

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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

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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 _____

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sept. 23 – 29, 2024

Tuesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - In Thanksgiving to St. Mark – *T. Mendonca & family*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Bill Dietrich & family – *M. Woodhouse & family*
 - In thanksgiving – *Balm Family (Australia)*
1:30 PM - *Mass at Bankside Retirement*

Thursday (FEAST – St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions - Canadian Martyrs, Secondary Patrons of Canada)
12 Noon - Int. of Fr. Peter Meyer – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica*
3:00 PM - *Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)
10:00 am - **SCHOOL MASS** with St. Dominic Savio
12 Noon - Int. of Fr. Stanley Nwokeji – *Parishioners of St. Mark*
2:00 PM - *Mass at Lanark Village*

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 28/29

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SAT. 5:00 PM † Aileen Leddy – *Debbi Giroux*
 - Int. of Marissa Munroe

SUN. 9:30 am † Wayne Lynch – *Brian & Marie*
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*

Visiting Missionary Priest – Sept. 28/29

Next weekend we welcome **Fr. Edmund P. Tilakaratne**, a Missionary Priest from the **Sri Lanka National Seminary** in the Archdiocese of Colombo, who will be visiting our parish to participate in our Annual Missionary Co-op Appeal Program (postponed from the original date in July).

2023 Parish Photo Directory ... Last year many of you had your portrait taken for our 2023 Parish Photo Directory – we thank you so much for your participation. It's because of you that we were able to fill our yearbook with 260 family photos, which was an excellent turn out! A beautiful keepsake for years to come, this directory will hold an important place in our parish archives. **Each family or individual who had their portrait taken are entitled to one FREE copy (per household) of this beautiful yearbook. Copies are available after Mass in the church lobby, or during the week at the parish office.** Once again, we extend our sincerest gratitude for your participation – we couldn't have done it without you – our St. Mark Parish family!
Didn't have your photo taken, but would still like a copy? Extras are available for \$15 weekdays at the parish office (cash only). Call or email, or drop by to pick one up!

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 23	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed. Sept. 25	6:00 pm	(M)	Baptism Preparation Session
	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Thur. Sept. 26	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(J/H)	C.W.L. General Meeting
Sat. Sept. 28	6:00 pm	(J)	Praise & Worship
Sun. Sept. 29	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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary**

Time we hear Jesus tell his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection a second time.



It is clear to him that they didn't understand the first time. He knew that, along the way, they had been arguing about who was the greatest. He gathers the Apostles and says to them, *"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*

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

Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28
Rev. Hayden Starczala	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)	Rev. Robert Héту	Very Rev. Ian Duffy	Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.

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.*

That Man is You! www.tmiy.org

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



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. 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! 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. View promo video here: <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 and group discussion.

Saintify! All Saints' Day Celebration

FOR CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS

Friday, November 1st

6:00 to 8:30 PM in the 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 "Saintry Trick or Treat!" Everyone is welcome! **Please pre-register before Oct. 25th** – forms are available in the narthex!



Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 28/29	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	T. John R./R. Jerold	C. Chacon S. Cainoy, F. Zumot
Commentator:	G. Mahn	T. Lee	B. Prila
Readers:	A. Fernandez	M. Drohan	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	C. Weber E. Miller	L. Koehler T. Mendonca	M. Feick M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	H. Psutka E. Weiss	T./K. Boettger P. Enticott	K. Dignam B./C. Voisin



Weekly Offertory Report

Sept. 14/15, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,447.00	\$ 225.00
Loose offerings	\$ 734.40	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,529.42	\$ 391.62
Totals	\$ 4,710.82	\$ 616.62



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

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!
This 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 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.

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.

Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Monday, September 30. That morning, the annual "Every Child Matters" Rally will be held in Victoria Park. Ahead of the gathering, a **Mass for Reconciliation** will be offered at 8 am at **St. Joseph Parish** (corner of Courtland and Madison Avenues, Kitchener). Following Mass, all are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a walk up Courtland Avenue to join the gathering in Victoria Park. This Mass is offered as a joint effort of St. Anne and St. Joseph Parishes. Please join us in prayer and action as we work to answer the Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Struggling Marriage? Find Hope with Retrouvaille – Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy? Does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? Retrouvaille is a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It has proven positive results for struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is **October 18-20.** For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

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.



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