

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Monthly Filipino Mass: Third Saturday 7:00 PM

Monthly Igbo Mass: Last Sunday 3:30 PM

CONFESSION

Wednesday and First Friday 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM or by appointment

DAILY MASS

Tuesday to Friday 12:00 NOON

First Saturday 9:00 AM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our Adoration Chapel is open to the public,

Tuesday to Friday 1:00 - 8:00 PM

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 your home blessed.

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 pre-authorized debit plan. 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 runs from the Fall until Easter.

MARRIAGE – A minimum of 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to start the process.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK or HOSPITAL VISIT

Whenever possible, Anointing of the Sick should be requested before the need becomes dire. In any case, contact the parish office to request this sacrament.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Dominic Elementary 3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

St. Mark Elementary 240 Autumn Hill Cr. 519-743-4682

Resurrection Secondary 455 University Ave. W. 519-741-1990



REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION

To have a Mass celebrated for a loved one (living or deceased), please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection. 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 the week.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention is \$10 per Mass.

Number of Masses requested: _____ Offering enclosed: \$_____

Name of person(s)

to be remembered: _____
Please check if this person is: LIVING or 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: We can only accept requests for specific dates if they are a birthday, death anniversary or wedding anniversary. Since dates fill up quickly, your request 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 satisfy 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: _____
Please check if this person is: LIVING or DECEASED

Offering enclosed: \$_____

REQUESTED BY _____

DAYTIME PHONE or EMAIL _____

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 13 – 19, 2026

Join us for recitation of the Rosary, 20 min. before each weekday Mass.

Tuesday (FERIAL)

9:30 am - Easter Mass with St. Mark School

12 Noon - Int. of Father Jason Kuntz – Woodhouse Family

Wednesday (FERIAL)

10:00 am - Easter Mass at St. Dominic School

12 Noon - Int. of Sarah Lynch – Randy Seyler

- Int. of Father Roque – Woodhouse Family

† Carl Cybulski – Pat & Margaret Drohan

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Madrinha & extended family members – L. Fonseca

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA)

12 Noon † James Ross – Gerry & Joyce Dales

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 18/19

Acts 2:14, 22b-28; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Sat. 5:00 PM † Mike Woodhouse – Melissa, James, Jacob, Charlotte

† Robert Finoro – Tony

† Tyson Baker – Garry & Cindy Mahn

7:00 PM - Monthly Filipino Mass

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Genevieve Doherty – Marjorie Brezina

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 souls of Maria & Zenon Straszak

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

April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18
Rev. Ross Campbell	Most Rev. Joseph A. Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.	Permanent Deacons	Grandparents & the Elderly	Rev. Moices Caballero	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

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.

VOCATION SEEDS

2nd Sunday of Easter

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Report



April 4/5, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 7,494.00	\$ 285.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 1,497.90	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,573.27	\$ 397.38
Totals:	\$ 10,565.17	\$ 682.38

Diocesan Collections

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land:	\$ 2,328.15
Share Lent:	\$ 20.00
Indigenous Reconciliation:	\$ 40.00

Meetings & Events This Week ...



APRIL	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 13	7:00 PM	(L)	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 14	7:00 PM	ZOOM	Knight of Columbus Exec. meeting
Wed 15	6:00 PM	L	Baptism Preparation Class
	6:15 PM	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu 16	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Sat 18	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man Is You! Men's Group
Sun 19	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	1:00 PM	(CH)	Confirmation Preparation - Session #4

MEETING ROOMS: (B) - Basement (CH) - Church (H) - Hall (J) - St. John Room (L) - St. Luke Boardroom (M) - St. Matthew Room

The Risen Christ, Fountain of Endless Mercy

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the Feast of Christ, the King of Divine Mercy. We do so not only in response to a specific request made by Jesus himself to Saint Faustina Kowalska, but also as a manifestation of our need to experience God's mercy and forgiveness. Our observance should fill our hearts with trust-filled faith not only in the reality of Christ's resurrection but also of his merciful love. Jesus is, indeed, the King of Divine Mercy.



