

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week

Aug. 31 – Sept. 6, 2026

Join us for recitation of **The Rosary**, 20 minutes before each weekday Mass.

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of Kandy Seyler — *Randy Seyler*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Maria Campos — *Campos family*
 † Clarence Seyler — *Randy*
 † Laura Martins — *Leonor Fonseca*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. GREGORY THE GREAT)

12 Noon - Int. of the Kidane Family

First Friday (FERIAL)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12 Noon † John Pereira — *Anthony Toscano & family*

First Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am † Shirley Raetsen — *Helen Kress*

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 5/6

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Leila & Raf Montalban — *Montalban family*
 - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves — *Lourdes Alves*
 † Shirley Raetsen — *Cindy & Garry Mahn*

Sun. 9:30 am † Schnarr & Uhrig Families — *Clem & Carolyn B.*

11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Manuel Luis Alves



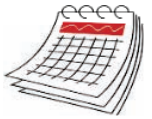
Meetings & Events This Week ...

AUGUST

TIME ROOM EVENT

Mon 31 8:00 PM (H) Alcoholics Anonymous

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

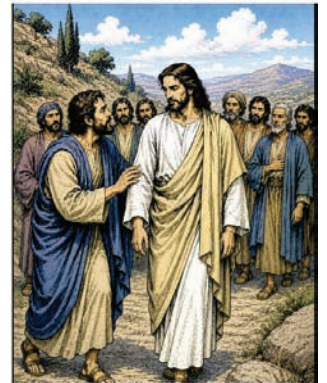


Children's Liturgy of the Word

Program resumes September 20th.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself take up his cross and follow me"

Today is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, Jesus foretells His suffering and death, but Peter resists, unable to accept a suffering Messiah. He loves Jesus, but not the Cross. Yet true discipleship means self-denial and taking up our cross. Faith is tested not in comfort, but in trials. May this Eucharist strengthen us to embrace the Cross, trusting that its cost is nothing compared to the life Christ promises.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications



September 5/6 is White Box Sunday

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a member at the church doors next weekend to receive monetary donations to assist families in our area. We appreciate your ongoing support!

SHE is back this fall!

Wednesday evenings, here at St. Marks

Sept. 16 to Nov. 11 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.



Attention ladies! **She Shall Be Called Woman** ("SHE") is a 9-week program designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. SHE is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord.

For more info or to sign up, please email fkangaloo@gmail.com.

Learn more at www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com



Bible Study

Friday, Sept. 18th at 7:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Kevin D'Souza	Rev. Piotr Jurzyk	Salesians of St. Don Bosco, S.D.B.	Rev. Robert Bulbrook	Very Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.	Rev. John Iyekowa, O.S.A.

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. 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



August 22/23, 2026

	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,385.25	\$ 124.00
Loose offerings	\$ 706.65	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 384.12
Totals	\$ 4,741.90	\$ 508.12

Monthly Praise & Worship

Saturday, Sept. 26 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." Psalm 146:2

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a program and faith journey for **Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion**. This is also open to anyone who would like to have a refresher course on Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available in the foyer. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Roque.



Sept. 5/6	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	I./C. Fitzgerald R. Jerold, A. Min	C. Chacon F. Zumot, L. Udemá
Commentator:	G. Mahn	B. Agnis	A. Baby Joseph
Readers:	C. Stanley	P. Enticott	B. Prila
Ushers:	E. Miller C./E. Cainoy	P./M. Drohan	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully C. Weber	A. Bendia, M. Lynch R. Groothuis	I./F. Kangaloo A. Joseph



St. Mark's Multicultural Festival

Sunday, September 13th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Come and experience the incredible food, culture, and community our parish has to offer!

- Enjoy...**
- ★ a delicious BBQ lunch
 - ★ sample foods from different countries
 - ★ cultural presentations
 - ★ children's activities
 - ★ fun and games
 - ★ exciting door prizes

To help cover the costs of the event,
a **LIMITED NUMBER** of **ADMISSION TICKETS**
will be sold **after weekend Masses only** until Sept. 6th.

📄 \$3 / person 📄 \$10 / family of 4



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

LOST! **Women's wedding band and diamond engagement ring.**
If found, please contact the parish office
at 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com.

Enhancing Self-Esteem

Healthy self-esteem is linked to positive mental health outcomes, which is so important to each of us. Our program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your own future. The program will be offered from **Tuesday September 22 – November 24, 2026** at the **Chancery Office** at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration is online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com> and can be found under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Thank you all ...

August 24, 2026

Hello Everyone,

On July 18th, because of everybody's help, I was blessed with the chance to compete internationally for the first time in my career. It was a moment of complete joy and a moment I will forever be grateful for. Your kindness gave me the opportunity to travel the world and do what I love most on the biggest stage the world has to offer.

At the world championships, I fell short in the round of 16 to Kyrgyzstan. It was a tough loss for me but I took it well and turned it into a learning experience.

In Hong Kong I performed much better placing 2nd out of all the nations competing, beating Hong Kong, China and Mongolia, only losing to Russia in the finals, despite of competing at a heavier division. My time in Hong Kong was one of a kind, and experiencing my first international training camp right before my second international tournament was surreal. Having the opportunity to learn from different nations and seeing their views on wrestling really helped me as a wrestler.

I just got back home from my trip a couple days ago and I wanted to thank everyone once again for the support. The kindness you spread inspires me to work harder and to become a better person on and off the mat.

I would also express my gratitude to Father Roque Concepcion, Pam Olinski and the Parishioners of St. Mark's for the prayers and support.

Thank you so much for everything.

Sincerely,

Jude Garrucho



Congratulations, Jude!

ReSTART: Moving Forward

Struggling after a divorce or separation? ReStart can help you move forward with support, education and positive encouragement from our experienced facilitators. Our 11-week program offers help to anyone seeking to heal and move forward. The new sessions run from **Tuesday September 22 – Tuesday December 1, 2026** and will be held at the **Chancery Office** at 700 King St. West in Hamilton in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com> under Upcoming Events for September, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

WALK WITH JESUS:

Retreat for Parents after the Death of a Child

Saturday, Oct. 10 (Fergus) or Sat. Nov. 7 (Hamilton)

9:00am - 4:00pm. \$20 includes lunch. Registration is required at

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/06/walk-with-jesus-retreat-day-for-grieving-parents> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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