

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 _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 20 – 26, 2026

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

Tuesday (FERIAL) *** NO NOON MASS TODAY**
*** 7:00 PM** † Francisco & Brigida De Sousa – *De Sousa Family*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - Int. of Brian & Marie Lynch – *Woodhouse family*
 † Torcato Resende & family – *Lourdes Soares*
 † Concetta Giardino & family – *Tony Finoro*

Thursday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Don Kurpel – *Helen Kress*
3:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA)
11:00 am - **WEDDING**
12 Noon † Helena Szepietowski – *Angela Gosia*
2:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Lanark Village*

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 25/26

Acts 2:14a, 36b-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

Sat. 5:00 PM † George Brezina – *Marjorie*
 † Almas do Sorgatorio – *Lourdes Soares*
 - Int. of the McCullough family – *Woodhouse family*

Sun. 9:30 am † Luciana Lagonia – *Maria Lagonia*
11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
3:30 PM - **MONTHLY IGBO MASS**

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The repose of the soul of Cristino Cainoy

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

April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25
Rev. Robert Sims	Rev. Jason Kuntz	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, S.O.C.	Rev. Edward Hinsperger	Rev. Msgr. David Reilander	Rev. Matthew Durham

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

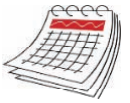
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Weekly Offertory Report



April 11/12, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 3,486.80	\$ 390.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 854.80	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,623.46	\$ 397.96
Totals:	\$ 5,965.06	\$ 787.96

Meetings & Events This Week ...



APRIL	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 20	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir Practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 21	7:30 PM	(H)	SSVP Particular Council Meeting
Wed 22	6:15 PM	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu 23	5:45 PM	(CH)	First Reconciliation
	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri 24	7:00 PM	(L)	Bible Study
Sat 25	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	10:00 am	(CH)	First Reconciliation
	1:00 PM	(H)	Couples for Christ
Sun 26	6:00 PM	(H)	Monthly Praise & Worship
	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

The Risen Christ, Our Enlightening Companion

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we walk with the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus. Like the two disciples, we are enlightened by His Word in the Scriptures, our hearts set ablaze, and our faith strengthened. In the breaking of the Bread, we recognize Him—and feel the urge to share the joy of His Resurrection with those who still doubt. May our encounter with the Risen Jesus in this Eucharist make us compassionate fellow travelers—attentive to the struggles of others, ready to listen, and eager to share our faith in His Resurrection.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

World Youth Day 2027: Seoul, South Korea

JULY 31 – AUGUST 9, 2027

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. The Diocesan Pastoral Offices welcome you to attend a **Virtual Information Night** via **Zoom** on **Thursday, April 23rd at 7:30 p.m.** Register here: bit.ly/WYDInfoNight. For more information about World Youth Day, please visit www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com or <https://wydseoul.org/en>.



Wedding at no cost!

Are you hesitant about the costs of getting married? In a wedding, the Sacrament is the most important thing – a wedding doesn't have to be expensive. St. Mark's Church will be holding a Group Wedding this September at no cost. For those who are interested please call the parish office to coordinate with Father Roque for more details.

PRAISE & WORSHIP ~ Sat. April 25 at 6:00 p.m.

All are cordially invited to join us after the 5pm Mass for Praise and Worship in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

"I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Ps.146:2

Liturgical Ministers

April 25/26	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller B. Gilazgi	J. Taer, T. John X. Taguinod	A./E./J./K. Palafox
Commentator:	Sean Morgan	N. Ngo	M. John
Readers:	G. Mahn	T. Boettger	B. Norte
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	P./M. Drohan	P. Abalos M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	W. D'Mello F./Y. Tully	T. Lee, M. Lynch M. Walser	K. Dignam, E. Weiss L. Maenpaa

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

Volunteer Opportunities 🙌🙌🙌

Please contact the Parish Office at 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com

🙌 Student Volunteer Opportunity

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is currently seeking a couple of Grade 11-12 students to help with food pick-ups on Thursday evenings. This would be a commitment of 2 hours or less, once or twice a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to your volunteer hours required for school. For more information, please contact the parish office.

🙌 Summer Gardening Helpers Wanted

Volunteers are needed to help with maintaining the church gardens over the summer – mostly watering, a little weeding and trimming. Whichever area suits your talents, we welcome your help. If interested, please contact Pam at the parish office with your name, email address and phone number. Thank you!

🙌 Lawn Cutting Volunteers

Thank you to all those who responded to the call for a volunteer to mow the lawn on our riding lawn mower. **If you would like to place your name on the backup list, to cover illness and holidays**, please contact the parish office. Practical and safety training will be provided.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH, WATERLOO

Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group 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 since your loss.

Monthly informal drop-in support is available at St. Michael Parish on the **2nd Wednesday of the month** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. Registration is not required.

Part 1 is a 6-week Program - theory and sharing - The program runs **Wednesday evenings from May 13 to June 17** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Registration is required by May 4th by contacting our Parish office at 519-884-9311 or parish@stmichaelw.ca. Part 2 of the program will be available in the Fall. For more info please visit www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support.

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 "**Unsung Hero**" in the church basement. All are welcome!



Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel

April 26th is the Feast of our Lady of Good Counsel. In honour of our Lady's feast day, consider praying the Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel. Please visit <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/our-lady-of-good-counsel-novena/> or visit the CWL table in the narthex for a prayer card.

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.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

★ **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 4**

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.

SAINT BENEDICT CHURCH, MILTON

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

Camp Kumuntome is Hiring

We are looking for two dynamic young people, age 17 or older, for the position of Co-Director at Camp Kumuntome. The Co-Director positions are responsible for creating a welcoming and engaging experience for families. The role runs from Sunday, June 28 to Saturday, September 5, and involves coordinating daily crafts, games, swim times at Black's Lake, and evening family activities alongside volunteer counsellors and a host family. This is a hands-on, full-day leadership position (approximately 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) in a dynamic, faith-informed summer camp environment. A fair honorarium is paid at the end of the summer. There is a mandatory staff orientation from May 29-31. For more information or to apply, email program@campkumuntome.ca. Full job descriptions can be found at www.campkumuntome.ca/staffing.



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