

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 SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Please keep this bulletin handy for the month of July.

The next bulletin will be published on July 26th for the month of August. 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!



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn for:
The Intentions of Manuel Luis Alves
(JUNE 29 – JULY 26)



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

WEEK OF JUNE 29 – JULY 5

Tuesday, June 30 (FERIAL)	
12 Noon	† Helena Szepietowski – <i>Angela Gosia</i>
Wednesday, July 1 CANADA DAY 🍁 OFFICE CLOSED	
12 noon	† Robert Starr – <i>Cuthbert & Anna Joseph</i> † Maria Campos – <i>Campos family</i> † Elizabeth Habtay – <i>Samra & family</i>
Thursday, July 2 (FERIAL)	
12 Noon	- Int. of Barbara Dokis – <i>Barry & Colette</i>
First Friday, July 3 (FEAST – ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE) OFFICE CLOSED	
12 Noon	- Int. of the Kidane Family
First Saturday, July 4 (FERIAL)	
9:00 am	† Cristino Cainoy – <i>Elouisa & family</i>
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 4/5	
<i>Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30</i>	
Sat. 5:00 PM	† Eylene Fraser – <i>Randy Seyler</i> - Thanks for Divine Mercy – <i>A. Toscano & family</i> † Jose Antonio & Antera Correia – <i>Nicolina C.</i> - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – <i>Lourdes Alves</i>
Sun. 9:30 am	- Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am	† Sharon Zagrapan – <i>Theresa & Mervyn</i>

WEEK OF JULY 6 – 12

Tuesday, July 7 (FERIAL)	
12 Noon	- Int. of Sour Anna Tran – <i>Melissa Nguyen</i>
Wednesday, July 8 (FERIAL)	
12 Noon	- Int. of Robel Semere – <i>Samra & family</i> † Jerome Nguyen – <i>Tuyen Nguyen</i> † Sharon Zagrapan – <i>Anna & Cuthbert Joseph</i>
Thursday, July 9 (FERIAL)	
12 Noon	- Int. of Fil Sawarna – <i>Anna & Cuthbert Joseph</i>
Friday, July 10 (FERIAL) OFFICE CLOSED	
12 Noon	- Int. of Conchita & Flavio Taer (50 th Anniversary) and Int. of Doreen Taer-Pagaran
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 11/12	
<i>Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23</i>	
Sat. 5:00 PM	† Benedicta Lobo † Arturo Villapando – <i>Boyet & Sugar Norte</i> † Frances Markle – <i>Lisa, Ernie & Family</i> - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – <i>Lourdes Alves</i>
Sun. 9:30 am	- Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am	- Int. of Clem & Carolyn Baumtrog

WEEK OF JULY 13 - 19

Tuesday, July 14 (FERIAL)	
12 Noon	† Enrique Estavillo – <i>Beth & Eryl</i>
Wednesday, July 15 (MEMORIAL – ST. BONAVENTURE)	
12 noon	† Maria Do – <i>Tuyen Nguyen</i> † Jerry Fuhrman – <i>Donna Lienhardt</i> † Fe Santos Basa – <i>Paul & Jessica Sarte</i>
Thursday, July 16 (FERIAL)	
12 Noon	† Jose Moniz Correia & Jezuina Borges – <i>Nicolina</i>
3:00 PM	- <i>Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care</i>
Friday, July 17 (FERIAL) OFFICE CLOSED	
12 Noon	† Maria Dalisay Marino – <i>Dennis Robles</i>
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 18/19	
<i>Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-33</i>	
Sat. 5:00 PM	† Argemiro Correia – <i>Nicolina Correia</i> † Shirley Raetsen – <i>Gerry & Joyce Dales</i> † Marie Levesque – <i>John & Linda Deneau</i> - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – <i>Lourdes Alves</i>
7:00 PM	- MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS
Sun. 9:30 am	- Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am	† Francisco & Brigida De Sousa – <i>family</i>

WEEK OF JULY 20 - 26

Tuesday, July 21 (FERIAL)	
12 Noon	† Jeremiah Paz – <i>Sarte Family</i>
Wednesday, July 22 (FEAST – ST. MARY MAGDALENE)	
12 noon	† Deceased family of Nicolina Correia † Sharon Zagrapan – <i>Brian & Marie Lynch</i> † Wally Polischuk – <i>Garry & Cindy Mahn</i>
Thursday, July 23 (FERIAL)	
12 Noon	† Brigida & Francisco Sousa – <i>Lourdes Soares</i>
3:00 PM	- <i>Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care</i>
Friday, July 24 (FERIAL) OFFICE CLOSED	
12 Noon	† Helena Szepietowski – <i>Angela Gosia</i>
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 25/26	
<i>1 Kings 3:5-12+; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52</i>	
Sat. 5:00 PM	† Marion & John Polzin – <i>Paul & Angela Beckner</i> † Joanne & Jake Jacobs – <i>Garry & Cindy Mahn</i> † Parents of Nicolina Correia - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – <i>Lourdes Alves</i>
Sun. 9:30 am	- Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am	† Jennifer Haller-Buchanan – <i>Nancy Frankovic</i>
3:30 PM	- MONTHLY IGBO MASS

★ PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ★
All Fridays during the Summer

Liturgical Ministers

Ministers are asked to 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 😊

Children's Liturgy of the Word

IS TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER.

This program will resume on September 20th.

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!**

Hamilton Diocesan Mission Co-Operative Program

This 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.



Canada Day: JULY 1 - Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes. Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and through-out the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

July 4/5 is White Box Sunday - Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the church doors to accept monetary donations to assist families in our area. We appreciate your continuing support!



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of **July 18-19**, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your prayerful support and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit us at www.HolylandChristians.ca. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers.

Monthly Praise & Worship: Saturday, July 25 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

The Sacred Heart: SOURCE OF DIVINE MERCY

As we come to the close of the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are invited not simply to conclude a devotion, but to deepen a way of life rooted in the love of Christ. In the Heart of Jesus—pierced on the Cross and open to the world—we encounter the source of Divine Mercy, poured out for our healing and salvation.

From this heart flows forgiveness, compassion, and new life. Let us continue to turn to the Sacred Heart with trust, asking that His love may transform our hearts, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and shape our daily lives according to His Heart.

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



St. Mark's Multicultural Festival

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 13th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

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

Congratulations Classes of 2026!

Wishing all graduates and all students a safe, happy and restful summer with God's blessings on all your future endeavours!



Faith After Graduation...

The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry has produced several resources for those graduating grade 12, and youth in general. You can visit their links to access brochures, as well as other suggested resources to help you stay connected to the faith and your parish after graduating from your Catholic High School!

■ Podcasts, Books and Websites for Post-Secondary Students:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/digital-resources>

■ Faith Resources for Young People:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/resources-for-young-people>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

JULY 26 - Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on January 31, 2021, to highlight the importance of providing adequate pastoral and spiritual attention to the elderly and to call upon communities to manifest the closeness of the church to them. It is to be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.



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