Our participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice should, likewise, be a commitment to extend to our neighbor the mercy we implore from God for ourselves. We will do so not only by forgiving our offenders, but also by practising the works of corporal and spiritual mercy that make our love of neighbor genuinely "Christ-like."

Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 12, 2026

The Divine Mercy Chaplet may be prayed using an ordinary rosary in the following way:

1. Begin with:

The Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with (three times):

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.





April 18/19	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller G. Selwyn	I. Fitzgerald R. Jerold, A. Min	C. Chacon T. Fonseca, K. Garces
Commentator:	J. Deneau	J. Flanigan	N. Comido
Readers:	C. Stanley	D. Ocol	S. Comido
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	I./D. Culley	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber P./K. Nezny	T./K. Boettger P. Enticott	B./C. Voisin N. George

Next Confirmation Preparation Meeting
Next Sunday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m.

GOLD RING FOUND IN CHURCH.

Please inquire to the parish office 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com

Springtime Cleanup of Parish Grounds and Gardens

It's that time again! **We are looking for adults and high school students to help with the spring clean up of the church grounds and gardens:** raking the lawn, wheel-barrowing new soil to the gardens, trimming the hedges, watering, weeding, etc. If you are interested, **please email Pam at the parish office** with your name, email address and phone number. Thank you!

LAWN CUTTING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Our volunteer lawn cutter has retired, and we are looking for someone to take their place. This is on a **riding lawn mower**, and training will be provided (practical and safety). If you are interested, please contact Pam at the parish office, 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass... Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31st at 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton.** (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). **To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ye29u7uh> or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Registration Deadline is May 4th.**

The Eucharist in the Scripture... 3-session Bible Study by Scott Hahn from St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. **St. Louis Parish** (53 Allen St. E, Waterloo) **Sundays April 12, 19 & 26** from 12:30 to 1:45 PM lunch provided, **OR, Mondays, April 13, 20 & 27** from 7:30 to 9 PM with refreshments. Come on the days that suit you. Three topics from Scott Hahn's books: *The Lamb's Supper*, *The Fourth Cup* and *Consuming the Word*. We'll examine the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explore the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible. No fee and no preparation required. The first half hour is available at: <https://my.stpaulcenter.com/play/the-eucharist-in-scripture>. Contact St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101 or stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com for more info or to register.

Mass and a Movie

St. Mark's Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites you to join them in celebrating the **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on Tuesday, April 28th.**



We will begin with **Mass at 6:00 p.m.** offered for the intentions of all our deceased C.W.L. members, followed by a movie presentation of **"The Stoning of Soraya M."**. All are welcome!

St. Mark's C.W.L. will be selling
POTTED GERBERA DAISES
\$10 per plant

Available for sale after all Masses on
Mother's Day weekend, May 9 & 10

Treat that special lady in your life and beat the store lineup. There will be a limited number of pots for sale at each Mass.



Grief Program: When Life Changes

Using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. **Part two** (for those who have completed part one), *The Ongoing Journey*, will be offered at the **Chancery Office** at 700 King St. West, Hamilton on **Wednesday evenings from April 8 - May 13** from 7:00-8:30pm. All are welcome. To register look for the program start date under **Upcoming Events** at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Reel Justice Film Festival (ONLINE via ZOOM)

Join us **Thursday, April 23rd 7:00 - 9:00 PM** for a screening of **Deep Rising**. Narrated and executive produced by Jason Momoa, the documentary investigates the push to mine the deep seabed for rare metals, exposing geopolitical, corporate, and scientific maneuvering to control these vital elements. Through awe-inspiring footage of the deep's most dazzling creatures, **Deep Rising** reveals the need to protect the seabed as the common heritage of humankind and stresses the urgency of responsible choices for the future of sustainable energy. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>.**

Young Adults Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), vocations testimony and praise music (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, May 2nd** at the **Saint Benedict Church** (300 Yates Drive, Milton). Sponsored by the Hamilton Diocesan Vocations Office: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations
For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41st International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.



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