

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Offering enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE # OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**



**October 7 – 13, 2024**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Joseph Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Irene Baptista – *Ron & Kathy Bumstead*  
† Jennifer Durante – *Garry & Cindy Mahn*

**Thursday** (FERIAL)

★ 9:00 am - Int. of the Yauder Family – *Violeta Yauder*

**Friday** (FERIAL) ★ **NO MASS** ★ **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 12/13**

*Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30*

**SAT. 5:00 PM** - Int. of Gary Gray – *Sue Gray*

† Visitacion Karaan Buendia – *Buendia family*

**SUN. 9:30 am** † Mike Woodhouse – *Anna & Cuthbert Joseph*

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



**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*

**The Intentions of Manuel Luis Alves**



★ **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11** ★  
**NO MASS / PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Parish Photo Directory**

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. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12
Rev. Jeff Bergsma	Rev. Michael Anderson	Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)	Rev. Patrick Ohl	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka	Chancery Staff

**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.*

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**  
*For a shared mission*

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Oct. 7</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Oct. 8</b>	7:00 pm	Zoom	Knights Executive meeting
<b>Wed. Oct. 9</b>	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thur. Oct. 10</b>	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
<b>Sat. Oct. 12</b>	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man is You! Men's Group
	10:00 am	(H)	B.C.B.P.
<b>Sun. Oct. 13</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

On the **Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary**

**Time** the readings speak of marriage and partnership. In the Book of Genesis, Adam does not find a suitable partner until the Lord creates woman. Psalm 128 praises the Lord who blesses home and family. In Mark's Gospel the Pharisees test Jesus asking if it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. The question is meant to be a trap for Jesus but he repeats the scripture in Genesis. The gospel ends with Jesus urging us to be like children were in that society - unimportant and with no status. *"The kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* Then he embraced and blessed the children.



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**That Man is You!** *All men 18+ years old are welcome!*

*That Man is You!* honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. View promo video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnEvkBgTjK&t=7s>. Now is the perfect time to join or rejoin TMIY! **Join us every Saturday morning – breakfast begins in the Parish Hall at 7:15 a.m.** followed by a video and group discussion. [www.tmiy.org](http://www.tmiy.org)

**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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

RCIA is a program and faith journey for Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. This is also open to anyone who would like to have a refresher course on Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available in the foyer. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Roque.

**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!" Everyone is welcome! **Please pre-register before Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** – forms are available in the narthex!



## Liturgical Ministers

OCT. 12/13	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	A. Jacobs J./J. Woodhouse	A./E./J./K. Palafox
<b>Commentator:</b>	S. Benner	J. Deneau	K. Palafox
<b>Readers:</b>	D. Behl	M. John	J. Palafox
<b>Ushers:</b>	B. Benner E. Miller	F. Seaward C. Sgarbossa	J./J./S. Posada
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	A. Bendia C. Weber	T./K. Boettger P. Enticott	B./C. Voisin K. Dignam



### Weekly Offertory Report

Sept. 28/29, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 45.00
Loose offerings	\$ 1,037.45	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,529.42	\$ 391.62
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,116.87</b>	<b>\$ 436.62</b>

Diocesan Collection: Needs of the Canadian Church.... \$220.00



From **September 25th to November 23rd, 2024**, we invite you to be part of the annual *40 Days for Life* campaign, 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. 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!

### “Forward Together in Christ”

Forward Together in Christ was initiated to help the Bishop of Hamilton discern the best way to move forward after the struggles and limitations imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The results of this initiative have been published by the diocese into a concise booklet, which is available in the narthex (limited copies) or can be viewed online at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/forward-together-in-christ/>



### Advent Hymn Festival

The Diocesan Choir will present an Advent Hymn Festival on Sunday, December 1st. **If you enjoy singing, consider joining the choir for this event. Auditions will occur during the first rehearsal on Monday, October 7th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** For further information, please contact Sharon Fazari at [sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com).

## October is the Month of the Rosary



October is also **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!**

### Young Men's Discernment Dinner – Sat. Oct. 26th

Wondering about religious life or priesthood? Looking to deepen your faith and understand your vocation? Join us at **St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener** (56 Duke St. West) for Dinner & Discernment on the **last Saturday of every month**. We'll enjoy a meal, prayer, and conversations with fellow young men and Resurrectionists. Explore your calling and discern your vocation in a community. Evening begins with Mass at 5:00 p.m., evening prayers at 6:30 and dinner together. If you cannot join us for Mass, please join us for evening prayers at 6:30. **Registration is required to attend our dinner. Please register here:** <https://tinyurl.com/ydm7u7bd> or scan the QR code on the poster in the narthex.

### Preparing for Jubilee 2025

#### St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Avenue, Kitchener

In preparation for the Jubilee year of 2025, Pope Francis has asked us to revisit the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. One of the most important documents is the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: *Lumen Gentium* (The Light of the Nations). Join us for a study/reflection on this seminal document of the Council, **Saturday Mornings, October 19, 26, November 2, 9**. Beginning with **Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by a presentation in the Parish Life Centre** (finished by 11 a.m.). All are welcome. The document can be found on the Vatican Website at [https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/document/s\\_vat-ii\\_const\\_19641121\\_lumen-gentium\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/document/s_vat-ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html), or by visiting the parish website: [www.stanthonydaniel.ca/jubilee-2025](http://www.stanthonydaniel.ca/jubilee-2025). (Please note on Nov. 2nd the Mass will be the special All Souls' Mass).

### WHEN LIFE CHANGES

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese is offering our six-week grief program from **November 6th to December 11th**. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

### FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes October 25th and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/frassati2024>.



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