

**October is Diocesan Vocations Month.** Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!





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