

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 2 – 8, 2026

No Weekday Masses

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses while Father Roque is away in the Philippines. Weekday Masses will resume on February 24th.

We thank Fr. Bob Love and Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. who are celebrating our Sunday Masses while Fr. Roque is away.

Meetings & Events This Week ...



FEBRUARY	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 2	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed 4	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 PM	Multi	SHE Women's Group
Thu 5	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 PM	(L)	C.W.L. Executive Meeting
Fri 6	7:00 PM	(H)	B.C.B.P.
Sat 7	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man Is You! Men's Group
Sun 8	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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 7/8

Isaiah 58:6-10+; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Sat. 5:00 PM † Fatima & Armerinda Costa – *Salome Costa*
 † Peter Nguyen – *Melissa*
 † Marlene Denomme – *Anna & Cuthbert Joseph*

Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am - Int. of Gemma Kubica – *Eric & Rosemary*

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

A Private Intention



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

Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7
World Day for Consecrated Life	Rev. Allen Varlaki	Missionaries	Rev. Charles Jordan	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being 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.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Reports



January 24/25, 2026

	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,631.00	\$ 55.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 496.65	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,579.04	\$ 397.38
Totals:	\$ 4,706.69	\$ 452.38

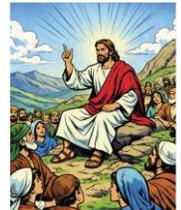
Instant Online Donations: Can be made anytime to St. Mark's Parish through our **CanadaHelps** portal. Simply scan the QR code here or in the church, or use this link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-marks-parish-kitchener-ontario>.



Thank you for your support!

The Beatitudes: Inspiration and Challenge

Today, on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time and Pro-Life Sunday, we rejoice in the consoling message of the Beatitudes, proclaimed in the Gospel and foreshadowed in the First Reading. In these words, Jesus invites us to see life, human dignity, and true happiness through God's eyes.



The Beatitudes lift up virtues — meekness, mercy, poverty of spirit, and a hunger for justice — that often challenge worldly values. These are not mere ideals but the foundation for belonging to God's Kingdom.

May we always commit to living the Beatitudes in our respect for life and care for others, encountering Jesus Christ, who not only taught but fully lived them in word, action, and spirit.

Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus



Pancake & Sausage Supper



Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17th

5:00 - 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Adults ~ \$12.00 Youth (7-16 yrs) ~ \$8.00

Kids (3-6 yrs) ~ \$5.00 Under 3 ~ FREE (with free ticket)

Family Rate ~ \$35.00 (two adults + 3 children from same family)

Take-home available. FILIPINO HOTCAKES also on the menu!

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES.

Limited tickets available at the door.

Pure Maple Syrup \$15 each
500mL bottle



On Sale After All Weekend Masses and at the Pancake Supper!

Cash Preferred. E-Transfer Available. All proceeds to local charities.

If you are currently using envelopes #358 from last year (2025) please contact Pam at the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

Liturgical Ministers

Feb. 7/8	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller S. Silva	J. Taer, X. Taguinod J./J. Woodhouse	T. John J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:	R. Vergel de Dios	R. Jerold	B. Norte
Readers:	G. Mahn	J. Flanigan	M. John
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	M. Walser E. Ekwueme	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	W. D'Mello F./Y. Tully	T./K. Boettger T. Lee	A. Joseph K. Dignam L. Maenpaa



Today is White Box Sunday

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a member at the church doors today (Jan. 31/Feb. 1) to receive monetary donations to assist families in our area. We appreciate your continuing support!

Knights of Columbus Potato Blitz

During the whole month of February we will be collecting potatoes for the House of Friendship. Please bring your spuds and put them in the bin in the narthex. Thanks for donating.



Alpha returns to St. Mark's in March! Thursday evenings from March 5 to May 14

Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. All are welcome! Plan to join us. For more information or to sign up, please contact Ron Denomme at stmarkalpha@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.

