# 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:
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*:
* <u>Please note</u> : Requests for <u>specific dates</u> (birthday, anniversary of death or wedding) should be submitted <u>several months in advance</u> 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:
Offering enclosed: \$

DAYTIME PHONE # OR EMAIL

# Mass Intentions for the Week

#### October 21 - 27, 2024

Tuesday (FERIAL)

**12 Noon** † Domenico & Giuseppe Lopez – *Maria Lagonia* 

Wednesday (FERIAL)

**12 Noon** † Carma Silva & Family — Lurdes Soares

 $\dagger \ Gerry \ Kraft - \textit{Larry \& Sharon Koehler}$ 

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Tommy Thomson & Gerard Bonnar

† George Brezina – Marjorie & family

3:00 PM - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of Jude Whittle & family

2:00 PM - Mass at Lanark Village

### 30<sup>H</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - October 26/27

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

**SAT. 5:00 PM** † Aileen Leddy — *Debbi Giroux* 

- Int. of Quinton, Allan & Julie Berney Musclow

**SUN. 9:30 am** † Len Andrechek – *Tammy & family* 

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



# LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER! The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for: Int. of Quinton, Allan & Julie Berney Musclow



**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. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 26
Very Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.	Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)	Rev. Livinus Okamgba	Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil	Rev. Romelito Guillen

**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.

# Praise & Worship

# Next Saturday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.

All are cordially invited to join us after the 5pm Mass for "Praise and Worship" in the Parish Hall. Snacks and fellowship will follow.

"I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." PSALM 146:2

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

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

## Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATETIMEROOMEVENTMon. Oct. 217:00 pm(CH)11:30 Choir practice8:00 pm(H)Alcoholics AnonymousTue. Oct. 226:15 pm(CH)9:30 Choir practice (\*moved from Wed.)7:00 pm(M)Knights of Columbus general meeting

<u>Thur. Oct. 24</u> 7:00 pm (CH) 5 o'clock Choir practice <u>Sat. Oct. 26</u> 7:15 am (H/J) That Man is You! Men's Group

6:00 pm (H) Praise & Worship

Sun. Oct. 27 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 **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we hear the story from Mark's Gospel about two



of Jesus' closest friends, James and John, who want seats of honor in "the Kingdom" they envision for Jesus. We can almost see Jesus shake his head in dismay that they have missed his point once again. He does not let his disciples get sidetracked into jealousy but calls them together again to give them his message: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

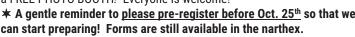
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## **Today is World Mission Sunday**

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.

# 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 "Saintly Trick or Treat!" – and a FREE PHOTO BOOTH! Everyone is welcome!



#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: September 25th - 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. 27th 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. You can also sign up for prayer hours online at <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener">www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener</a> or by contacting Ewelina at 519-607-1550 or <a href="https://www.40daysKW@qmail.com">40DaysKW@qmail.com</a>. Let's save lives together!

# Liturgical Ministers

OCT. 26/27 5:00 PM Mass		9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass	
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	A. Jacobs, T. John R. Alayoku	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho	
Commentator:	A. Fernandez	N. Ngo	N. Comidoy	
Readers:	G. Mahn	J. Flanigan	S. Comidoy	
Ushers:	C. Weber E. Miller	M. Walser V. Chen	P. Abalos, J. Vu	
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	T./K. Boettger P. Enticott	B./C. Voisin D. SWeber	



# Weekly Offertory Report

Oct. 12/13, 2024	General	<u>Mortgage</u>	
Envelope offerings	\$ 3,346.90	\$	170.00
Loose offerings	\$ 805.70	\$	
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,529.42	\$	391.62
Totals	\$ 5,382.02	\$	561.62

Diocesan Collection: National Seminary OLO Lanka ........ \$ 255.00

Mark Your Calendar!

# Sign-Up Sunday is November 2/3

Looking for ways to volunteer with your parish community? Stay after Mass on November 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> to browse the various ministries at St. Mark's and sign up in the parish hall that day, or ask questions to find out more! A page describing each ministry or group will be available in next week's bulletin.



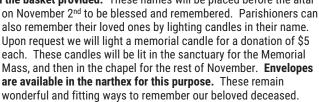
OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE AREAS LIKE...

<u>Confirmation Prep Team</u> – 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – We are grateful for the continued generous support the parish has given our organization over the years. We would very much like to continue our work in the community, but in order to do so, we are in desperate need of new members. Please consider visiting our sign up table on Sign-Up Sunday on the weekend of Nov. 2/3 to volunteer your time. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have! Not available that weekend? Please feel free to send questions with your contact info to the parish office at <a href="mailto:stmark@rogers.com">stmark@rogers.com</a>.

# All Souls' Day - November 2nd

November is the month that the Church traditionally dedicates to the memory of our beloved dead. This dedication begins with the <u>Mass for the Feast of All Souls Day, Saturday, Nov. 2 at 9:00 a.m.</u> 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

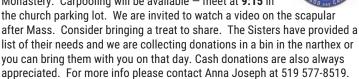




\$5.00 each ~ available in the narthex while supplies last.

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

♦ MASS AT THE MONASTERY – Sat. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am All are invited to come to Mass at the beautiful Carmelite Monastery. Carpooling will be available – meet at 9:15 in



**♦ 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**th at the Knights of Columbus' Spaghetti Supper.



## Winter Clothing Drive...

Cleaning out your closets? The Knights are collecting gently-used winter coats, boots hats, mitts, scarves of all sizes on behalf of the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need. Donations of gently used items can be placed in the bin in

the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MARK'S PARISH FAMOUS ANNUAL

# Spaghetti Supper & Salad

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 7:00 in the Parish Hall



<u>Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus</u>. 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*.

\$15 Adults 13 YRS & OLDER \$40 Family FAMILY OF FIVE \$10 Kids 6-12 YEARS FREE for Tots KIDS 5 YRS & UNDER

<u>TICKETS NOW ON SALE</u> after all Masses until Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Limited tickets will be available at the door. Get yours in advance to avoid disappointment! To reserve tickets <u>call</u> John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or <u>text</u> 226-789-1094 or <u>email ideneau@sympatico.ca</u>

# October is the Month of the Rosary as well as 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!



#### **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: <a href="https://www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see">www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see</a>.



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