

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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Rejoice!  
For the Lord is truly risen!

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

April 6 – 12, 2026

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

**Tuesday** (EASTER OCTAVE SOLEMNITY)

12 Noon † Amanda Estella Calles – *Marta*

**Wednesday** (EASTER OCTAVE SOLEMNITY)

12 Noon - Int. of Marianne Walser – *Woodhouse family*  
- Int. of Dominador Navalta Mina  
† Bill Schade – *Stephen & Denise Case*

**Thursday** (EASTER OCTAVE SOLEMNITY)

12 Noon † Carlos Fonseca – *Colette Dokis*

**Friday** (EASTER OCTAVE SOLEMNITY)

12 Noon - Int. of Barbara Dokis – *Barry & Colette*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 11/12

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Cathy & Bob Voisin – *Woodhouse family*  
- Int. of the Kidane Family  
† Elizabeth Habtay – *Samra & family*

Sun. 9:30 am † Jennifer Haller-Buchanan – *John & Linda Deneau*  
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 soul of Amanda Estella Calles



Parish Office **CLOSED: Monday, April 6**

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

April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11
Rev. Andrew Quarshie	Rev. Ronald Voisin	Jesuit Fathers, S.J.	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.	Rev. Richard Dordunu	Rev. Donald Sanvido

**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

Easter Sunday

"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)

## Weekly Offertory Report



March 28/29 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings: \$ 3,604.00	\$ 120.00	
Loose offerings: \$ 950.15	\$ --	
Pre-Authorized: \$ 1,573.27	\$ 397.38	
<b>Totals: \$ 6,127.42</b>	<b>\$ 517.38</b>	

Diocesan Collections: Share Lent .....\$130.00  
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land .....\$120.00

## Meetings & Events This Week ...



APRIL	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon 6</b>	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Wed 8</b>	5:45 PM	Multi	First Communion Prep – Session #5
	6:15 PM	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thu 9</b>	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Sat 11</b>	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
<b>Sun 12</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

## Christ, Our Hope, is Risen! Alleluia!

A grace-filled Easter Season to all!

The joy of the Resurrection fills our hearts and moves us to share it with all. Something wondrous has happened – not only to Jesus, but to us as well: we have risen to new life. Renewed by Lent, we leave behind our sin and weakness to share in the life Christ gives to all who make Him Lord. With the Church's Easter praise in today's Sequence, we offer thanks to the Paschal Victim, the Prince of Life, who reigns victorious over sin and death. The Risen Christ is our joy, our peace, and our strength to live as better Christians.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Weekend, April 11/12

(Sat. 4:40 p.m., Sun. 9:10 and 11:10 a.m.)

All are invited to **come early to Mass next weekend** for a beautiful video/prayer presentation for Divine Mercy Sunday. This will begin 20 minutes before each Mass.



## Thank You!

A very special thank-you to the Chacon Family for dedicating their time and talent in organizing this year's **passion plays**, and also to the actors and volunteers who helped to bring Jesus' passion story to life.

Also a heartfelt thank-you to ALL those who helped to prepare for, or ministered at, our **Triduum liturgies** – music ministers, decorators, altar servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, readers – your time and talent help to make our space and our liturgies a beautiful expression of our faith. Thank you all for your dedication and service!

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Wishing you a blessed and liberating Easter!

- Fr. Roque Concepcion





## Liturgical Ministers

A **NEW SCHEDULE** HAS BEEN EMAILED TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS. PLEASE CHECK YOUR INBOX.

### GOLD RING FOUND IN CHURCH.

Please inquire to the parish office 519-571-9200 or [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com)

### Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings

**FIRST COMMUNION:** This Wednesday, April 8 at 5:45 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m.

### 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](mailto:stmark@rogers.com).



### Serra Club Mass... Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

(Please note there will be no Holy Hour, as St. Agnes Eritrean Community will be using the facilities all day to celebrate Holy Thursday.) Join us for the Rosary on ZOOM every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Zoom address is 891 4699 8295, Pass Code GvsW9U. New members are welcome! Please contact [ma\\_zister@hotmail.com](mailto:ma_zister@hotmail.com).

### 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](mailto:stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com) for more info or to register.

### The Year of St. Francis of Assisi -- The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this to be the "Year of St. Francis of Assisi," a special Jubilee in celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> year since the holy death of St. Francis.

The Diocese of Hamilton has put together a special webpage in celebration of this moment of faith. Join us in prayer and contemplation as we turn our hearts towards this saint of simplicity, peace, and joyful discipleship. All resources for adults and young people can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/year-of-st-francis-of-assis/>.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Lenten Retreat on The Seven Last Words of Christ.

We are immensely grateful to Father Roque, Dion Flores and the Filipino choir for providing us with their heavenly voices on such short notice, especially since the Philippine Choral Society of Mississauga could not perform due to illness. A big thank you to all who contributed nourishment for our choir members and C.W.L. readers.

The goodwill offerings you generously donated raised \$577, which will be used toward the refinishing of our church parking lot. Wishing you and your families a blessed Easter!



**Parenting Tip** - Easter is a special season for the Church, where we remember Jesus' suffering, but rejoice in his resurrection and the hope it brings to each one of us. When we read simple versions of the Easter story, we offer children a beautiful understanding of what Easter is all about. They will see the Paschal candle at the Church, which is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, so we explain that it represents the light and hope Christ brought to the world. Remind them that Easter eggs (even when chocolate!) are meant to represent new life, just as the resurrection brings new life to all. All of this will help them to understand the liturgical celebrations you attend together and to know how much God loves them.

**Marriage Tip** - All people have busy times in their lives when they seem to need more hours in a day than the actual twenty-four hours allows! It is essential then that we stop long enough to ask ourselves what really matters to us and then to ensure we adjust our schedules accordingly. A spouse should not be on the short end of receiving your time and attention (nor should your family). Set up a date night regularly, be sure to eat at least one meal (even if it is early morning breakfast) together most days, take time to pray together and attend church together. Life is hectic but sacrificing time with the one you love will not help you get more done, it will only help to distance you from the one you need most.

*Tips submitted by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office*

### 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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

### 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 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. **Deadline May 4<sup>th</sup>.**



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