

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 _____

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week



Oct. 28 – Nov. 3, 2024

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday 11:00 a.m., First Friday 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Jack Soares – *Lurdes Soares*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

★ **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY**

12 Noon † Luiza Pereira & family – *Lurdes Soares*

† Wayne Stecho – *Garry & Cindy Mahn*

† Veronica Broderick – *Gloria Kubisewsky*

1:30 PM - *Mass at Bankside Retirement*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Gerry Gerth – *John & Elaine Kelly*

First Friday (SOLEMNITY – All Saints)

12 Noon - Int. of Mary's Heart of Prayer Network – *K.S.*

First Saturday (All Soul's Day – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)

★ 9:00 am † All the Faithful Departed

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 2/3

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

SAT. 5:00 PM † Simona Carcano – *Cristina Sgarbossa*

† Marietta Galido Gonzales – *Labra family*

SUN. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark, and All Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Hamilton Diocese

11:30 am † Indra Andrea Sirju – *Oscar*



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The repose of the souls of Peter & Teresa Nguyen



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30: Parish Office Closed due to Diocesan Workshop for Parish Staff.

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. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2
Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.	Rev. Grayson Hope	Consecrated Virgins	Very Rev. David Reitzel	All Saints' Day	All Souls' Day

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.

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!

Bible Study



Every Friday Night at 7:00 p.m.

In the St. Luke Boardroom

(Please note – NO BIBLE STUDY NOV. 1ST)

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Oct. 28	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed. Oct. 30	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thur. Oct. 31	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
Fri. Nov. 1	6:00 pm	(H)	"Saintify" All Saints Day Party
	7:00 pm	(B)	BCBP monthly meeting
★ NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY			
Sat. Nov. 2	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man is You! Men's Group
Sun. Nov. 3	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

A vision of comfort and healing is offered for the **Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. In Jeremiah, we see the Lord gathering "his people" – the blind, the lame and the helpless innocents, bringing them together to console and guide them. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus, the blind beggar has the courage to beg for healing from Jesus. He is hushed by the crowd but continues to call loudly for Jesus, who hears him and heals him. "Go your way; your faith has saved you." *Used with permission by Online Ministries, Creighton University*



Enrollment Mass for First Communion or Confirmation

Parents and children are invited to attend the **Enrollment Mass** on the weekend of **Nov. 16/17** (Mass time of your choice) to submit your child's Enrollment Form for the sacrament of First Communion (grade 2) or Confirmation (grade 7). Parents, please watch your inbox for a letter and Enrollment form from your child's school on our behalf. **If your Catholic child attends a different school** (public, other Catholic, homeschooled), **or missed a sacrament in a previous year**, please call the parish office this week to have a letter and form emailed to you.

Saintify! All Saints' Day Celebration

FOR CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS

THIS FRIDAY, Nov. 1st • 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!

★ **Registration forms were due Oct. 25th, so if you have not yet submitted yours, please do so ASAP so we can begin preparing!**



Dental & Hygiene Drive

Christmas is approaching and we hope you will consider assisting us with a **Dental & Hygiene Drive**. All donated products (new, unopened) will be distributed to the families we assist at Christmas, and any extra will be given to the needy. Some of the items needed are **hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand lotion, lip care and socks**. Please watch for the bins in the narthex to deposit these items, and thank you for your consideration! - *St. Mark Society of St. Vincent de Paul*



Parish Ministry Sign-Up Sunday Next Weekend! November 2/3

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information about all the areas you can volunteer your time and talents at St. Mark's Parish!

Liturgical Ministers

NOV. 2/3	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	T. Mendonca R./R. Jerold	A./E./J./K. Palafox
Commentator:	R. Kubica	G. Tran	I. Kangaloo
Readers:	R. Vergel de Dios	V. DeVries	B. Prila
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	I./D. Culley	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	H. Psutka W. D'Mello	T. Lee, M. Lynch M. Walsler	K. Dignam, E. Weiss D. Seymour-Weber



Weekly Offertory Report

Oct. 19/20, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,265.00	\$ 50.00
Loose offerings	\$ 649.10	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,531.73	\$ 393.92
Totals	\$ 4,445.83	\$ 443.92

Diocesan Collection: World Mission Sunday 495.00
National Seminary OLO Lanka 20.00

All Souls' Day – Sat. 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.

THANK YOU! 🌻

Thanks to all those who came out to help with our Fall Outdoor Cleanup last Saturday morning. Many hands made light work, and our grounds are now ready for the winter season. As another summer comes to a close, we also take this opportunity to voice our sincere thanks to our "Gardening Gang" and our "Cutting Crew" for another season of hard work, keeping the parish grounds looking tidy, lively and beautiful. Thank you to all those who planned, planted, weeded, watered, mowed, trimmed, and kept our essential equipment in good working order! We often receive compliments from parishioners and passers-by alike who notice the results of this loyal team's efforts. We are ever-grateful for the generosity of this faithful team of parishioners who donate their time and talent (and sweat!) to keep our parish grounds in a beautiful state! Many thanks everyone!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Help bring joy and hope and the Good News of the Gospel to a child living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease, disaster and poverty. This Christmas Season pack a shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Empty boxes can be picked up in the narthex beginning November 2nd.** Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church no later than Sunday, November 17th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

C.W.L. News...

◆ 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!

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive: Nov. 2/3

www.kofc9276.org

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

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 www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by contacting Ewelina at 519-607-1550 or 40DaysKW@gmail.com. Let's save lives together!

"Behold: Lives Lived for Life"

(Episode produced by Salt+Light Media) This special edition of Behold features the stories and testimonies of people who have dedicated their lives to life. We meet Deacon George and Susan Jurenas, whose four daughters' adoption stories are filled with both joys and sorrows. We also learn about the street outreach work of Katie Somers with Toronto Right to Life. Discover what has kept Jim Hughes motivated during his 50 years in the pro-life movement, and accompany Paula Celani as she spends time with her friends in the final stages of their lives. **This 30-minute episode can be viewed for free at the following link, or scan the QR code above.**



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