

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 _____

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

Jan. 12 – 18, 2026

Join us for recitation of the **ROSARY**, 20 minutes before weekday Mass.

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Vincent Kim — *Melissa Nguyen*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Alipio Gomes — *Victor & family*
 † Mario Manfrini — *Brian & Marie Lynch*
 † Int. of Sheila Dipasupil

Thursday ★ NO MASS

(Daily Mass resumes February 24)

Friday ★ NO MASS

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 17/18

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

Sat. 5:00 PM † Tom & Joan Germann — *Judy*
 † Bill Schade — *St. Mark C.W.L.*
 † Maria Novales — *Herminia Palanca*

7:00 PM - MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS

Sun. 9:30 am † Gerry Kraft — *Judy & family*
 11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



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



★ 12 Noon Weekday Masses Cancelled ★ Jan. 15 – Feb. 20

Please note that there will be NO weekday Masses while Fr. Roque is away in the Philippines. We are grateful to **Fr. Bob Love** and **Murray McDermott, C.R.** who will celebrate our Sunday Masses while Fr. Roque is away.

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

Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17
Rev. Scott Whitfield	Rev. Stanley Nwokeji	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.	Rev. Peter Robinson	Rev. James Petrie	Married Couples

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

Baptism of the Lord

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

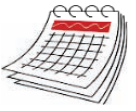
Weekly Offertory Reports



★ New Year's 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,245.00	\$ 195.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 455.55	\$ --.00
Totals:	\$ 2,700.55	\$ 195.00

★ Jan. 3/4, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,775.00	\$ 607.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 692.15	\$ --.00
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,581.35	\$ 407.77
Totals:	\$ 4,048.50	\$ 1,014.77

Meetings & Events This Week ...

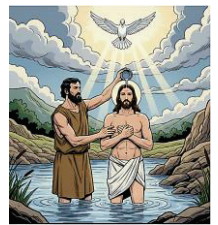


January	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 12	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 13	7:00 PM	Zoom	Knights executive meeting
Wed 14	5:45 PM	(L)	Sacramental Team meeting
	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 PM	Multi	SHE Women's Group
Thu 15	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Sat 17	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man Is You! Men's Group
Sun 18	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

Jesus, the Son / Servant of the Father and Our Brothers

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan is the second great epiphany, revealing who he is and the mission he has received. The Father's voice proclaims him as the Son and Servant, filled with the Spirit and sent to bring justice to the world. This mission will also lead Him to carry the burden of humanity's sin. The baptism of Jesus recalls our own, when God claimed us as His beloved children and we become sisters and brothers of Jesus. It is this gift of dignity that invites us to the Eucharistic table. Let us take part always with grateful hearts and loving awareness of what this calling means.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

2026 Sacramental Preparation Sessions

FIRST COMMUNION



Preparation Sessions: WEDNESDAYS at 5:45 PM
 February 25, March 4, March 11, March 25, April 8

Celebration of the Sacrament:
Sunday, May 3rd at 1:30 pm with St. Dominic students
Sunday, May 3rd at 4:00 pm with St. Mark students

CONFIRMATION



Preparation Sessions: SUNDAYS at 1:00 PM
TODAY! January 11 at 1:00 PM
 February 22, March 22, April 19, May 17, May 31

Celebration of the Sacrament:
Sunday, June 7th at 1:30 pm with St. Dominic students
Sunday, June 7th at 4:30 pm with St. Mark students

A Request from Our St. Vincent de Paul Society...

Do you have a gently-used men's size medium winter coat that you no longer need? Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of **THREE (3) CLEAN, SIZE MEDIUM, MEN'S WINTER COATS (preferably hooded)** to assist three needy families in our community. Please call or email Pam at the parish office, or leave the coat in the blue bin under the table in the narthex.

Thank you for your kindness!

Liturgical Ministers

Jan. 17/18	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller S. Cainoy	J. Taer, X. Taguinod J./J. Woodhouse	J./S. Garrucho F. Zumot
Commentator:	James Morgan	B. Agnis	Javier Posada
Readers:	Jackie Morgan	T. Lee	Juan Posada
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	V. Chen C. Sgarbossa	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully	M. Lynch A. Joseph P. Enticott	L. Maenpaa K. Dignam N. George



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 17th to May 2026



That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture. 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!

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 God's transforming love through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts. 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 men of any background are welcome.** Visit www.tmiy.org for more information or contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions or to sign up.

Christian Life Program

Please join us at **St. Francis Church Hall**, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener **Thursdays, Jan. 29th to March 26.** 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.



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

C.W.L. News...

★ Pot Luck Party! ★

Ladies mark your calendar for our Pot Luck Party on **Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Join us for laughter, games, and the Secret Prayer Sister reveal.



ReSTART: Moving Forward

Have you experienced a divorce or separation? Are you looking to learn ways to cope, for support from others and to gain a feeling of moving forward? Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal or simply learn more. The sessions will run **Tuesday evenings from Feb. 17 – April 21** from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and are held in person at the **Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton.** Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Online **Registration** can be found by going to www.hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Enhancing Self-Esteem

This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include:

- taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings,
- positive ways to behave assertively
- setting realistic goals for your future

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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.

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. **Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule,** learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.



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