That Man is You! SATURDAY MORNINGS 7:15 AM (January to May 2026)

This program addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, harmonizing 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! **Breakfast begins at St. Mark's Parish Hall at 7:15 am** followed by a video presentation and group discussion. **All men of any background are welcome.** Visit www.tmiy.org for more info or contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions or to sign up.

Installation of the 10th Bishop of Hamilton

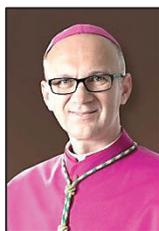
The Installation of His Excellency, **Bishop Joseph Dabrowski**, as the 10th Bishop of Hamilton will take place on **Monday, February 2nd at 11:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton.

This is an invitation-only liturgical celebration.

However, the Mass will be livestreamed to allow the wider diocesan community to participate prayerfully from home. To watch the livestream, please visit this page: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/01/installation-of-the-10th-bishop-of-hamilton/>

We invite the faithful of the Diocese to keep our new Bishop in prayer as he begins his episcopal ministry among us, asking that he be warmly welcomed and supported in this new chapter of service.

A few weeks following the Installation, Bishop Dabrowski will celebrate Mass with the diocesan community on the First Sunday of Lent. Further details will be shared in the coming weeks.



C.W.L. News...

* LAST CHANCE for Nominations

We encourage all members to prayerfully consider serving and to submit their nominations by Monday, Feb. 2.

Please visit the CWL table in the Narthex for nomination forms and place your completed nominations in the designated box. Thank you for your continued commitment to our C.W.L. sisters!



* St. Mark C.W.L. General Meeting & Elections

Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

We kindly request your presence at this crucial meeting, where we will be electing the New Executive for St. Mark CWL. Your participation is very important!

* Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026

March 14, 2026 at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**. For information regarding bus and tickets call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

* World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 6th with Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. at **St. Mathews Lutheran Church**, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener. Focus on Nigeria "I will give you rest."

Christian Life Program... THURSDAYS, Jan. 29 to March 26 at St.

Francis Church Hall, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Be enriched by such talks as: God's Love, Who is Jesus Christ? and Transformation In Christ. **Open to Christian married couples, singles, widows, widowers and those separated or divorced. THERE IS NO FEE.** Dinner 6:00 pm; Program 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Child care provided for Children 12 years and under. Contact: Ave/ Maricar Bagnes at 226-978-9933 or 416-564-2239, or Len & Marie Solomon at 519-744-5198. Sponsored by *COUPLES FOR CHRIST and its Family Ministries*. *Couples For Christ* is an International Association of the Faithful linked to the Vatican through the Pontifical Council of the Laity.

Young Adults Night (ages 20s and 30s)

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. Evening includes Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), Praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm). **Saturday, February 7th at St. Michael's Church, Waterloo.** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Spaghetti Dinner... Friday, February 13th at St. Teresa of Avila

Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, **Elmira**. Continuous seating until 7:00 p.m. Take-out will be 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Bring your own take-out bag to save the environment. Cost is \$16 for Adults, \$10 for Children (6-12), and Free for Children (5 & Under). For tickets call Rick at 519-577-5928 or the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Friday). Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 8192 and Catholic Women's League. Proceeds will be going to reupholstering the hall chairs.

The Serra Club is glad to resume meetings at St. Agnes Parish,

Waterloo on the **second Thursday of each month** for Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction at 6:00 and Mass at 7:00, followed by a brief meeting and fellowship in the parish hall. Serrans are lay Catholics – men and women of all ages and from all walks of life – all dedicated to promote and foster vocations. Serra International ("Serra") is formally recognized by the Holy See as the only global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. **Join us for the Rosary on ZOOM every Monday at 7:00 pm:** Address: 891 4699 8295, Pass Code: GvsW9U. New members always welcome! Contact ma_zister@hotmail.com.



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