

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 _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 16 – 22, 2026

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

Tuesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - Int. of Tracy Morgan & Dean Michael – *M.W.*
7:00 PM - **Lenten Reconciliation Service**

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - Int. of the Kidane Family – *Samra & family*
 - Int. of Latifa Gerges – *Eric, Rosemary & Gemma*
 † Bernabe Bacerra Cocjin – *Cocjim family*

Thursday (SOLEMNITY – ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church)
12 Noon - Int. of Dominador Navalta Mina

Friday (FERIAL) * **NO NOON MASS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT**
 * **6:00 PM** † Carlos Fonseca – *wife and family*
6:30 PM - **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 21/22

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Sat. 5:00 PM † Jerry Brienza – *Garry & Cindy Mahn*
 - Int. of Fr. Mike Bennett – *Ron & Kathy*
 - Int. of Barbara Dokis – *Barry & Colette*

7:00 PM - **Monthly Filipino Mass**

Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
 † John Holland – *Belle Joy Agnis*
11:30 am † Abdallah Dakwer on 40th day of passing – *R.O.*

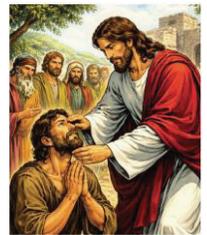
Meetings & Events This Week ...

MARCH	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 16	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:00 PM	(L)	Finance Council meeting
Tue 17	7:00 PM	(CH)	Lenten Reconciliation Service
Wed 18	6:00 PM	(L)	Baptism Preparation Class
	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu 19	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri 20	6:30 PM	(CH)	Stations of the Cross
Sat 21	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	1:00 PM	(B)	Couples for Christ
	2:00 PM	(H)	B.C.B.P.
Sun 22	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	1:00 PM	(CH)	Confirmation Prep – <i>Session #3</i>

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

Journeying Through Lent with Jesus, The Light of Our Life

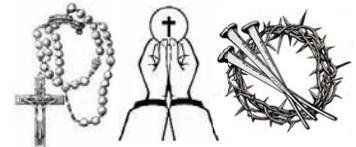
The Entrance Antiphon of the 4th Sunday of Lent invites us to rejoice – *Laetare Sunday* – for we have reached the midpoint of our Lenten journey. We rejoice especially in the gift of faith, which helps us “see” the wonders of God’s Kingdom and take our part in building it. Faith gives meaning to our hopes, actions, and even our sufferings. Through Saint Paul, Jesus, who opened the eyes of the man born blind, calls us to journey through the remaining days of Lent as children of light in a world overshadowed by sin. May this Eucharist strengthen our faith in Jesus, the Light of our life.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

Fridays During Lent

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



Used Dishes & Cutlery Drive for A Better Tent City

A request from St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 For the month of March we would like to assist **A Better Tent City**. At this time, they are in need of **PLATES, MUGS, FORKS AND SPOONS**. Please note we cannot accept knives, and we have enough bowls.
If you have extra plates, mugs, forks or spoons that you would like to donate, please place them in the bin in the narthex.



Many thanks to everyone who has brought in dishes!
We do have an abundance of mugs, so we cannot accept any more.

NORTH OF 60: In a couple of months, we plan to collect food and winter coats again for the families in the North this year. They were so grateful for your donations last year. If you have winter coats for children, men or women that you would like to donate, **please hold on to them for a month or so, as we do not have a storage place at this time.**
 Thank you for your ongoing support! -- St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul Society

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
 The repose of the soul of Brigitta Gassner



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

March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21
Rev. Deaha (John) Kim	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, C.S.J.	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rev. Luis Inacio	Rev. Kazimierz Tyberski, 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

4th Sunday of Lent

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day."
 Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Report



March 7/8, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,639.75	\$ 315.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 651.90	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,573.27	\$ 397.38
Totals:	\$ 4,864.92	\$ 712.38

