

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 _____

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week



March 23 – 29, 2026

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

Tuesday (FERIAL) * **NO NOON MASS TODAY (this week only)**

* **8:30 am** † Don Kurpel – *Helen Kress*

Wednesday (SOLEMNITY – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD)

12 Noon - Int. of Ron & Barb Denomme – *Woodhouse family*

† Wes Fraser – *Randy Seyler*

† Onofre & Rosa Maria Clemente & family – *L.F.*

2:30 PM - *Monthly Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Dave Flitton – *McCullough family*

3:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care*

Friday (FERIAL) * **NO NOON MASS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

2:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Lanark Village*

* **6:00 PM** † Aghabni Anussavan – *Eric, Rosemary & Gemma K.*

6:30 PM - **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – March 28/29 *

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Sat. 5:00 PM † Jennifer Haller-Buchanan – *Garry & Cindy Mahn*

† Luis & Isabel Fonseca – *Leonor Fonseca*

† Connie Walser – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am † Thurairajah Thiagarajah

3:30 PM - **Monthly Igbo Mass**



* **Mass on Palm Sunday will begin in the Parish Hall**

Meetings & Events This Week ...



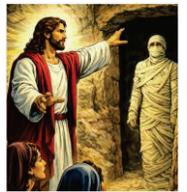
MARCH

	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 23	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 24	7:00 PM	(H/J)	C.W.L. General meeting
Wed 25	5:45 PM	Multi	First Communion Prep – Session #4
	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu 26	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri 27	6:30 PM	(CH)	Stations of the Cross
Sat 28	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	6:00 PM	(H)	Monthly Praise & Worship
Sun 29	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	1:00 PM	(CH)	Lenten Retreat

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

Journeying the Final Days of Lent with Jesus, the Source of Our Life and Resurrection

The Fifth and final Sunday of Lent recalls Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, reminding us of the many forms of “death” that touch humanity and stir our compassion. This great miracle also foreshadows Jesus’ own death on the cross and His resurrection. In today’s Eucharist, let us celebrate Jesus, the source of our life and resurrection.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The repose of the soul of Giuse Hung Nguyen



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

March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28
Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki	The Annunciation of the Lord	Rev. Lajos Angyal	Rev. Joseph Durkacz	Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly

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

5th Sunday of Lent

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? 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 14/15, 2026

	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,755.00	\$ 85.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 443.50	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,573.27	\$ 397.38
Totals:	\$ 4,771.77	\$ 482.38



Friday, March 27

5:40 pm - Rosary

6:00 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross



Through the joint effort of the Knights of Columbus, this Friday’s Mass this Friday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. will be dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. All are cordially invited.

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

In Our Schools...

CONFESSIONS: Tuesday, March 24th at St. Dominic CES

GR. 4 BIBLE CELEBRATION: Thursday, March 26th at St. Mark CES

 *Litururgical Ministers*

Palm Sunday	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	P./V./J. Miller	A. DesGrosseilliers S. Cainoy	C. Chacon G. Selwyn J./S. Garrucho
Commentator:		B. Agnis	B. Norte
Readers:	1st 2nd N: P:	1st M. Drohan 2nd A. Baby Joseph N: J. Deneau P: T. Lee	1st 2nd N: I. Kangeloo P: N. Ngo
Ushers:	E. Miller	P. Drohan V. Chen	M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	P. Campao	T./K. Boettger M. Walser	F. Kangeloo A. Joseph

DEAR LITURGICAL MINISTERS:
Sign-up sheets for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter are 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: TODAY! Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m.
FIRST COMMUNION: This Wednesday, March 25 at 5:45 p.m.

PRAISE & WORSHIP: Sat. Mar. 28 at 6 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." Ps.146:2*



PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
The 7 Last Words of Christ
Next Sunday, March 29th
1:00 – 2:00 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 and put toward our new parking lot.**

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 **this 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 **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 guest speaker **Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R.** (Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener) **Sunday, March 29th** from 2:00 to 3:30pm at **St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo.**

Lenten Reconciliation Services

DATE	TIME	PARISH
Sun. March 22	9:30 – 10:45 AM	St. Mary's
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



CHRISM MASS



Monday, March 30th at 2:00 p.m.
Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. The Mass is a celebration of the institution of the ministerial priesthood and is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the sacraments throughout the year, which are then given to the priests to take back to their parishes. **All are welcome to attend this celebration.**

PASSION PLAYS

JESUS IS ARRESTED – Holy Thursday
April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
(followed by Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.)

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Good Friday
April 3rd approx. 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
(after the 3 p.m. liturgy)





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