

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 Schedule for the Month of August

Please keep this bulletin handy for the month of August. Weekly bulletins will resume on August 30th. For new items of importance, please listen for announcements after Mass, or check the parish website at www.stmarkcatholicparish.org.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

WEEK OF JULY 27 – AUG. 2

Tuesday, July 28 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Barbara Seyler – Randy

★ OFFICE CLOSED ★
★ ALL WEEK ★

Wednesday, July 29 (MEMORIAL – STS. MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS, DISCIPLES)

12 noon † Shirley Raetsen – Ron & Kathy Bumstead
† Olivia Macedo – Luiz
† Teodoro Correia & Maria da Conceicao – Nicolina
- Int. of Ezra, Loretta & Marie – P. / R. Gutoskie

Thursday, July 30 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Parents of Nicolina Correia

Friday, July 31 (MEMORIAL – ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA)

12 Noon † Bill Hess – Cindy & Garry Mahn
2:00 PM - Monthly Mass at Lanark Village Retirement Residence

First Saturday, August 1 (MEMORIAL – ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI)

9:00 am † Elizabeth Habtay – Samra & family

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 1/2

Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Sat. 5:00 PM † Jerry Fuhrman – Donna Lienhardt
† Cristino Cainoy – Elouisa & family
- Int. of Robel Semere – Samra & family
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – Lourdes Alves

Sun. 9:30 am † Int. of Mary Jo Flood – McCullough Family
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

WEEK OF AUGUST 3 - 9

Tuesday, August 4 (MEMORIAL – ST. JEAN-MARIE VIANNEY)

12 Noon † Efren Asoque – Rechilda Tallman

Wednesday, August 5 (FERIAL)

12 noon † Dominic Nguyen – Tuyen Nguyen
† Shirley Raetsen – Cindy & Garry Mahn
- Int. of Kidane Family

Thursday, August 6 (FEAST – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD)

12 Noon - Int. of Kathy Bumstead – Helen Kress

First Friday, August 7 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Ronald Dault – Brian & Marie Lynch

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 8/9

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Sat. 5:00 PM † Maria Campos – Campos family
† Manuel Toscano – Anthony Toscano & family
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – Lourdes Alves

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Sharon Zagrapan – family

WEEK OF AUGUST 10 - 16

Tuesday, August 11 (MEMORIAL – ST. CLARE)

12 Noon - Int. of Tam Nguyen – Nhuong Vu

Wednesday, August 12 (FERIAL)

12 noon - Int. of Kandy Seyler – Randy
- Int. of Veronika & Dominic – Renata
† Vincent Kim – Tuyen Nguyen

Thursday, August 13 (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of John Nguyen – Nhuong Vu

Friday, August 14 (MEMORIAL – ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE)

12 Noon - Int. of Pat & Margaret Drohan – Frances Musclow

Saturday, August 15 (SOLEMNITY – ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

9:00 am † Maria Nguyen Thy Trang – Tim Tran

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 15/16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Sat. 5:00 PM † Rosa Braga & family – Lourdes Soares
† Mike Woodhouse – Melissa, James, Jacob & Charlotte
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – Lourdes Alves

7:00 PM – MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am - Int. of Jude Whittle

WEEK OF AUGUST 17 - 23

Tuesday, August 18 (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Antonio Claro – Ilda

Wednesday, August 19 (FERIAL)

12 noon † Shirley Raetsen – Brian & Marie Lynch
† Efren Asoque – Rechilda Tallman
- Int. of Vicky & Stephen – Nhuong Vu

Thursday, August 20 (MEMORIAL – ST. BERNARD)

12 Noon † Joseph Tran – Tuynh Nguyen

Friday, August 21 (MEMORIAL – ST. PIUS X)

12 Noon † Lorna Shantz – John & Linda Deneau

Saturday, August 22 (FERIAL)

1:30 PM – WEDDING

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 22/23

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Sat. 5:00 PM † Mildred & Hubert Miller – Paul & Angela Beckner
† Maria Costa – Ilda Claro
- Int. of Clem & Carolyn Baumtrog – A. / D. Bendia
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – Lourdes Alves

6:00 PM – PRAISE & WORSHIP in the Parish Hall

Sun. 9:30 am † Marciano & Peiling Gallarte – Rechilda Tallman

11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

★ PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ★

July 27 – 31, Mon. Aug. 3 (Civic Holiday) and all Fridays in summer.