March Collections for St. Mark's Vincent de Paul Society:

• White Box Collection \$284.65 • Blue Envelope Collection \$1,810.00

Liturgical Ministers

Mar. 14/15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller S. Silva	J. Taer X. Taguinod J./J. Woodhouse	C. Chacon K. Garces, C. Ocol
Commentator:	James Morgan	G. Tran	Juan Posada
Readers:	Jackie Morgan	T. Morgan	Javier Posada
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	L. Koehler F. Seaward	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	W. D'Mello F./Y. Tully	M. Lynch M. Walser A. Joseph	K. Dignam, E. Weiss L. Maenpaa

Sign-up sheets for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter are now in the narthex. Please take a look and help fill in any gaps that you can. *Thank you!*

Easter Flowers

Donations toward the cost of Easter Flowers may be made in memory of a loved one, and Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be offered for the repose of their souls. **Special envelopes are available in the narthex.** Please include the names of your loved ones inside or on the back of the envelope. **Envelopes can be dropped into the collection basket during Mass.**



Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings

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

FIRST COMMUNION: Wed. March 25 at 5:45 p.m.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Saturday, March 28 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 LENTEN RETREAT

The 7 Last Words of Christ

Palm Sunday, March 29th

1:00 p.m. in the church

Please join us for a Lenten Retreat on Palm Sunday here at the church. In collaboration with St. Mark's Catholic Women's League, we are pleased to host the **Philippine Choral Society of Mississauga**, who will offer a special musical presentation of *The Seven Last Words of Christ*. This will be a meaningful time of reflection, meditation and song, helping us to enter more deeply into this sacred season of Lent. All are welcome. A goodwill offering will be collected.

C.W.L. News...



★ **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.

★ **General Members' Meeting:** All members of St Mark CWL: Your presence is important and requested on **Tuesday, March 24th** at 7:00 p.m. We will be reviewing and voting on the proposed Amendments to the constitution and Bylaws. Your vote counts, please plan to attend!

★ **The 7 Last Words of Christ:** St Mark CWL warmly invites you to join us here at the church on **Palm Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 p.m.** for a special musical presentation from the Philippine Choral Society of Mississauga. We will experience a time of meditation and song, helping us to enter more deeply into this sacred time. All are welcomed. A goodwill offering will be collected.

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ

God speaks – are we listening? Overcoming Spiritual Deafness

In our noisy world, many voices compete for our attention. We are called to go to that quiet place in prayer where God speaks to us. Do we listen? And act? Come away from the noise with **Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R.** (Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener) our guest speaker for our next St. Agnes Education Cafe: "God speaks - are we listening? Overcoming Spiritual Deafness." **Sunday, March 29th** from 2:00 to 3:30pm at **St. Agnes Parish**, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo. See the poster in the narthex.

Free Seniors' Information Fair

DROP-IN Saturday, April 18th anytime between 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at **St. Louis Parish Gym**, 77 Willow Street, Waterloo. Free refreshments. Barrier-free environment. Come learn about community services that help seniors live their best life. Professionals will share their knowledge and information about what is available. For more information, please contact StLouisSeniorFair@gmail.com or Cecilia at 519-572-5435. Sponsored by: St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis Catholic Women's League.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Those celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026 are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31st** at 1:30 p.m. the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton**. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance. Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

DATE	TIME	PARISH
Tue. March 17	2:00 PM	St. Francis
Tue. March 17	7:00 PM	St. Mark
Tue. March 24	9:30 - 11:30 AM	St. Agnes, Waterloo
Wed. March 25	12:00 - 4:00 PM	St. Agnes, Waterloo
Wed. March 25	6:30 PM	St. Anne
Sat. March 28	8AM – 8PM	Blessed Sacrament
Wed. April 1	8AM – 8PM	St. Michael, Waterloo
Wed. April 1	5:00 - 8:00 PM	St. Agnes, Waterloo



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