

# 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

Jan. 19 – 25, 2026

### No Weekday Masses

**Jan. 15 – Feb. 20**

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

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

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 24/25

Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18; Matthew 4:12-23

- Sat. 5:00 PM** † Maria de Jesus – *Maria Soares*  
 † Helena Szepietowski – *Angela Gosia*  
 † Maria Campos – *Campos family*
- Sun. 9:30 am** † Tony Masciotra – *Bev & Bob Shanahan*  
**11:30 am** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark  
**3:30 PM** - MONTHLY IGBO MASS



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



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

| Jan. 19             | Jan. 20            | Jan. 21                                    | Jan. 22             | Jan. 23               | Jan. 24                 |
|---------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Rev. Donald Wilhelm | Rev. Arpee Urquico | Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H. | Rev. Guillermo Diaz | Rev. Paul Edmondstone | Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek |

**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

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

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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 Reports



#### January 10/11, 2026

|                     | General            | Mortgage         |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Envelope offerings: | \$ 2,773.10        | \$ 167.75        |
| Loose offerings:    | \$ 856.40          | \$ --            |
| Pre-Authorized:     | \$ 1,581.35        | \$ 407.77        |
| <b>Totals:</b>      | <b>\$ 5,210.85</b> | <b>\$ 575.52</b> |

**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!



## Meetings & Events This Week ...



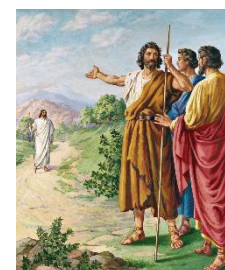
| January       | TIME    | ROOM  | EVENT                          |
|---------------|---------|-------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Mon 19</b> | 7:00 PM | (CH)  | 11:30 Choir practice           |
|               | 8:00 PM | (H)   | Alcoholics Anonymous           |
| <b>Wed 21</b> | 6:15 PM | (CH)  | 9:30 Choir practice            |
|               | 7:00 PM | Multi | SHE Women's Group              |
| <b>Thu 22</b> | 6:30 PM | (H)   | C.W.L. Potluck                 |
|               | 7:00 PM | (CH)  | 5pm Choir practice             |
| <b>Sat 24</b> | 7:15 am | (H/J) | That Man Is You! Men's Group   |
|               | 6:00 PM | (H)   | Monthly Praise & Worship       |
| <b>Sun 25</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

### John Testifies About Jesus

On this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A), John the Baptist points beyond himself and declares Jesus as "the Lamb of God." His witness teaches us that faith begins with humility and attentiveness to God's work.

Jesus, the Lamb, comes to take away sin and to be a light for all nations, fulfilling God's promise of salvation for everyone. This Sunday calls us, like John, to point others to Christ—not by drawing attention to ourselves, but by living as quiet witnesses to God's presence in the world.



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm with St. Dominic students  
 Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm with St. Mark students

### CONFIRMATION



**Remaining Preparation Sessions: SUNDAYS at 1:00 PM**  
 February 22, March 22, April 19, May 17, May 31

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

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

## Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

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 go on sale Jan. 24/25. Limited tickets available at the door.





## Liturgical Ministers

| Jan. 24/25                    | 5:00 PM Mass                        | 9:30 AM Mass                                     | 11:30 AM Mass                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Altar Servers:</b>         | V./P./J. Miller<br>S. Silva         | A. Alayoku<br>A. DesGrosseilliers<br>T. Mendonca | C. Chacon<br>K. Garces, C. Ocol |
| <b>Commentator:</b>           | Sophia Morgan                       | P. Enticott                                      | S. Comido                       |
| <b>Readers:</b>               | C. Stanley                          | G. Tran  | N. Comido                       |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                | E. Miller<br>C./E. Cainoy           | I./D. Culley                                     | P. Abalos<br>M. Schimus         |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> | A. Bendia<br>H. Psutka<br>P. Campao | R. Groothuis<br>A. Joseph, M. Lynch              | B./C. Voisin<br>D. S-Weber      |



### 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](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com) or 226-748-3210.

### That Man is You! SATURDAY MORNINGS 7:15 AM January 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tmiy.org) for more information or contact [ian.kangaloo@gmail.com](mailto:ian.kangaloo@gmail.com) with your questions or to sign up.

### PRAISE & WORSHIP: Sat. Jan. 24 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

### Christian Life Program

Please join us at **St. Francis Church Hall**, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener **Thursdays, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### C.W.L. News...

#### ★ Pot Luck Party!

**THIS THURSDAY, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

Join us for laughter, games, and the Secret Prayer Sister reveal!

#### ★ Nominations are now open!

**We encourage all members to prayerfully consider serving and to submit their nominations by 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!



**Thomas Toast** – The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** at **St. Anthony Daniel Church Hall**, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener. Doors open with coffee at 9:30am. At 10:00am we will gather for Daytime Prayer and a talk by Dr. Peter Erb entitled: *"Newman, Aquinas, and Pryzwara Revisited"* followed by a toast to Thomas and a social until 12:00pm. For more information visit: [communiohamiltondiocese.org](http://communiohamiltondiocese.org), or contact Father Mark Morley: [mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org](mailto:mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org), or Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).



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