

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

June 15 – 21, 2026

Join us for recitation of the Rosary, 20 min. before each weekday Mass.

Tuesday (FERIAL)
 10:00 am - Year-End Mass at St. Dominic School
 12 Noon † Priscilla Resende & family – Lourdes Soares

Wednesday (FERIAL)
 12 Noon - Int. of John Nguyen – Rose Nguyen
 - Int. of Kathy Bumstead – Your Friends in S.V.d.P.
 † Ireneo Bonto – Connie Marquez

Thursday (FERIAL)
 9:30 am - Year-End Mass with St. Mark School
 12 Noon † Antonio Claro – Ilda Claro

Friday (FERIAL)
 12 Noon - In Thanksgiving – Antonio & Amelia DeSousa

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – June 20/21
 Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33
Sat. 5:00 PM † Betty & Orval Harlock – Paul & Angela Beckner
 † Jose Agnis – Belle Joy Agnis
 † Jack Soares – Lourdes Soares
 - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – Lourdes Alves
7:00 PM - Monthly Filipino Mass
Sun. 9:30 am † Fred & Mary Dalton and Gerald & Clara Seaward
11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Meetings & Events This Week ...

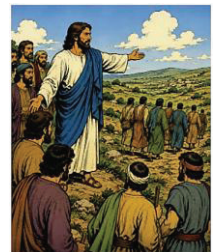


JUNE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 15	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice (last for the season)
	7:00 PM	(L)	Finance Council meeting
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed 17	7:00 PM	(L)	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Thu 18	6:30 PM	(H)	C.W.L. Potluck & Pin Presentations
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice (last for the season)
Sun 21	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

Called to Share in Christ's Mission

As we enter a new liturgical season – the Ordinary Time—on this 11th Sunday we are reminded that Jesus, moved with compassion for the troubled and abandoned, calls us to share in His mission of caring for His people. Sent to serve selflessly, we are invited to root our mission in prayer, show compassion to the marginalized, and trust in God's grace, knowing that the work is ultimately His. Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send faithful leaders and generous laborers for His Kingdom. As we celebrate this Eucharist, let us renew our commitment to this mission.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
 The Intentions of Manuel Luis Alves

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Roque Concepcion	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne, s.s.a.	Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.	Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.	Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.

*June 12 is World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests
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 *Body & Blood of Christ*

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Report



June 6/7, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 3,581.00	\$ 476.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 607.50	\$ ---
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,623.46	\$ 397.96
Totals:	\$ 5,811.96	\$ 873.96

Diocesan Collections: Care for Retired Priests 205.00

The Heart of Jesus: Love that Heals and Transforms

In Scripture, the heart is the center of the person and the source of life. The pierced Heart of Jesus reveals a love that forgives, heals, and restores. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is not merely sentimental; it is an invitation to rediscover the Gospel and allow Christ's love to shape how we live, serve, and forgive each day.

We invite you to say at the beginning of each day this prayer:

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all of the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my family and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.



For additional prayers and resources for the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus please visit the diocesan website at: www.hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart

Marillac Baby Bottle Campaign



★ **NEXT WEEKEND June 20/21 is the deadline to return all baby bottles back to the church.**
 Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late **Shirley Raetsen.**
<https://www.henrywalsler.com/obituaries/Shirley-Mae-Raetsen?obid=48592072>
 Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



Liturgical Ministers

June 20/21	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller G. Selwyn	J. Taer, T. John X. Taguinold D. Akinkuotu	A./E./J. Palafox
Commentator:	Sean Morgan	D. Ocol	D. DeSousa
Readers:	Jackie Morgan	N. Ngo	E. Delena
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	P./M. Drohan	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	W. D'Mello P./K. Nezny	A. Bendia A. Joseph P. Enticott	K. Dignam L. Maenpaa E. Weiss

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Communion to the Sick & Homebound

Our parish is in need of more **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound** to take communion to the nursing homes in our parish. Through this ministry, we represent our Christian Community to show compassion and love to those who, for health reasons, cannot join us in the Holy Eucharist in the Church, through praying with and bringing Christ, the Holy Eucharist, to them. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please speak to Fr. Roque after Mass or contact the parish office.

