

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 _____

PALM SUNDAY OF LORD'S PASSION

March 30 – April 5, 2026



Meetings & Events This Week ...



MONDAY

2:00 PM - CHRISM MASS at Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton

TUESDAY

12 Noon - Int. of Robert & Marilyn Girodat – Woodhouse family

WEDNESDAY

CONFESSIONS FROM 11:00 – 11:45 AM

12 Noon - Int. of Paul & Betty Enticott – Woodhouse family
 † Jose Bertolo & Brothers-in-law of Leonor Fonseca
 † Dave Flitton – Brian & Marie Lynch

✠ THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM ✠

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
 † Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
 Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
 8 – 10 PM in the Church; 10 – 11 PM in the Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY

*** DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of His resurrection.

2:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
 3:00 PM - Solemn Celebration of Our Lord's Passion & Death

HOLY SATURDAY

*** NO CONFESSIONS TODAY**

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
 † Maria Campos – Campos family
 † Marilyn Wylie – Florence Saunders
 † Theresa Nguyen – Melissa Nguyen

EASTER SUNDAY – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4 (or 1 Cor. 5:6b-8); John 20:1-18++

9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 11:30 am † Repose of the souls in whose memory donations were made toward Easter Flowers

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

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

Weekly Offertory Report



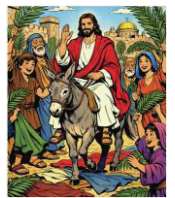
March 21/22, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 3,131.00	\$ 20.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 1,058.80	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,573.27	\$ 397.38
Totals:	\$ 5,763.07	\$ 417.38

Diocesan Collections: Share Lent \$1,437.00

Mar/Apr	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 30	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed 1	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha (switched from Thursday)
Thur 2	6:30 PM	(H)	Jesus Is Arrested (live play)
Fri 3	2:00 PM	(CH)	Stations of the Cross
	4:00 PM	(H)	Live Passion Play
Sat 4	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man Is You! Men's Group
Easter Sunday ** NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY **			

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

On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord we make our way into Holy Week. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole Passion, this year from Mark's Gospel.



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Washing of the Feet

Mass of the Lord's Supper
 HOLY THURSDAY, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

We are looking for **12 volunteers** to have their feet washed during this Mass. If you would like to take part, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!



Blessing of Easter Food

Father Roque will be blessing Easter Food Baskets at each Mass on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. **Before Mass begins, please place your basket at the front of the church.** Father will give the blessing at the end of each Mass.

Passion Plays 2 SHORT LIVE PLAYS IN THE PARISH HALL

"Jesus is Arrested" - 6:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 2
 Passion Play - After the 3pm Service on Good Friday, April 3

Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings

FIRST COMMUNION: Wednesday, April 8 at 5:45 p.m.
CONFIRMATION: Sunday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m.

A Message from our St. Vincent de Paul Society...

This month, we have been able to deliver the dishes and silverware to A Better Tent City. They were very grateful for all your donations. We also assisted the Ray of Hope. Dental and health supplies (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorants) were delivered. They really appreciated this, as they often do not have enough for their clients. Juice and snack bars were taken to one of our schools for students in need. Thank you for all your donations. You have made it possible for us to assist others in our community. Wishing you many blessings this Easter!

GOLD RING FOUND IN CHURCH.

Please inquire to the parish office.
 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com

Liturgical Ministers

Holy Week	Holy Thursday 7PM	Good Friday 3PM
Altar Servers:	C. Chacon, S. Cainoy, J./S. Garrucho	C. Chacon, G. Selwyn, A. DesGrossielliers, T. John
Commentator:	T. Lee	J. Posada
Readers:	M. Drohan, G. Tran	A. Baby Joseph, D. Bouwman, T. Boettger, G. Tran
Ushers:	2 NEEDED	2 NEEDED
Eucharistic Ministers:	N. George, A. Kidane, M. Walser	F. Kangaloo, T. Lee, K. Boettger

April 4/5	Easter Vigil Sat. 8:00 PM	Easter Sunday	
		9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	C. Chacon, G. Selwyn, R. Jerold, T. Mendonca	A. DesGrossielliers, I. Fitzgerald, S. Cainoy	C. Chacon, E./A. Palafox
Commentator:	NEEDED	B. Agnis	B. Norte
Readers:	V. DeVries, T. Lee, M. Raki, R. Jerold	J. Deneau, T. Boettger	N. Comido, S. Comido
Ushers:	L. Koehler 3 MORE NEEDED	4 NEEDED	M. Schimus 3 MORE NEEDED
Eucharistic Ministers:	P./K. Nezny, N. George	K. Boettger, T. Lee, P. Campao	I./F. Kangaloo, L. Maenpaa



PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
The 7 Last Words of Christ
TODAY, 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, for 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.**



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.**

Opportunities for Confession

DATE	TIME	PARISH
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



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.



Easter Flowers – Contributions toward the purchase of Easter Flowers may be made in memory of a loved one; Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be offered for the repose of their souls. Look for the pink box in the narthex with envelopes for donations.

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

March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4
Rev. David Mowat, C.R.	Rev. Gregory Merkley	Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	The Passion of the Lord	Holy Saturday

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.

Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

The annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lives, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use credit cards, Interac, or CanadaHelps, accessible at: www.Commissariat.ca, in the "Support Us" link.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Fish Fry Fundraiser – Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E.)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. NO RESERVATIONS. First come, first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce, lemon and gravy. 1 pc. \$17; 2 pc. \$20. Children 12 & under 1 pc - \$8.00 in house dining only! Hot Dogs \$3, French Fries \$3. Desserts \$1 & \$2. Refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. CASH ONLY PLEASE! Wheelchair friendly.

Call ahead take out orders are most welcome: 519-648-2939.

The Eucharist in the Scripture

A 3-session Bible Study by Scott Hahn from St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. **St. Louis Parish** (53 Allen St. E, Waterloo) **Sundays April 12, 19 & 26** from 12:30 to 1:45 PM lunch provided, **OR, Mondays, April 13, 20 & 27** from 7:30 to 9 PM with refreshments. Come at your convenience. It consists of three topics based on Scott Hahn's books: *The Lamb's Supper*, *The Fourth Cup* and *Consuming the Word*. We will examine the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explore the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible. The first half an hour is available at this link: <https://my.stpaulcenter.com/play/the-eucharist-in-scripture>. No fee and no preparation required. Contact St. Louis parish office at stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com or 519-743-4101 for more information or to register.



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