

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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## PARISH STAFF

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Mass Intentions for the Week



Apr. 27 – May 3, 2026

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

**Tuesday** (FERIAL) \* **NO NOON MASS TODAY**  
 \* 6:00 PM † Brigida & Francisco Sousa – *Lourdes Soares*

**Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA)  
 12 Noon - Int. of the Dupuis Family – *Woodhouse family*  
 † Guise Hung Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*  
 † Joseph Nguyen – *Tuynh Nguyen*

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. MARIE DE L'INCARNATION)  
 12 Noon † Augustin Nguyen – *Tuynh Nguyen*  
 2:30 PM - *Monthly Mass at Bankside Residence*

**First Friday** (FERIAL)  
 12 Noon † Jack Mahn – *Mahn family*

**First Saturday** (MEMORIAL – ST. ATHANASIUS)  
 9:00 am - Int. of Marianne Walser – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 2/3

*Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** † Hien Tran – *Tim Tran*  
 † Carlos Fonseca – *Colette Dokis*  
 † Theresa Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*

**Sun. 9:30 am** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark  
 11:30 am † Jose Alves – *Lourdes Alves*  
 1:30 PM - **First Communion Mass** (with St. Dominic students and others)  
 4:00 PM - **First Communion Mass** (with St. Mark students and others)

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**  
*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*  
**The repose of the soul of Jose Alves**

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

April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2
Rev. Robert Kiffman	Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.	Order of St. Augustine, O.S.A.	Rev. Alberto Ferreira	Rev. Michael King	Rev. Gary Schlack

**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.

### VOCAATION SEEDS World Day of Prayer for Vocations

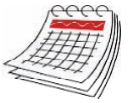
The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Diocesan Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) / [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)

### Weekly Offertory Report

April 18/19, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,897.00	\$ 238.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 847.15	\$ ---
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,623.46	\$ 397.96
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 5,367.61</b>	<b>\$ 635.96</b>

**Diocesan Collection:** Indigenous Reconciliation ..... \$332.00

### Meetings & Events This Week ...



Apr/May	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon 27</b>	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue 28</b>	9:30 am	Multi	Retreat for First Communion ( <i>St. Dom</i> )
	6:30 PM	(B)	Movie Presentation of "Unsung Hero"
	7:00 PM	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
<b>Wed 29</b>	6:15 PM	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thu 30</b>	9:30 am	Multi	Retreat for First Communion ( <i>St. Mark</i> )
	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Fri 1</b>	7:00 PM	(H)	B.C.B.P.
<b>Sat 2</b>	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
<b>Sun 3</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

### Love in Action: Serving with the Heart of Christ

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and the 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We recall our call to follow Christ and the beauty of vocations to the ordained ministry and the consecrated life. As members of His flock, we are entrusted with fostering and supporting new vocations. In this Holy Mass, let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send holy and generous laborers into His vineyard—shepherds after the heart of the Risen Christ, who gave His life for the sheep. May those He calls answer each day with a faithful and generous "yes."



*Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications*

### 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.

### MEN OF OUR PARISH!

**Knights of Columbus Membership is open to you!**  
**K of C Membership Drive – TODAY after all Masses.**  
 All Catholic men of St. Mark's Parish, 18 years old and older. **Why Become A Knight?** Membership affords a greater opportunity to assist those in need, to serve our parish, to grow in one's faith, to access top-rated insurance protection for you and your family, and the ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone! **Interested?** Please speak to one of the Knights in the narthex!

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### Next Sunday is White Box Sunday

Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the church doors next weekend to accept monetary donations to assist families in our area. *We appreciate your continuing support!*

**Wedding Anniversary Mass...** Those who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2026 are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the diocese for the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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 May 4**

## Liturgical Ministers

May 2/3	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	J./J. Woodhouse C. Ocol	J./S. Garrucho J. Ortega
<b>Commentator:</b>	R. Vergel de Dios	M. Raki	D. DeSousa
<b>Readers:</b>	Jackie Morgan	E. Constantino	R. Miranda
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller C./E. Cainoy	C. Sgarbossa E. Ekwueme	B./C. Voisin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	A. Bendia H. Psutka P. Campao	C. Weber A. Kidane R. Groothuis	A. Joseph I./F. Kangaloo

## 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.



### Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Starting Mother's Day weekend we will again be participating in the annual Baby Bottle Campaign for **Marillac Place**. Baby bottles will be available in the narthex beginning May 9<sup>th</sup>, and filled bottles must be returned to the church by Father's Day weekend (June 20/21). Thank you for all your support!

### "North of 60" Food & Clothing Drive

Once again we would like to collect food and clothing for the North of 60 program. Each year food is sent by barge to the families in the Nunavut area, as resources are very expensive there. Once again, we will be collecting **Kraft Dinner** and **Tetley Tea** as well as **Winter Coats, Boots, Hats, Jeans, Jogging Pants and Hoodies** in **good, clean condition** for men, women and children. If you would like to contribute, please look for the bins in the narthex. Many thanks!

~ St. Mark Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### 29th National March for Life (Ottawa) - Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

This year's theme, "Follow Me," is an invitation for all to bear witness to the dignity of life through a visible presence on Parliament Hill. For info about local bus trips, please contact your local Right to Life office. Additional details can be found at: <https://marchforlife.ca>.

## 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** this **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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!



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.*



## MAY CROWNING of MARY

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Feast of Our Lady of Fatima*

**Join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Crowning of our Lady in the Grotto**

Everyone is invited to bring a flower(s) to present to Our Lady during the Crowning, and extra flowers will be available.

### Mother's Day Tea Without Mom

Mother's Day celebrations can be difficult and complex when your mother is no longer here to celebrate. Join this special **Ladies' Tea** on **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** for an afternoon dedicated to honoring the women who shaped us and loved us, but are no longer with us. The afternoon is intended to be heartfelt and uplifting, sharing our stories, sipping tea and enjoying finger sandwiches and fresh baked scones. Cost is \$85. Please email Salvina with your interest or questions, or pass this email along to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending. The event will be held at **667 Golf Club Rd. Unit #2, Hannon, Ontario**. Contact: Salvina Castiglione, BA, BSW. RSW.; [www.cardinalconnection.ca](http://www.cardinalconnection.ca); or call (905)-537-9638.

### Mother's Day Lunch

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo**. \$20 per person. Includes hot buffet-style lunch: Roast beef with horseradish, scalloped potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, cake, coffee, and tea. Bring your whole family. Limited tickets now on sale. For tickets or more info, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.101 or [lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com).

### 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, Waterloo**, on the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> by contacting our Parish office at 519-884-9311 or [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca). Part 2 of the program will be available in the Fall. For more info please visit [www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support).



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