LOST!

Women's wedding band and diamond engagement ring.
If found, please contact the parish office
at 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn for:
The Intentions of Manuel Luis Alves
(JULY 27 – AUGUST 30)



Children's Liturgy of the Word
PAUSED FOR THE SUMMER. Resumes September 20th.

WEEK OF AUGUST 24 - 30**Tuesday, August 25** (FERIAL)12 Noon - Int. of Leila & Raf Montalban — *Montalban family***Wednesday, August 26** (FERIAL)

12 noon † Shirley Raetsen — *Helen Kress*
 - Int. of Tam Nguyen — *Nhuong Vu*
 - Int. of John Nguyen — *Nhuong Vu*

2:30 PM - *Monthly Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence***Thursday, August 27** (MEMORIAL – ST. MONICA)12 Noon † Maria Hoang — *Tuynh Nguyen*3:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care***Friday, August 28** (MEMORIAL – ST. AUGUSTINE)12 Noon † Carlos Fonseca — *Leonor*2:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Lanark Village Retirement Residence***22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 29/30***Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27*Sat. 5:00 PM † Mo Tran — *Tim Tran*- Int. of Vicky & Stephen — *Nhuong Vu*- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves — *Lourdes Alves*Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Sue McCullough — *McCullough Family*

11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

3:30 PM - **MONTHLY IGBO MASS****Liturgical Ministers:**

Please consult your summer schedule. If you have misplaced yours, please email the office to have another emailed to you. If you are unable to fulfill a particular date, kindly call a replacement in advance so that we are not left looking for ministers at the last minute before Mass begins. Thank you 😊

WANTED: Power Point Projector Operator

Father needs a few more volunteers to run the power point projector during weekend Masses, **especially at the Saturday 5pm Mass**. If you would like to join the rotation of volunteers in this ministry, please speak to Father Roque after Mass. **This is a great opportunity for high school students to fulfill their required volunteer service hours!**

August 1/2 is White Box Sunday Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a member at the church doors on the weekend of August 1st / 2nd to receive monetary donations to assist families in our area. We appreciate your ongoing support!

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** Wed. Aug. 19 at 7:00 p.m.**Monthly Praise & Worship****Saturday, August 22 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

**SHE is back this fall!****Wednesday evenings, here at St. Marks**

Sept. 16 to Nov. 11 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Attention ladies! **She Shall Be Called Woman** ("SHE") is a 9-week program designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. SHE is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. For more info or to sign up, please email fkangaloo@gmail.com. Learn more at www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com

**St. Mark's Multicultural Festival****Sunday, September 13th****after the 11:30 a.m. Mass**

Come and experience the incredible food, culture, and community our parish has to offer!

- Enjoy...
- ★ a delicious BBQ lunch
 - ★ sample foods from different countries
 - ★ cultural presentations
 - ★ children's activities
 - ★ fun and games
 - ★ exciting door prizes

To help cover the costs of the event, **ADMISSION TICKETS** will be available after weekend Masses only from Aug. 8th to Sept. 6th.

🎫 \$3 / person

🎫 \$10 / family of 4

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

GENERAL MEETING on Tuesday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m.
for anyone interested in participating.



St. Mark's C.W.L. wishes everyone a safe, relaxing, and joyful remainder of summer 2026. Stay tuned for information about our first meeting in September. We look forward to gathering again after the summer break.

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Prayer for World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

JULY 26, 2026

Holy Father, who watches over every person, watch over me, too, when I am elderly. You have revealed your name to me in Christ, and You were not discouraged by my frailties. You hold me tenderly in your hands, and You caress my lines.

You will never forget me!

Grant that I may not fear my weakness; help me learn to love it just as You love it. Help me learn to listen to it just as You listen to it. Help me embrace it just as You have chosen it – You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride and all division so that we may live these years united in You.

You will never forget us! Amen.

"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you." Isaiah 49:15



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