

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mass Intentions for the Week



March 9 – 15, 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 † David Francisco – *Marta Calles*

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Catherine Nguyen – *Melissa*  
† Bill Schade – *Judy Swartz*  
† Elizabeth Habtay – *Samra & family*

**Thursday** (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Helena Szepietowski – *Angela Gosia*

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

11:00 am - **Confessions in the Chapel**  
★ 6:00 PM Int. of Charlotte & Gladys Lahey & family – *M.W.*  
6:30 PM - **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 14/15

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Sat. 5:00 PM † George & Isabel Beckner – *Paul & Angela Beckner*  
† James, Mavis & Geoffrey Chase – *P/C Thompson*  
† Giuse Hung Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*  
Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark  
11:30 am † Maria Sim – *Tuyen Nguyen*

★ Mass this **Tuesday** has been moved to **8:30 a.m.** for this week only.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!  
*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:*  
The repose of the soul of David Francisco Calles



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

March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14
Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.	Parish & Chancery Staff	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.

**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

3rd Sunday of Lent

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)

### Weekly Offertory Report



Feb. 28/Mar. 1, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 3,960.25	\$ 806.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 1,392.20	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,573.27	\$ 397.38
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 6,925.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,203.38</b>

### Meetings & Events This Week ...



MARCH	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 9	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 10	7:00 PM	(L)	St. Vincent de Paul meeting
	7:00 PM	Zoom	Knights' executive meeting
Wed 11	5:45 PM	Multi	First Communion Prep – Session #3
Thu 12	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Fri 13	6:30 PM	(CH)	Stations of the Cross
Sat 14	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
Sun 15	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

### Our Lenten Journey with Jesus, the Life-Giving Water



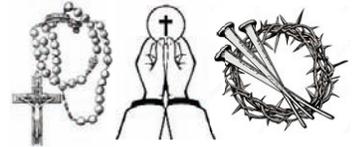
The **3rd Sunday of Lent** invites us to reflect on the theme of water. Like the Samaritan woman, we are all invited to ask for the life-giving water that flows from Jesus—His teaching and grace, the cleansing of sin through His death and resurrection, and the water of His Spirit, which alone satisfies our longing for love and meaning.

We were given these gifts at baptism and continue to receive them whenever we approach the Lord in faith and love. Today, as we gather around the altar, let us recall the gift of our baptism and offer the life-giving sacrifice of the Eucharist to the Father.

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

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!



**THANK-YOU!** On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, a big thank-you to all the parishioners who donated potatoes this year. We collected and were able to deliver **790 pounds** of potatoes to the House of Friendship, for which they were very grateful. We surpassed our goal of 500 pounds in great fashion. A great success!!

### FISH FRY 🐟 Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall.

**Elmira (19 Flamingo Drive)** Take-outs: 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. / Dinner: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (continuous seating). For Tickets contact: Rick Weishar 519-577-5928 or St. Teresa Parish Office at 519-669-3387 (Tues – Fri 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.). Adults \$20 / Kids 6–12 yrs \$12 / Kids 5 & Under FREE / Take-outs \$20. Proceeds to reupholstering the hall chairs. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 8192.



Mar. 14/15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	V./P./J. Miller S. Cainoy	I. Fitzgerald R. Jerold, A. Min	A./E./J./K. Palafox
<b>Commentator:</b>	Sean Morgan	M. John	P. Arroyo
<b>Readers:</b>	R. Vergel de Dios	P. Enticott	E. Delena
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller A. Beckner	M. Walser E. Ekwueme	P. Abalos M. Schimus
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	C. Weber P./K. Nezny	T./K. Boettger T. Lee	I./F. Kangaloo G. Noble

**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!*

### Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Wed. March 11 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 8) at 12:30 p.m.**



**School Confessions during Lent:** Father Roque and multiple other priests will be offering to hear confessions at St. Dominic School on the morning of Tuesday, March 24th.



The Philippine Choral Society of Mississauga  
**THE 7 LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**  
**Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**  
 St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener

Hosted by St. Mark's CWL who warmly invites you to join us here at the church for this special musical presentation. We will experience a time of meditation and song, helping us to enter more deeply into this sacred time. All are welcome. A goodwill offering will be collected.

### 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>.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger at **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.

### How Can God Allow Evil and Suffering?

Lenten Reflection by Fr. Pawel Jamroz on **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 12:15 p.m. at **St. Michael's Parish Hall**, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo. There will be a small group discussion before the presentation. Coffee and pizza will be provided. See the poster in the narthex.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup>** 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 18<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:StLouisSeniorFair@gmail.com) or Cecilia at 519-572-5435. Sponsored by: St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis Catholic Women's League.



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