

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**March 2 – 8, 2026**

Join us for recitation of the **ROSARY**, 20 minutes before weekday Mass.

- Tuesday** (FERIAL)  
12 Noon † Fatima & Armerinda Costa – *Salome*
- Wednesday** (FERIAL) \* **NO NOON MASS TODAY (this week only)**  
\* 8:30 am - Special Intention  
† Peter Nguyen – *Melissa*  
† Marilyn Wylie – *Florence Saunders*
- Thursday** (FERIAL)  
12 Noon † Theresa Nguyen – *Melissa*
- 1st Friday** (FERIAL) \* **NO NOON MASS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT**  
11:00 am - **Confessions in the Chapel**  
\* 6:00 PM † Dustin Kraemer – *Cindy & Garry Mahn*  
6:30 PM - **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- 1st Saturday** (FERIAL)  
9:00 am † Maria Campos – *Campos family*

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – March 7/8

*Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42*

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Special Intention  
† Leodigario Pepania – *Belle Joy Agnis*  
† Leanne Holland Brown – *Belle Joy Agnis*
- Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Marilyn Dufresne – *Larry & Sharon Koehler*  
11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

\* Mass this Wednesday has been moved to 8:30 a.m. for this week only, due to the Lenten Day of Prayer for Priests in Waterloo.



**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!**  
*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:*  
**A Private Intention**



### Vocations Prayer Calendar ✎ This week let us pray for...

March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7
Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk	Society of African Missions, S.M.A.	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch	<b>World Day of Prayer</b>	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis

**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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at 905-528-7988. [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)

### Weekly Offertory Reports



<u>February 21/22, 2026</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Mortgage</u>
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,618.65	\$ 110.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 545.20	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,579.04	\$ 397.38
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 4,742.89</b>	<b>\$ 507.38</b>

### Meetings & Events This Week ...



MARCH	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon 2</b>	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue 3</b>	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 PM	(L)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
<b>Wed 4</b>	5:45 PM	Multi	First Communion Prep – Session #2
	7:00 PM	Multi	SHE Women's Group – final session
<b>Thu 5</b>	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Fri 6</b>	6:30 PM	(CH)	Stations of the Cross
	7:00 PM	(H)	B.C.B.P.
<b>Sat 7</b>	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
<b>Sun 8</b>	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:30 PM	(H)	Passion Play Rehearsal

**MEETING ROOMS:** (B) - Basement (CH) - Church (H) - Hall (J) - St. John Room (L) - St. Luke Boardroom (M) - St. Matthew Room

### Our Lenten Journey in the Light of the Transfigured Christ



On this **2nd Sunday of Lent**, we rejoice in God's call to Abraham, our father in faith, chosen to begin a people from whom the Messiah would come.

Weak and wounded, we are invited to fix our eyes on the transfigured Christ, who strengthens us to continue our Lenten journey toward God's promises.

May we share in the joy of Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor. May we be filled with courage to seek the values of God's Kingdom and live in the light of holiness, even amid a sinful world.

*Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications*

### Used Dishes & Cutlery Drive for A Better Tent City

**A request from St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

In March, we would like to assist **A Better Tent City**.

At this time, they are in need of **DISHES & CUTLERY**:

**PLATES, BOWLS, MUGS, FORKS AND SPOONS.**

**Would you have extras in your cupboards?? Please**

**deposit in the bin in the narthex.** Thank you for your ongoing support!



### Last chance to sign-up for Alpha!

**Thursday evenings, March 5 to May 14, 6:30 to 9:15**

Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It's an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. We start each session with a delicious home-made meal. After dinner, we watch a video and then break into small groups to ask questions, share thoughts and explore answers. All are welcome!

For more info or to sign up, visit the Alpha table in the narthex or contact Ron Denomme at [stmalkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmalkalpha@gmail.com) or 226-748-3210.



### World Day of Prayer

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.**  
**St. Mathews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener**

 *Liturgical Ministers*

MAR. 7/8	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	V./P./J. Miller S. Silva	A. Alayoku A. DesGrosseilliers T. Mendonca	T. John J./S. Garrucho
<b>Commentator:</b>	G. Mahn	T. Lee	D. Ocol
<b>Readers:</b>	J. Deneau	B. Agnis	A. Baby Joseph
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller C./E. Cainoy	P./M. Drohan	J./S./J. Posada
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	A. Bendia H. Psutka P. Campao	R. Groothuis P. Enticott A. Joseph	L. Maenpaa E. Weiss, D. Weber

**Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings**

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Wed. March 4 at 5:45 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m.

