

# 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 31<sup>st</sup>. For new items of importance, please listen for announcements after Mass, or check the parish website at [www.stmarkcatholicparish.org](http://www.stmarkcatholicparish.org).

Have a safe and blessed summer!

## WEEK OF JULY 28 – AUGUST 3 OFFICE CLOSED

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

12 Noon † Jerome Nguyen – *Tuyen Nguyen*

**Wednesday, July 30** (FERIAL)

12 noon † Burchat Family – *Terry Gerth*

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

12 Noon † William “Bill” Dixon – *Eric, Rosemary & Gemma*

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

12 Noon † Charlotte Glenn – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

**First Saturday, August 2** (FERIAL)

9:00 am † Gerry Kraft – *Catholic Women’s League*

11:00 am - WEDDING

## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 2/3

*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21*

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Della Roca Family – *Sandra*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Anna & Cuthbert Joseph (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

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

## Monthly Praise & Worship

Saturday, August 23 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

## WEEK OF AUGUST 4 - 10

**Tuesday, August 5** ★ NO MASS TODAY

**Wednesday, August 6** (FEAST – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD)

12 noon † Maria Do – *Tuyen Nguyen*

† Jacob DeVries – *Tuyen Nguyen*

**Thursday, August 7** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Jose Maria Correia Medeiros – *Salome da Costa*

**Friday, August 8** (MEMORIAL – ST. DOMINIC)

12 Noon † Maria Campos – *Campos family*

**Saturday, August 9** (FERIAL)

10:00 am - WEDDING

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 9/10

*Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48*

Sat. 5:00 PM † Manuel Toscano – *A. Toscano*

Sun. 9:30 am † Peter Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*

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

## WEEK OF AUGUST 11 - 17

**Tuesday, August 12** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Justina Medeiros – *Justina da Costa*

**Wednesday, August 13** (FERIAL)

12 noon † Nhi Vu – *Tien Nguyen*

**Thursday, August 14** (MEMORIAL – ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE)

12 Noon - Int. of Fr. George Nowak

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

12 Noon † Rosa Chaves & family – *Lurdes Soares*

## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 16/17

*Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53*

Sat. 5:00 PM † Maria Medeiros – *Maria*

7:00 PM – MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS

Sun. 9:30 am † Mike Woodhouse – *Melissa, Jacob, James, Charlotte*

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

## WEEK OF AUGUST 18 - 24

**Tuesday, August 19** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † John Franklin – *Frank & Yvette Tully*

**Wednesday, August 20** (MEMORIAL – ST. BERNARD)

12 noon † Ralph Lienhardt – *Garry & Cindy Mahn & family*

**Thursday, August 21** (MEMORIAL – ST. PIUS X)

12 Noon † Sonya Hopper – *Frank & Yvette Tully*

3:00 PM – Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

**Friday, August 22** (MEMORIAL – THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

12 Noon † Irene Baptista – *Anna & Cuthbert Joseph*

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 23/24

*Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30*

Sat. 5:00 PM † Mildred & Hubert Miller – *Paul & Angela Beckner*

† Maria Resenda Torcato & Family – *Lurdes Soares*

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

Sun. 9:30 am † Garry Groothuis – *St. Vincent de Paul Society*

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

## WEEK OF AUGUST 25 - 31

**Tuesday, August 26** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Ferdinande Victor – *Eric, Rosemary & Gemma*

**Wednesday, August 27** (MEMORIAL – ST. MONICA)

12 noon † Ian Kelly – *Garry & Cindy Mahn & family*

1:30 PM - Monthly Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence

**Thursday, August 28** (MEMORIAL – ST. AUGUSTINE)

12 Noon - Int. of Kenny Gutoskie & Regan Wilkinson – *F.M.*

**Friday, August 29** (MEMORIAL – THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST)

12 Noon † Int. of the Wylie & Murray families – *M/G Mulhearn*

2:00 PM - Monthly Mass at Lanark Village Retirement Residence

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 30/31

*Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Sat. 5:00 PM - In Thanksgiving – *Marta*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Sheila & Joe Duncan – *R/K Bumstead*

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

3:30 PM – MONTHLY IGBO MASS

Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup>

## Liturgical Ministers:

**Kindly 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!*

★ **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** ★  
**Week of July 28 – August 4 (Civic Holiday)**  
**and all Fridays during the summer.**



### A Celebration of Life for Garry Groothuis

Date: Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
 Place: The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 272  
 26 Schofield Street, Cambridge

Church members who would like to attend are asked to please RSVP to Judy Groothuis at [judygarry@hotmail.com](mailto:judygarry@hotmail.com) or 519-894-2946.

## Eucharistic Ministers Needed

If you are interested in being a Eucharist Minister, **our greatest need is at the Saturday 5pm Mass**, but we can always use more at the Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 Masses as well. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please speak to Father after Mass, and email your contact info to the parish office.



## Pre-Authorized Giving

Just under 90 individuals and families currently use this program! Withdrawals take place monthly on the 15<sup>th</sup> day (or next business day) of every month. **New members are always welcome! Enrollment forms are available on the information wall in the narthex.** Offertory envelopes can also still be used for those times when you may wish to augment your automatic monthly contribution, or give to a special collection. Questions? Please feel free to call the parish office.



### August 2/3 is White Box Sunday

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a member at the church doors on the weekend of August 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> to receive monetary donations to assist families in our area. We appreciate your ongoing support!

## Parenting Tip of the Month

Our children learn from their parents and family, more than from any other source. They are watching more than listening, so be aware of your own actions so you can influence them positively. They also judge themselves according to how we treat them: love, respect and dignity should be at the forefront of all we say and do with them. So, spend time with them, have fun together and see how healthy and strong they will become!

## Marriage Tip of the Month

Summer is often a little less hectic – a perfect time to have a cold drink or coffee on a deck or patio and talk with your spouse. Discuss past happy memories, future goals, what things you love and where you are challenged. Time spent together is always good for a relationship and helps us connect in deeper ways.

*Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office*



## St. Mark's Multicultural Festival

**Theme: ALL NATIONS WORSHIP THE LORD!**

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> after the 11:30 Mass**

We warmly invite you to join us for our very first Multicultural Festival! Come and celebrate the rich diversity of our community through:

- Cultural processions
- Free food tastings from various countries
- Exhibits showcasing unique customs and traditions
- Children's activities, fun, and games

**A complimentary BBQ lunch will be served.**  
**While there is no charge, free-will donations are welcome to help cover the cost.**

To ensure everyone's safety and comfort, pre-registration is required, as we must adhere to fire department capacity limits.

Sign-up now and be part of this vibrant celebration of culture and community!  
 Questions? Please contact: Nidia Ventura at [nidiagrande@live.com](mailto:nidiagrande@live.com) or 519-498-8360.



**REGISTER IN THE NARTHEX or scan the QR code!**

## Young Adult Pilgrimage to Midland – Jubilee of Hope

Calling all young adults! Join us for a special day-pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario** as we journey together in the spirit of the **Jubilee of Hope**. This is a chance to connect with others, deepen your faith, and walk in the footsteps of the Canadian martyrs.

**Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2025

**Departure Time:** 8:00 am

**Departure Location:** Diocese of Hamilton (700 King St.W., Hamilton)

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person

**Includes:** Transportation, entry to the Shrine, time for prayer, reflection, fellowship, and celebration of Mass, BBQ Dinner ahead of departure.

All young adults (20's & 30's) are welcome. Space is limited, so register early! **To register or learn more, contact:** Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com). Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com/events](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/events). Come and be renewed in hope!

## Young Adults Night in August

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Catherine of Siena Church** (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)





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