

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

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

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

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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 _____

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. Comido
Readers:	G. Mahn	J. Flanigan	S. Comido
Ushers:	C. Weber E. Miller	M. Walsler V. Chen	P. Abalos, J. Vu
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	T./K. Boettger P. Enticott	B./C. Voisin D. S.-Weber



Weekly Offertory Report

Oct. 12/13, 2024	General	Mortgage
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 2nd or 3rd 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...

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.

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 stmark@rogers.com.

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 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 2nd to be blessed and remembered. Parishioners can also remember their loved ones by lighting candles in their name. Upon request we will light a memorial candle for a donation of \$5 each. These candles will be lit in the sanctuary for the Memorial Mass, and then in the chapel for the rest of November. **Envelopes are available in the narthex for this purpose.** These remain wonderful and fitting ways to remember our beloved deceased.

Living with Christ 2024-25 SUNDAY MISSALS

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

C.W.L. News...

◆ MASS AT THE MONASTERY – Sat. Oct. 26th at 10 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 CLOSSES at 6:30 pm on November 10th** 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 10th
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.**

\$15 Adults 13 YRS & OLDER

\$40 Family FAMILY OF FIVE

\$10 Kids 6-12 YEARS

FREE for Tots KIDS 5 YRS & UNDER

TICKETS NOW ON SALE after all Masses until Nov. 10th.

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

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, and 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 26th** 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.



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