**Passion Plays**

**ACTORS NEEDED!** Adults and children.  
Speaking and non-speaking roles available.  
*Holy Thursday and Good Friday*



If you are interested in participating, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Practices will be held on March 1 and March 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. For more info please email Sonia at [soniachacon33@yahoo.ca](mailto:soniachacon33@yahoo.ca).

★ Rehearsal Meeting **TODAY (March 1) at 12:30 p.m.**

**School Confessions during Lent**

Father Roque and multiple other priests will be offering to hear confessions in the parish schools on the following dates:

- Thursday, March 5 (AM) at St. Mark School
- Tuesday, March 24 (PM) at St. Dominic School

**Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse**

Since 2019, the **2nd Sunday of Lent** each year has been observed in every parish in the Diocese of Hamilton as a Day of Prayer for the Victims of Sexual Abuse.

Let us pray today for all victims of sexual abuse, that they may receive healing from the Lord and experience the compassionate love of God through our prayers for them today:

*God of tender mercy and compassion, who extend your healing hand to your children, look with mercy on those who have been sexually abused, and who carry the painful memories of trust betrayed. Restore them to health and renew within them a deep awareness of your steadfast love for them.*

*Draw to yourself all those who have been alienated from the community of the Church because of the sins of its members. Reconcile them to the Body of your Son, Jesus Christ, and fill their hearts with enduring peace.*

*May your Holy Spirit direct our steps to bring an end to every form of violence and abuse and to create safe places for every person, especially our vulnerable children.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**C.W.L. News...**



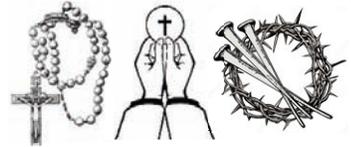
★ **World Day of Prayer:** Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> with Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. at **St. Mathews Lutheran Church**, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener. Focus on Nigeria "I will give you rest."

★ **Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026:** Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**. There will be a bus leaving from the Walmart Centre on Hwy 24 in Cambridge. Cost for the bus and ticket to the event is \$66 per person. Please reserve your seat no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>! For further information please call or text Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

★ **Bill C-218:** This is a private member's bill seeking to amend the Criminal Code to explicitly state that a mental disorder is not a grievous and irremediable medical condition for which a person could receive medical assistance in dying (MAID). **ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to visit the table in the narthex to SIGN THE PETITION and gather more information.** This Bill will be read in the House of Commons in March, and all signatures will be submitted to the office of Tamara Jansen, MP.

**Fridays During Lent**

- 5:40 pm - Rosary
- 6:00 pm - Mass
- 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross



**2026 Lenten Parish Mission - "Being Saints Today"**

with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

**St. Anthony Daniel Parish**, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener

Bishop Lobsinger will be with us from March 14 to March 17, presiding and preaching at our weekend & weekday Masses:

- Saturday, March 14** @ 5:00 PM Mass
- Sunday, March 15** @ 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses
- Monday, March 16** @ 7:00 PM Mass
- Tuesday, March 17** @ 7:00 PM Mass (reception to follow)

Opportunities for Confession during the Mission:

- Saturday, March 14 from 3:30-4:30PM
- Monday, March 16 from 6:00PM, through the 7PM Mass & following Mass
- Tuesday, March 17 from 6:00-6:45PM (there will be NO Adoration)

The mission will conclude with a light reception in the Parish Life Centre on Tuesday, March 17, following the 7PM Mass.

**Journey Through Lent - A Lenten Resource for Families**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents "Journey through Lent", a video series which provides weekly Lenten spiritual reflections based on the readings for Sunday Mass, available weekly from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. Designed for individuals, families, and communities, Journey Through Lent encourages viewers to reflect on the Sunday readings. This year's reflections are presented by: The Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough (in English); The Most Reverend Juan Carlos Londoño, Auxiliary Bishop of Québec (in French) <https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2026/02/journey-through-lent-2026/>

**Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi**

From Jan. 10, 2026 to Jan. 10, 2027 the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service.

To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.



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