

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

February 9 – 15, 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 have been celebrating our Sunday Masses while Fr. Roque is away.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 14/15

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

- Sat. 5:00 PM † Marilyn Wylie – Florence Saunders
- † Theresa Nguyen – Melissa
- † Maria Campos – Campos family
- Int. of Eric, Rosemary & Gemma Kubica
- Sun. 9:30 am † Don Kurpel – Sharron Szpak
- 11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
A Private Intention



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

Feb. 9	Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Feb. 14
Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.	St. Scholastica, Virgin	Disalced Carmelite Nuns, O.C.D.	Parents & Guardians	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.	Rev. Adam Voisin

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Reports



Jan. 31 / Feb. 1, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,539.00	\$ 588.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 563.40	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,579.04	\$ 397.38
Totals:	\$ 4,681.44	\$ 985.38

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!



Meetings & Events This Week ...

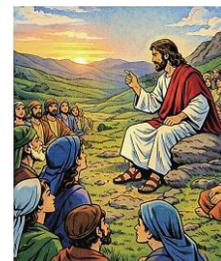


FEBRUARY	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 9	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 10	7:00 PM	(J)	SVDP meeting
Wed 11	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 PM	Multi	SHE Women's Group
Thu 12	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 PM	(J)	Alpha Team meeting
Sat 14	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man Is You! Men's Group
Sun 15	9:30 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

Let Our Light Shine

On this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus calls His disciples to be "the light of the world." We are called to live with clear consciences and reflect in our actions the radiance of love, honesty, purity, respect, and sincerity, making our lives bright and meaningful.



In a world darkened by sin, our task is to let this light shine through word and deed. As we celebrate the Eucharist and encounter our Brother and Lord, Jesus Christ—the Light of the world—may He strengthen us to be witnesses of truth, hope, and life, and inspire gratitude for all who courageously defend life in the Pro-Life Movement.

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.



Knights of Columbus February 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. Thank you!!

Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, Feb. 22 at 1:00 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNION: Wed. Feb. 25 at 5:45 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Feb. 14/15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller S. Cainoy	A. Alayoku T. Mendonca A. DesGrosseilliers	A./E./J./K. Palafox
Commentator:	Jackie Morgan	T. Boettger	R. Miranda
Readers:	Sean Morgan	N. Ngo	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	E. Miller C./E. Cainoy	L. Koehler F. Seaward	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia H. Psutka C. Dokis	M. Walser R. Groothuis P. Enticott	E. Weiss I./F. Kangeloo

Alpha returns to St. Mark's on March 5th

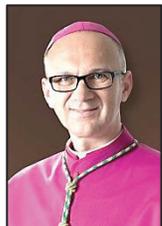
Thursday evenings, March 5 to May 14, 6:30 to 9:15

Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It's an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. We start each session with a delicious home-made meal. After dinner, we watch a video and then break into small groups to ask questions, share thoughts and explore answers. All are welcome! For more information or to sign up, visit the Alpha table in the narthex or contact Ron Denomme at stmarkalpha@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.



Installation of the 10th Bishop of Hamilton

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., D.D.



If you missed the Installation Mass last week, you can watch a **recording of the full Mass** on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/1725HqY9hK4>.

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.

Special prayer cards are available in the narthex.

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.

Marriage Tip of the Month ... We communicate by using words, sometimes without thinking about their impact. Words can build someone up or tear them down. It is the same in our relationships, the words we choose to express ourselves can impact our relationship, even when there is an issue, positively or negatively. Severe words that criticize, words used in harsh tones, words that are not true, or worse, saying nothing at all but acting angry, all escalate sometimes small matters into a storm. Speaking the truth and expressing needs in ways that are not negative will resolve matters and do no harm, in fact, they will strengthen your love and bond.

Parenting Tip of the Month ... We are constantly teaching our kids by what we choose to make a priority. We encourage schoolwork to be done well, engage in extra-curricular activities for fun and development, pray and attend Mass so faith stays at the forefront of our family values. We are however, also teaching our children when we are not trying to teach them. In those moments we are silently saying, you matter and I love being with you, that family time to relax is vital to good mental health and that undertaking chores together connects us as a family. So, enjoy the non-teaching times because they matter more than you might think!

Theresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250

C.W.L. News...

* 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. Topics include: 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 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.

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

Waterloo on the **second Thursday of each month (Feb. 12)** 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.

Spaghetti Dinner... This Friday, February 13th at **St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall**,

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

"The Gift of Living in the Divine Will" Information Session

Have you heard about the Gift of Living in the Divine Will? Wondered what the difference is between "living in" and "doing" God's Will? Looking for spiritual growth this Lent? You are invited to attend an Information Session based on the Church approved writings of Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, on **Saturday, February 28th at St. Anthony Daniel's Parish**, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener. Registration at 8:45 a.m. Day concludes at 12:30 p.m. To register, please contact Shirley Gatchene, or Patrick & Rita Morgan at email: divinewillkw@execulink.com or call 519-748-5548.

The 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 31st** 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). **You must register in advance** at www.hamiltondiocese.com under "Upcoming Events" or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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