

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 22 – 28, 2026

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

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Corazon Bonto – *Connie Marquez*
6:00 PM - St. Mark's Grade 8 Graduation Mass

Wednesday (Solemnity – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Patron of French Canadians)

12 Noon - Int. of Nancy Gillespie – *Frances Musclow*
† Robert Jacobs – *Garry & Cindy Mahn*
† Argemiro Correia – *Nicolina Correia*
2:30 PM - *Monthly Mass at Bankside Residence*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Kohanovsky & Rovinsky Families – *Renata*
3:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care*

Friday (FERIAL)

(No Noon Mass Today)

2:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Lanark Village*
★ 6:30 PM - **Mass for the Unborn**
- Int. of Father Dinh Tran – *Melissa Nguyen*

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – June 27/28

2 Kings 4:8-12a, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

Sat. 5:00 PM † All Souls in Purgatory – *Nicolina Correia*
† Monica Higgins Zaczynski – *Kevin & Nadine & family*
† Doris Hartman – *Bryson family*
Sun. 9:30 am † Poerio & Lagonia Families – *Maria Lagonia*
11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
3:30 PM - *Monthly Igbo Mass*

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. Hyunjik (John) Yang	Rev. Stefano Lee	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Disabled Persons	Rev. Brendan McGrath	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Have no Fear." Considering a ministerial vocation is not popular, but it may be what God is calling you to. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Report



June 13/14, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,119.00	\$ 105.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 629.50	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,623.46	\$ 397.96
Totals:	\$ 4,371.96	\$ 502.96

Diocesan Collections: Care for Retired Priests 555.00

Meetings & Events This Week ...



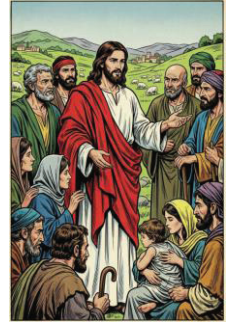
JUNE

	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 22	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Sat 27	6:00 PM	(H)	Monthly Praise & Worship
Sun 28	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

Be Not Afraid: Courage In Christ

On this 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel recalls Jesus' mission of proclaiming the Kingdom amid persecution and opposition. In the midst of fear and uncertainty, He strengthens us with His command, "Be not afraid," and calls us to courage and fidelity, assuring us of the Father's loving providence, where even the hairs of our head are counted. In this Eucharistic celebration, trusting in God's unfailing love and power, may we find the courage to live and proclaim our faith. Let us also lift up all fathers in prayer, asking God to bless them on this Father's Day.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

Devotion to the Sacred Heart: A WAY OF LIFE

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is more than a set of prayers; it is a way of life. It teaches us patience, generosity, forgiveness, and compassion in a world often marked by division and indifference. This month, consider simple practices such as praying as a family, performing acts of charity, or spending time in Eucharistic adoration or quiet prayer.

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

★ **DUE TODAY!** June 21ST is the deadline to return all baby bottles back to the church. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!



PRAISE & WORSHIP

Next Saturday, June 27 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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Mon. June 22 and Fri. June 26

 *Liturgical Ministers*

June 27/28	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller B. Gilazgi	J./J. Woodhouse C. Ocol	C. Chacon T. Fonseca K. Garces
Commentator:	G. Mahn	E. Constantino	R. Miranda
Readers:	J. Deneau	M. Raki	D. Bouwman
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	I./D. Culley	E. Delana B. Prila
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully H. Psutka	T./K. Boettger T. Lee	B./C. Voisin N. George

Volunteer Opportunities!

 **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.

 **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!**



Mass for the Unborn

This Friday, June 26th

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

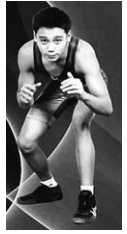
Next weekend (June 27/28) we welcome Fr. Fernando Cagnin to speak at all the Masses about the work of the PIME Missionaries. Founded in Italy in 1850, PIME Missionaries are priests and brothers who dedicate themselves as lifelong messengers of the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the Word of God. 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.



READ THE BULLETIN ONLINE AT: <http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/220>

Congratulations to Jude Garrucho!

St. Mark's Parish is excited to congratulate altar server, Jude Garrucho, on achieving the honour to represent Canada in the 45kg division at the upcoming **United World Wrestling U17 World Championships** in Baku, Azerbaijan, July 27th to Aug. 2nd. Jude is the current double Canadian National Champion in the 45kg weight division. He won the U17 Men's Freestyle 45kg division at the 2026 Canadian Wrestling Championships on April 24th in Grand Prairie, Alberta, as well as the National Wrestling Team Trials for United World Wrestling on May 28th in Montreal, Quebec. Jude and his younger sister are altar servers at St. Mark's, and their family are longtime parishioners. Please keep Jude and his family in your prayers as he continues his training for the World Championships this summer! **Congratulations, Jude! We are very proud of your hard work!**



Save the Date!

St. Mark's Multicultural Festival

Sunday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m.

To help cover costs of the event, we will be selling admission tickets. Watch the bulletin for further details!

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.

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.**

BLESSING for FATHERS

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience. Give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that brings honor to You and them. Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers, and grant an eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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