

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 

Sept. 16 – 22, 2024

- Tuesday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Burchat Family – Terry Gerth
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon † Gerry Kraft – Larry & Sharon Koehler
- Thursday** (FERIAL)
 12 Noon - Int. of Tammy, Tim, Jessica & Jordan – F. Musclow
- Friday** (Memorial – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companians)
 12 Noon † George MacNeil – Ron & Kathy Bumstead

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 21/22

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16–4:3; Mark 9:30-37

- SAT. 5:00 PM** † Jim Simpson – Staff of St. Mark School
- 7:00 PM - MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS**
- SUN. 9:30 am** † Ben Kopecki – St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mark
- 11:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

 **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!** 
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
Private Intention

Praise & Worship

Saturday, Sept. 28 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*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

For children in JK to Gr. 3. No registration required.

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.



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. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21
Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.	Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.	Missionary Sisters of Christ the King M.ChR.	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.	Rev. Pawel Jamroz	Rev. Stephen Gilbert

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 16	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed. Sept. 18	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thur. Sept. 19	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
Sun. Sept. 22	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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Time we hear in Mark's Gospel as Jesus tell his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection to come in Jerusalem. Peter tries to prevent him from going there. Jesus rebukes him and tells the disciples and us that to be a disciple is to follow him, not trying to save one's life, but by dying to ourselves and losing ourselves for his sake and that of the Gospel. That is the only path to real life.



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The Cross, An Investment Like No Other!

Today's readings remind us of the duty to take up our cross and carry it in the footsteps of Christ. This is not something that we do with pleasure, for the cross always entails some degree of suffering and death. We instinctively choose life and tend to enjoy life. And yet, the cross looms large on the horizon of our earthly existence. It may be the cross of sickness, of natural defects, of failures, or of injustices inflicted on us. Or it may be the cross of living out the demands of our faith, as St. James reminds us in today's Second Reading. Or it is the cross of bearing with one another's shortcomings within our own family, in our place of work, in our communities . . . It is definitely and without doubt a pearl of great price, and a pearl of great reward, too! In this Eucharist let us ask for the grace to carry our cross with patience and in a spirit of faith, always remembering that the cross is the great solid bridge to heaven – the absolute and our coveted pearl of great price!

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That Man is You! www.tmiy.org

7:15 a.m. Every Saturday morning
St. Mark's Parish Hall

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=KnEvkBgTjtk&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!**

Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 21/22	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	R. Alayoku J./J. Woodhouse	A./E./J./K. Palafox
Commentator:	A. Fernandez	J. Flanigan	S. Comido
Readers:	J. Deneau	G. Tran	N. Comido
Ushers:	P. Smith E. Miller	E. Ekwueme T. Germann	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	T. Lee, M. Lynch M. Walser	I./F. Kangaloo E. Weiss



Weekly Offertory Report

Sept. 7/8, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,309.00	\$ 155.00
Loose offerings	\$ 563.95	\$ --.--
Pre-authorized	\$ 1,534.04	\$ 391.62
Totals	\$ 4,406.99	\$ 546.62



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

CHILDREN'S DROP-OFF PROGRAM
Late September to May
ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, Blueridge Ave., Kit.
 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/>.

Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre MARYHILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY HERITAGE DAY

Sunday, Sept. 22nd with Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch hosted by the C.W.L. There will be presentations, 50-50 Draw and Silent Auction. Tickets required for lunch \$15. Email maryhillroots@gmail.com or call Diane 519-648-2432, Tom 519-824-4074 or Linda 519-242-9595.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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 an allocated hour between 7am - 7pm, seven days per week. **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.

OPENING RALLY: Join us on **Tuesday September 24th at 7pm** at **Sacred Heart Parish**, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener. Parking is found at the back of the church. We will begin with Holy Mass at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow; please come to pray for the success of this Campaign and the protection of all life in our country! **You can also sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing/calling Evy at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-607-1550.** We are most grateful for your support and prayers! Let's save lives together!

C.W.L. News...

NEXT GENERAL MEETING -- All members welcome!
Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship, discuss our fundraising efforts, and hear from our guest speaker, Father Roque, about his remarkable pilgrimage journey!



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.

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16), to equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal is for young people to 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>**

SAVE A DATE: BUS TRIP TO HAMILTON & MILTON Monday, October 7th

Mass in Hamilton - Milton Outlet Mall - Elements Casino Mohawk
 To book a seat or for more info, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext. 3 or email lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this mini-pilgrimage and adventure. Stop by the parish office to purchase your tickets now. **ONLY 50 TICKETS available. Cost of the trip, including transportation, lunch and bus driver gratuity is \$90.**

SCOTLAND & NORTHERN ENGLAND TRIP: May 4-17, 2025

Join us for an almost all-inclusive 12-day trip to Stirling, Durham, Lake District, and the surrounding countryside. Open to members of St. Teresa Parish community and their friends and family. \$4,695/person. See the St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira website (www.stteresaelmira.ca) Events Page for itinerary and details. Organized by Joan Coutu with Fr. Peter Meyer.

HEARTACHE TO HEALING - GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process, and follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed. This is a monthly informal drop-in on the **2nd Wednesday of the month**, 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. The 6-week program-theory and sharing runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **October 16th to November 20th at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo.** Registration is required by **October 1st** for this program by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.



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