

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. 30 – Oct. 6, 2024

- Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS)
 12 Noon † Augustin Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*
- Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS)
 12 Noon † Joseph Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*
 - In Thanksgiving – *Tuyen Nguyen*
- Thursday** (FERIAL)
 9:30 am - **SCHOOL MASS** with St. Mark School
 12 Noon † Brigida De Sousa – *Maria Soares and family*
- First Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI)
 7:00 PM - **HEALING MASS** with individual anointing (*Rosary at 6:40pm*)
 † Augustino Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*
- First Saturday** (FERIAL)
 9:00 am † Helen McGeehan
- 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 5/6**
Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; mark 10:2-16
- SAT. 5:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory – *Tuyen Nguyen*
 SUN. 9:30 am † Wayne Lynch – *Brian & Marie*
 11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Sept. 30	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed. Oct. 2	5:45 pm	(L)	First Communion <u>Team</u> meeting
	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thur. Oct. 3	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
Sat. Oct. 5	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man is You! Men's Group
	10:00 am	(H)	Sewing pencil cases
Sun. Oct. 6	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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells his disciples not to worry about someone driving out evil in his name. He warns about giving scandal, especially to children and calls for a radical avoidance of evil. We are to separate ourselves from it and choose to turn away from sin and its sources as radically as if to cut off our hand or pluck out our eye. It's about life itself.



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

Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5
Rev. William Clarke, S.J.	Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Very Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J.	Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr.	Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu

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! *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=KnEvkBgTjtk&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



Let's Sew! Sat. October 5th • 10:00AM – 1:00PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED to join the C.W.L. as we sew **zippered pencil cases** to be filled and included in the Christmas shoe boxes this fall! Bring a sewing machine if you have one – but NO experience is necessary! Also, any old/used zippers would be appreciated. No need to sign up, just drop by the parish hall – the more the merrier!

Saintify! All Saints' Day Celebration FOR CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS

Friday, November 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!" Everyone is welcome! **Please pre-register before Oct. 25th** – forms are available in the narthex!



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



Healing Mass

First Friday, October 4th

Rosary at 6:40 p.m.

Mass and individual anointing at 7:00 p.m.

2023 Parish Photo Directory

If you have not yet picked up your directory, copies are available at the parish office during the week. If you are unable to visit the office on a weekday, please call or email to make alternate arrangements. Unfortunately it is too costly to mail the directories as they are quite heavy.

Copies for those who did not have their photo taken are \$15 (cash only) at the parish office. Call or email, or drop by to pick one up!

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. **The program will start in September** and registration forms will be available in the foyer. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Roque.



October 5/6	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Silva	J. Taer, A. Jacobs R. Alayoku	F. Zumot J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	R. Vergel de Dios	V. DeVries	C. Chacon
Readers:	R. Kubica	R. Jerold	R. Vergel de Dios
Ushers:	A. Beckner E. Miller	K. Ogili, F. Sawaya	B. Prila, S. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	T. Lee, M. Lynch M. Walser	I./F. Kanggaloo D. S.-Weber



Weekly Offertory Report

Sept. 21/22, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 4,454.00	\$ 20.00
Loose offerings	\$ 670.55	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,529.42	\$ 391.62
Totals	\$ 6,653.97	\$ 411.62

Diocesan Collection: Needs of the Canadian Church.... \$210.00



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 an allocated hour 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 or by emailing/calling Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-607-1550.

We are most grateful for your support and prayers! Let's save lives together!

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/documents/vat-ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html, or by visiting the parish website: www.stanthonydaniel.ca/jubilee-2025. (Please note on Nov. 2nd the Mass will be the special All Souls' Mass).

“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/>

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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.

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.

The 2000 Hail Mary Devotion will be prayed **Saturday, October 5th** at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo**, beginning at 7:30am. We anticipate the Devotion to end about 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your own water, lunch and dinner. For more information email Marilynne at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com.

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.



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