

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week



September 1 – 7, 2025

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

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, Sept. 1 – Labour Day**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Maria Campos – *Campos family*

**Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. GREGORY THE GREAT)

12 Noon † Clarence Seyler

**Thursday** (FERIAL)

★ **NO NOON MASS TODAY**

★ 9:00 am † John Pereira – *Anthony Toscano & family*

**First Friday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Justina Medeiros & family – *Salome Da Costa*

**First Saturday** (FERIAL)

9:00 am † Peter Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*

### 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 6/7

Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9b-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Sat. 5:00 PM † Maria Medeiros – *Maria*

Sun. 9:30 am † Garry Groothuis – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

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



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*

A Private Intention



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

Sept. 1	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Sept. 6
Rev. Jeff Bergsma	Rev. Gerald Mulhall	Our Parish Community	Rev. Michael Anderson	Rev. Patrick Ohl	Rev. Mario Fernando Cabal Muriel, S.J.

**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

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humble yourself and you will find favour with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord if He 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



**August 23/24, 2025**

	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 4,089.00	\$ 30.00
Loose offerings	\$ 784.50	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,575.58	\$ 407.77
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 6,449.08</b>	<b>\$ 437.77</b>

### Meetings & Events This Week ...



**SEPT**

	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon 1</b>	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Wed 3</b>	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thu 4</b>	7:00 PM	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<b>Fri 5</b>	7:00 PM	(H)	B.C.B.P.
<b>Sun 7</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

### Long Live the Humble and the Generous!

This Sunday, the Word of God invites us to reflect on the disastrous consequences of pride and the preciousness of humility. Pride was what cast Lucifer into hell. The ambitious desire to become like God was what brought Adam and Eve to ignore God's prohibition. Pride has caused so much suffering to millions of human beings all through human history. Its opposite – HUMILITY – brings joy, peace and encouragement to all. Humble people readily acknowledge that all the good qualities they have are gifts from God and that every success has its origin and support in Him. This week let us ask for the grace to be truly HUMBLE. This will enable us to be GENEROUS and thereby become a source of blessings and happiness for so many of our brothers and sisters.



*Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications*

### Attention All Ladies!

**“She” – 9-week program starts Wed. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

*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.

Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers and enriching prayer experiences, you'll be equipped with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. **Join us for food, fellowship and faith, Wednesday evenings, starting September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in St. Mark's basement. SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY!** Scan the QR code or email [fkangaloo@gmail.com](mailto:fkangaloo@gmail.com). To learn more please visit [www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com](http://www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com).



### That Man is You! returns Saturday mornings, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to April 2026

*That Man is You!* honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! Visit [www.tmiy.org](http://www.tmiy.org) for more information. This year's program, *Thy Kingdom Come*, features brand new dynamic speakers from a range of backgrounds and presents Earth-shattering insights from some of the greatest theologians of our day. Discover: What it takes to overthrow an empire and inherit the Kingdom of God; God's transforming love through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts; A new way and a new perspective on this world and the next “Thy Kingdom Come”. Now is the perfect time to join or rejoin TMIY! **Breakfast begins at St. Mark's Parish Hall at 7:15 am** followed by a video presentation and group discussion. All adult men of any background are welcome. Contact [ian.kangaloo@gmail.com](mailto:ian.kangaloo@gmail.com) with your questions or to sign up.



Sept. 6/7	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	V./P./J. Miller S. Cainoy	T. John R./R. Jerold	A./E./J. Palafox
<b>Commentator:</b>	G. Mahn	J. Flanigan	K. Palafox
<b>Readers:</b>	E. Constantino	V. DeVries	B. Norte
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller C./E. Cainoy	J./K. Snyder	J./S./J. Posada
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	W. D'Mello H. Psutka	P. Enticott M. Lynch, M. Walser	E. Weiss, G. Noble K. Dignam

### Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Luke Boardroom



## St. Mark's Multicultural Festival

Theme: **ALL NATIONS WORSHIP THE LORD!**

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> after the 11:30 Mass**

We warmly invite you to join us for our very first Multicultural Festival! Come and celebrate the rich diversity of our community through:

