

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

LIVING  DECEASED

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

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

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

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week



September 9 – 15, 2024

- Tuesday** (FERIAL)  
 12 Noon † Luzia Pereira & Souls in Purgatory – *J. Costa*
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)  
 12 Noon † Walter & Helen Lutka – *Nick & Sharon Cerantola*
- Thursday** (FERIAL)  
 12 Noon - Int. of Sherri, Tim, Megan, Devon, Amy, Regan & Brandon – *Frances Musclow*
- Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM)  
 12 Noon † Gerry Gerth – *Terry & family*

### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 14/15

Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

- SAT. 5:00 PM** - Int. of Frances Musclow
- SUN. 9:30 am** † Mike Woodhouse – *Len & Janet Kieswetter*
- 11:30 am** – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*

The intentions of Frances Musclow



## 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. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (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.

### Meetings & Events This Week ...

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Sept. 9</b>	6:30 pm	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. Sept. 10</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Euch Min's to the Sick meeting
<b>Wed. Sept. 11</b>	6:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thur. Sept. 12</b>	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
<b>Sat. Sept. 14</b>	6:00 pm	(CH/J)	Knight's Installation and Reception
<b>Sun. Sept. 15</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-Third Sunday of Ordinary

**Time**, Isaiah offers comforting words: "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you." In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf and mute man. The people are astonished and say of Jesus, "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



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

Sept. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14
Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.	Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)	Rev. Robert Love <b>Most Holy Name of Mary</b>	Rev. Rafal Tomon	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>

*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.*

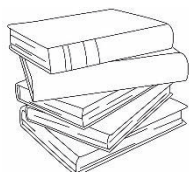


**That Man is You!** [www.tmiy.org](http://www.tmiy.org)

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

### RESUMES THIS SATURDAY! 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) (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!**



**Did You Know?** ... Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. **The Diocese needs volunteers to support this program!** If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com). To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>



Sept. 14/15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	T. John, J. Taer A. Jacobs	C. Chacon J./S. Garrucho
<b>Commentator:</b>	D. Behl	T. Boettger	Juan Posada
<b>Readers:</b>	S. Benner	N. Ngo	Javier Posada
<b>Ushers:</b>	B. Benner E. Miller	P./M. Drohan	P. Abalos, J. Vu
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	A. Bendia H. Psutka	T./K. Boettger P. Enticott	D. S.-Weber B./C. Voisin



### Weekly Offertory Report

Aug. 31/Sept. 1, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,234.30	\$ 674.00
Loose offerings	\$ 407.00	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,534.04	\$ 391.62
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,175.34</b>	<b>\$ 1,065.62</b>



### 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/>.

### 4th Annual HUNGER NO MORE!

#### Fundraiser for Tiny Home Takeout

**TODAY! Sunday, Sept. 8th from 1:00-4:00 PM**

FREE EVENT OPEN TO EVERYONE!

**Parking Lots of ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Kitchener**

(Young Street will be blocked off between Weber and Duke)

Enjoy delicious treats from food trucks and food vendors, check out the artisanal vendors, groove to the live musical entertainment, bring the family and play in the Kids Zone, and place some bids in our silent auction!

<https://tinyhometakeout.com/silent-auction>. Connect with your community and support Tiny Home Takeout. Spread the word and bring your friends for a memorable afternoon dedicated to ending hunger.



### 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](mailto:maryhillroots@gmail.com) or call Diane 519-648-2432, Tom 519-824-4074 or Linda 519-242-9595.

### 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](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com)

### C.W.L. News...

### A Big Thank you!!!!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the parishioners and friends for their support during our summertime **USED BOOK SALE**. Your generous contributions helped us raise **\$1,536.75**. These funds will greatly benefit the Woodhouse family and other community groups. Once again, we express our gratitude, and may God bless you all.

### 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](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com). Or visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/restart](http://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>

### LOCAL JOB POSTINGS...

#### CLEANER AND KITCHEN HELP

**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](mailto:1836rco@gmail.com)

#### PASTORAL ASSISTANT

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener** is looking for a full-time (35 hours/week) Pastoral Assistant. Reporting to the Parish Priest, this position offers a competitive rate of pay and benefits package. For more information, or to apply for this position, please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.bamboohr.com/careers/224>

**God Bless all our students and school staff as they embark on another year of learning!**





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