

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week



September 2 – 8, 2024

- Monday** **LABOUR DAY * PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- Tuesday** **NO MASS TODAY, DUE TO CLERGY SEMINAR**
- Wednesday** **NO MASS TODAY, DUE TO CLERGY SEMINAR**
- Thursday** **NO MASS TODAY, DUE TO CLERGY SEMINAR**
- First Friday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon † John Pereira – *Anthony Toscano and family*
† Mona Simpson & Terrie Krafchick – *N/S Cerantola*
† Irene Baptista – *Brian & Marie Lynch*
- First Saturday** (FERIAL)
9:00 am - Int. of the Yauder Family – *Violeta Yauder*
1:30 pm - **WEDDING**

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 7/8

Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

- SAT. 5:00 PM** † Brigida de Sousa – *Maria Soares and family*
- Generational Family Healing – *K.S.*
- Int. of Mary’s Heart of Prayer Network – *K.S.*
- SUN. 9:30 am** † Mo Tran – *Tim Tran*
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The repose of the soul of Arthur Lidstone



Praise and Worship

Saturday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m.
All are welcome!

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

• For the cry of the Earth •

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climate change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Program resumes next Sunday (Sept. 8th).
9:30 a.m. Mass only. No registration required.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

What? **CHILDREN’S DROP-OFF PROGRAM**
When? **Late September to May**
Where? **St. Francis Church, Blueridge Ave., Kitchener**
Who? Ages 3-6yrs. on Thursdays 4:00 - 5:30pm
Ages 6-9yrs. on Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:00pm

The St. Francis of Assisi Atrium is a quiet place for children to fall in love with the One who calls them by name. Please learn more and register on St. Francis Parish’s website at <https://stfranciskw.ca/ministries-groups/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/>.

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 2	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed. Sept. 4	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thur. Sept. 5	7:00 pm	(L)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
Fri. Sept. 6	7:00 pm	(H)	BCBP monthly meeting
Sun. Sept. 8	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-second Sunday in Ordinary

Time, the Gospel flows from the readings this past week. When Jesus is challenged because his disciples don’t follow the ritual washings, he defends them, quoting Isaiah: “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” Jesus calls us to an inner cleanliness: “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.”



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Hear. Observe. Live! Since the time Adam and Eve committed their first grave sin, the human heart has remained exposed to the devastation of violent passions which lead to acts that destroy individuals and societies. In the Commandments, God has supplied us with a powerful defense line that protects us from the violence of these destructive passions and enables us to live a life of harmony, cooperation and fulfillment. Our task is to take God’s commandments seriously and make them the foundation of our moral life. That line of defense has three important segments: Hear, Observe, and Live.

Let us pray in a special manner for the capacity to hear, the courage to observe God’s Law and the will to live by it not only as individuals but also as a community and as a nation.

Taken from the Euchalette, Word & Life Publications, Manila, Philippines



Vacant Chapel Hours

Fridays 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Floating substitutes also needed!

If you can fill in, please contact:

Colette Dokis at 519-576-7490.

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

Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Sept. 6	Sept. 7
Rev. John Yang	Rev. Stefano Lee	<i>Our Parish Community</i>	Rev. Brendan McGrath	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo	Catholic Teachers

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 priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

Visiting Missionary Priest – Sept. 28/29

Fr. Edmund P. Tilakaratne, a Missionary Priest from the **Sri Lanka National Seminary** in the Archdiocese of Colombo, will be visiting our parish on the weekend of Sept. 28th and 29th (rescheduled from original date in July) to participate in our Annual Missionary Co-op Appeal Program.



Sept. 7/8	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	R. Alayoku R./R. Jerold	C. Chacon, S. Cainoy F. Zumot
Commentator:	R. Kubica	M. John	J. Palafox
Readers:	R. Vergel de Dios	P. Enticott	K. Palafox
Ushers:	A. Beckner E. Miller	I./D. Culley	C./S. Thiagarajah
Eucharistic Ministers:	D. Fernandez C. Weber	T. Lee, M. Lynch M. Walser	I./F. Kangaloo E. Weiss

Weekly Offertory Report



August 24/25, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 1,750.85	\$ 60.00
Loose offerings	\$ 491.70	\$ ---
Pre-authorized	\$ 1,534.04	\$ 391.62
Totals	\$ 3,776.59	\$ 451.62