Knights' News...

■ Parish Memorial Mass

Next Weekend (June 20/21) at all three Masses

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus will be reading the names of parishioners and Knights who have passed away in 2025 and 2026 at all weekend Masses.



■ Rose Sunday

Next Weekend (June 20/21) at all three Masses

St Mark's Knight of Columbus is sponsoring "Roses for Life" and will be distributing rose appliques in support of *K-W Right to Life* after all Masses on the weekend of June 20/21. All donations gratefully accepted.

■ Mass for the Unborn

Friday, June 26: Rosary at 6:10 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners to join us for a special Mass for the Unborn on Friday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. Prior to the Mass, we will pray the Rosary starting at 6:10 p.m. Please note that this will be the only Mass that day (no noon Mass). We encourage everyone to attend and unite in prayer for the unborn. The Knights of Columbus hope to establish this as an annual event in our parish community. Thank you for your prayers and support!



Hamilton Diocesan Mission Co-Operative Program

On the weekend of **June 27 & 28**, here at St. Mark's, **Fr. Fernando Cagnin** will speak at all Masses about the work of the PIME Missionaries. Founded in Italy in 1850, PIME Missionaries are priests and brothers who dedicate themselves as lifelong messengers of the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the Word of God. They live and work alongside the poorest among us in 20 countries, shedding light on the silent struggles of our brothers and sisters in the missions and connecting them to those with a spirit to help. Find out more at: www.pimeusa.org.

C.W.L. News...

Summer Break Potluck & Service Pin Presentation

This Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall

Come celebrate fellowship, friendship, and the dedicated service of our fellow C.W.L. members as we recognize those receiving service pins for their years of commitment to the League. Please bring a favourite dish to share. We look forward to gathering together in gratitude and joy!



ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ

The Mass: The Mystery of The Liturgy & The Eucharist

Are we truly aware of what we enter into with our participation in the Mass?

As Catholics, we have the privilege of participating in the Mass ~ the sacred liturgy, supreme expression of Catholic liturgical life. Here we kneel side by side with one another, as one in Christ's mystical body. Join us for this special event: "The Mystery of The Liturgy & The Eucharist" **this Tuesday, June 16th** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo**.

2026 Hamilton Diocesan MARIAN DAYS

First Saturday of each month, June through October, at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph**. **July 4th** - with Bishop Lobsinger; **Aug. 1st** - with Cardinal Collins; **Sept. 5th** - with Bishop Lobsinger; * **Oct. 3rd** - with Bishop Dabrowski. * *Please note that the Oct. 3rd Marian Day concludes with the Regina Caeli Tea. Registration is required and will be available after all Marian Days.* 9:00 AM **Holy Hour with Morning Prayer and Confessions**; 10:00 AM **Benediction**; 10:30 AM **Holy Mass**; 11:30 AM **Outdoor Rosary Procession** (weather permitting). Coffee, Tea and Gift Shop available after Rosary Procession. Participants are welcome to bring their own lunch. Please see the poster in the narthex for full details.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass

All are invited to attend a special Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on **Sunday, July 12th** at 2:00 pm at the **Carmelite Monastery**, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0.

Guelph Walking Pilgrimage to Midland: August 1-8

This annual walking pilgrimage is about nourishing your spirituality, enjoying the great outdoors, getting great exercise (20+km per day), having fun and enjoying good company. Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost is \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage). **PLEASE NOTE registration deadline June 30.**

Magnifica Humanitas

Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has released his first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity"), entitled On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence. The Holy Father reflects on the opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence and emerging technologies, while reaffirming the dignity of the human person, the value of work, the importance of truth, solidarity, peace, and the common good. The Diocese of Hamilton has posted the encyclical on its website, <https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2026/05/magnifica-humanitas/>, including links to the full text, related Vatican resources and a video presentation.



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