

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

Jan. 26 – Feb. 1, 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 ...



January	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 26	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 27	7:00 PM	(M)	Knight's general meeting
Wed 28	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 PM	Multi	SHE Women's Group
Thu 29	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Sat 31	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	6:00 PM	(B)	Knight's Trivia Night
Sun 1st	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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Jan. 31 / Feb. 1

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

- Sat. 5:00 PM** - Int. of Gemma Kubica – *Eric & Rosemary*
 † Mila & Soledad Navaleza – *Lito & Family*
 † Castellan Family – *Lori Shushack*
 † Incarnacion Flores – *Marta Calles*
 - Int. of Francis & Christiana Akinkuotu (*Anniversary*)
- Sun. 9:30 am** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Maria Regina Silva – *Maria Roma*

Jesus, the Fulfillment of God's Promises

On this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we follow Jesus as He begins His mission in Northern Palestine, fulfilling God's promise to bring light and freedom to the world.



His call to conversion and invitation to welcome God's Kingdom, first heard by the shores of Galilee, reaches us today with the same urgency. In the Eucharist, the Kingdom of God is truly present — let us open our hearts to receive its grace and share its life-giving power with others. *Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications*



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



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

Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31
Rev. Timothy Higgins	Very Rev. David Wynen	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.	Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk	Rev. Marko Stefanec	Rev. Edward Mahony

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as 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 17/18, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,539.05	\$ 180.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 967.25	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,572.12	\$ 397.38
Totals:	\$ 5,078.42	\$ 577.38

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!

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 NOW ON SALE. Limited tickets available at the door.



Pure Maple Syrup

\$15 each for a 500mL bottle



On Sale Now After All Weekend Masses and also at the Pancake Supper!
 Cash Preferred. E-Transfer Available. All Proceeds to local charities.



IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Dave Flitton**. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."

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

Jan.31/Feb.1	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller S. Cainoy	I. Fitzgerald R. Jerold, A. Min	A./E./K. Palafox
Commentator:	J. Deneau	T. Morgan	C. Chacon
Readers:	G. Morgan	V. DeVries	J. Palafox
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	P./M. Drohan	E. Delena B. Prila
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber P./K. Nezny	P. Enticott A. Joseph, M. Lynch	I./F. Kangaloo G. Noble

Christmas Report from our St. Vincent de Paul Society...

We would like to thank our parishioners for another year of generous support of our annual Christmas drive. Whether it was gifts under the Angel Tree, financial support, volunteering your time, or your prayers, we are so appreciative of your assistance.

We were able to help 29 families from our community! Each family received gifts for their children, dental and health products, a goodie bag with oranges, cheese, crackers, etc. and a gift card to purchase food for their holiday meal. Monies spent were \$2,011 for Christmas items, and \$1,540 for grocery gift cards.

Your generosity helped make this Christmas happier for many families. Thank you once again! Wishing you all a joyful and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

St. Mark's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



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)

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! **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.tmy.org for more info or contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions or to sign up.

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 31, 2026** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm**. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

C.W.L. News...

* Nominations are still 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!



Christian Life Program

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

Thomas Toast – The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on **Saturday, January 31st** 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, or contact Father Mark Morley: mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org, or Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454.

ReSTART: Support after Separation / Divorce

■ 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. **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.

■ Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on the **2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month at the Chancery Office (700 King St. West, Hamilton)**. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Register here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> anytime the week of the session, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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.



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