That Man is You! www.tmiy.org
7:15 a.m. Saturday mornings
St. Mark's Parish Hall

RESUMES THIS FALL! September 14, 2024 – April 2025

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. TMIY harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! This year features brand new dynamic speakers from a range of backgrounds. "All Things New" presents Earth-shattering insights from some of the greatest theologians of our day. A new day is dawning for Catholic Men. Now is the Hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising. "All Things New" – [View Promo Video Here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnEvkBgTjk&t=7s) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnEvkBgTjk&t=7s). Now is the perfect time to join or rejoin TMIY! Breakfast begins at St. Mark's Parish Hall at 7:15 a.m. followed by a video presentation and group discussion. All adult men of any background are welcome!

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

As school begins anew, we set up new schedules and set boundaries and guidelines to help our children achieve the best success they can. It is a great time to incorporate prayer, perhaps before meals and bed, into the family routine. Let your children know that speaking to God at any time is an easy way to ask for support and share their joys. God is always ready to listen and provide help; this is a proven way to help your children succeed!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Relationship experts remind us that quantity and quality time matter in relationships. Take a moment to assess your relationship: how much time are you spending together and are you considering how you connect during those times. You might share a movie, family time and chores, but be sure there are times when you talk directly to each other, share your joys and sorrows, discuss your plans as a couple. Staying connected takes effort but ensures a strong and everlasting love.

Young Men's Discernment Dinner – Sat. Sept. 28th

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 **every last Saturday of the 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.

ReSTART: MOVING FORWARD - A 10-week education and support program for anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. Sessions resume this fall IN-PERSON at the Chancery Office (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or you are welcome to join our ZOOM classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. To register contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com. Or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/restart.

THE CATHOLIC DATE NIGHT

Hosted by Kathleen and Jesse LeBlanc of *Found Together*. Are date nights with your spouse (or future spouse!) turning into Netflix binge nights? Do you want to grow in faith and prayer together? Do you wish you had a community of Catholic couples to truly journey with? It's time to level up your marriage vocation with *The Catholic Date Night!* Enjoy the LIVE monthly date nights from the comfort of your own home. Subscribe at www.wearefoundtogether.com/datenights and follow them on Instagram @TheCatholicDateNight for date night inspiration and more!

CLEANER AND KITCHEN HELP WANTED

Hours: 8:00 pm - 12:00 pm, Monday to Thursday (Friday as needed)
Position opening: Mid-September 2024. **Salary:** \$20.00 per hour
Job Description: Come join our team, located near the University of Waterloo. We are currently hiring a part time flex cleaner/kitchen helper. No experience required training will be provided. Must be punctual, polite and willing to learn. Some duties include – cleaning of private residence including private rooms. Vacuuming, sweeping, mopping, laundry, ironing and helping with set up and cleanup of the dining room, other duties as assigned. **Criteria:** High school diploma an asset, Vulnerable sector criminal records check, Carry self with discretion, Be physically fit, team oriented. **Submit resume to:** 1836rco@gmail.com

BUS TRIP TO HAMILTON & MILTON - MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th

Mass in Hamilton – Milton Outlet Mall – Elements Casino Mohawk Tickets now on sale!!!! Don't miss out on this mini-pilgrimage and adventure. Stop by the parish office to purchase your tickets. ONLY 56 TICKETS available. Cost is \$90 and includes lunch. To book a seat or for more information, please contact Patrycja directly by calling 519-886-0342, ext. 3, or send an email to our parish office at lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

ANNUAL RED MASS – The "Red Mass" is the name given to the Eucharistic celebration during which the guidance of the Holy Spirit is invoked for divine wisdom for all those who plead, interpret and apply the law for the welfare of the people. The Mass takes its name from the red vestments worn by the clergy at a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, and the red robes traditionally worn by the judges. This year's Red Mass in Hamilton Diocese will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at **St. Augustine Parish, Dundas**, at 9:30 am on **Wednesday, Sept. 11**. The Mass will be followed by a brunch, with guest speaker Mr. Sam Mercanti, the author of *Risen From the Shop Floor: Lessons from an Entrepreneur*. For more info, or to register for the Brunch, e-mail Sam Garcia at sgarcea@confentegarcea.com.



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