- Cultural processions
- Free food tastings from various countries
- Exhibits showcasing unique customs and traditions
- Children's activities, fun, and games
- Complimentary BBQ lunch will be served

**While there is no charge, FREE-WILL donations are welcome to help cover the cost.**

**Pre-registration is required** to ensure everyone's safety, comfort and adherence to fire department capacity limits.



Sign-up now and be part of this vibrant celebration of culture and community!  
Questions? Please contact: Nidia Ventura at [nidiagrande@live.com](mailto:nidiagrande@live.com) or 519-498-8360.  
**Register in the Narthex or scan the QR code!**

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

*For our relationship with all of creation*

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

In the busy schedules we often adhere to, we can let our time as a couple slip away, compromising it to accomplish other necessary things. The mistake of that is that we can become disconnected, distant and less in synch with each other. Take the time to schedule couple-time and don't compromise, unless it is an emergency. Your relationship will flourish and spill over to other aspects of your life!

Archangels Sacramentals Sponsors the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual

### Pilgrimage to The Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother

**Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.** Gather at the Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother at St. Agatha Roman Catholic Cemetery, 1820 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha

2:00 pm Prayers – Stabat Mater Dolorosa

2:30 pm The Seven Sorrows Chaplet

3:00 pm Mass – Celebrant: Father Mariusz Durbajlo

Bring a lawn chair as the Chapel has a limited amount of space.

Sacramentals for sale: Seven Sorrows Chaplet, Devotionals at a very good price, Free prayer cards. Graces and Promises for this Mass & Devotion *"Spread everywhere the memory of my Dolors and Passion of my Jesus"*

For more info contact: Jane Richard at 519-744-8330 or [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca)

### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Fundraising Concert

Featuring: WATERLOO REGIONAL POLICE CHORUS

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 each, available through Our Lady of Lourdes Parish office at 519-886-0342 ext. 101.

### Maryhill Historical Society 49th Annual Heritage Day

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.** Mass is at 11 a.m. at St. Boniface Church with the program at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill) from 12pm-4pm. Lunch Tickets—advance tickets only. \$20/person, \$10 –10years & under, 5 and under FREE. Tickets are available from Linda at 519-242-9595 / Diane at 519-648-2432 or by email: [maryhillroots@gmail.com](mailto:maryhillroots@gmail.com). Payment by cheque, cash or e-transfer to [maryhillroots@gmail.com](mailto:maryhillroots@gmail.com) and indicate "tickets" in the message box. There will be lunch with dessert and refreshments a Silent Auction, 50/50 draw and an escorted Heritage Cross tour at the end of the program. All welcome. This is the Maryhill Historical Society's major fundraiser.

### Bible Study – The Book of Acts – The Spread of the Kingdom

**By Jeff Cavins in 20 sessions.** In the Acts of the Apostles St. Luke draws on parallels between life of Jesus and life of the early church and also between lives of Peter (as a missionary to the Jews) and Paul (as a missionary to the Gentiles). The Book of Acts course gives us bases for understanding of the early church and New Testament Epistles. This Bible study will be offered in parallel on **Sundays at 12:30 PM** (till 1:45 PM) and on **Mondays at 7:30 PM** (till 9 PM). The Sunday sessions will include lunch. The Monday sessions will include refreshments. There is no registration fee. To access materials online, you will need to buy online access at [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) for approx. \$10. **Starts September 21 and 22 at St. Louis Church Large Hall, Waterloo** (enter via elevator door off Willow St.). To register, or for more info. please contact St. Louis parish office at [stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com) or 519-743-4101.

### The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives invites you to an OPEN

**HOUSE** on **Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00 - 5:00 and **Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** from 10:00 - 2:00. We are located at **698 King St. West, Hamilton**, on the grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us to view The Saint John's Bible, learn about our services, and pick up a few good books! Open to All!

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Children thrive on routine and, in truth, so does the whole family. During the summer we can be a little more relaxed on bedtime, eating and even clean up routines, but the rest of the year that can cause lots of challenges. As school begins, now is the time to sit as a family and set out your daily routines and expectations. Stick by them because once they become routine, everyone in the household will benefit!





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