

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 _____

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week



May 11 – 17, 2026

Tuesday (FERIAL) ★ **NO MASS TODAY**

Wednesday (FERIAL) **7:00PM MASS & CROWNING OF MARY**

- ★ 7:00 PM - Int. of Darian Richards – *Randy Seyler*
- † Elizabeth Habtay – *Samra & family*
- † Ana Priscilla Resende & family – *Lourdes Soares*

Thursday (FEAST – ST. MATTHIAS)

12 Noon † Jennifer Haller-Buchanan – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Friday (FERIAL)

☎ **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY**

12 Noon - Int. of the Kidane Family

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – May 16/17

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Robel Semere – *Samra & family*

- † Jerome Nguyen – *Tuynh Nguyen*
- † Maria Do – *Tuynh Nguyen*

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

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

11:30 am † Hubertina Bouwman – *Diane Bouwman*

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The intentions of L.B. Edward

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Michael McHugh	Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.	Seminarians	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot	Rev. Rajesh Madtha, O.C.D.	Rev. Peter Meyer

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

6th Sunday of Easter

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Report



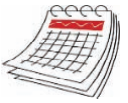
May 2/3, 2026	<u>General</u>	<u>Mortgage</u>
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 690.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 676.90	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,623.46	\$ 397.96
Totals:	\$ 4,650.36	\$ 1,087.96

Diocesan Collection: Indigenous Reconciliation \$25.00



Wedding at no cost! Are you hesitant about the costs of getting married? In a wedding, the **Sacrament** is the most important thing – a wedding doesn't have to be expensive. St. Mark's Church will be holding a **Group Wedding** this September at no cost. For those who are interested please call the parish office to coordinate with Father Roque for more details.

Meetings & Events This Week ...

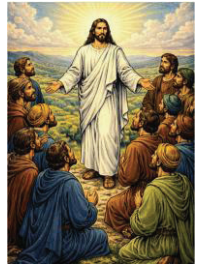


MAY	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 11	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed 13	6:15 PM	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu 14	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha (<i>final session</i>)
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Sat 16	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
Sun 17	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	1:00 PM	(CH)	Confirmation Prep Class

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

I will ask the Father another advocate to be with you always

The Gospel today, the 6th Sunday of Easter, recalls how Jesus challenged His disciples to keep His commandments as a sign of their love for Him. He also promised the Holy Spirit to His disciples as an assurance of His abiding presence in their life. All these continue in the Sunday Mass we celebrate. The Holy Spirit makes the Risen Christ present in the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist. When we receive Holy Communion, the Holy Spirit makes us one with the Risen Jesus who enters our hearts. Let us pray that we experience these mysteries of faith in our celebration.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign: MAY 9 - JUNE 21

From Mother's Day until Father's Day, we will again be participating in the annual Baby Bottle Campaign for **Marillac Place**. Baby bottles are now available in the narthex. All filled bottles must be returned to the church by Father's Day weekend (June 20/21). Thank you for your support!

"North of 60" Food & Clothing Drive

For the month of May, our St. Vincent de Paul Society is once again collecting food and clothing for the North of 60 program. Each year food is sent by barge to the families in the Nunavut area, as resources are very expensive there. We will be collecting **Kraft Dinner** and **Tetley Tea** as well as **Winter Coats, Boots, Hats, Jeans, Jogging Pants and Hoodies in good, clean condition** for men, women and children. If you would like to contribute, please look for the bins in the narthex. Due to windy conditions and an early shipment, **this drive will end on May 31st**. Many thanks!

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (May 16/17)

The Pope's Pastoral Works

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church (see Canon 1271). Information about how Peter's Pence is used, as well as donations in response to Canon 1271, is available in the Holy See's yearly financial report.

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid. ... The old question always returns: 'How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?' (1 Jn 3.17)." POPE FRANCIS, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 187

 *Liturgical Ministers*

May 16/17	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller B. Gilazgi	I. Fitzgerald R. Jerold, A. Min	C. Chacon F. Zumot, S. Cainoy
Commentator:	Sophia Morgan	B. Agnis	A. Baby Joseph
Readers:	C. Stanley	T. Lee	P. Arroyo
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	F. Sawaya C. Sgarbossa	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	W. D'Mello F./Y. Tully	T. Lee, R. Groothuis M. Walser	K. Dignam, E. Weiss L. Maenpaa

Volunteer Opportunities...

Please contact the Parish Office at 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com

👉 Student Volunteer Opportunity

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is currently seeking a couple of Grade 11-12 students to help with food pick-ups on Thursday evenings. This would be a commitment of 2 hours or less, once or twice a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to your volunteer hours required for school. For more information, please contact the parish office.

👉 Power Point Projector Operator

We are looking for volunteers to run the power point projector during weekend Masses, especially at the Saturday 5pm Mass. If you would like to join the rotation of volunteers in this ministry, please speak to Father Roque after Mass.

👉 Summer Gardening Helpers

Volunteers are needed to help with maintaining the church gardens over the summer – mostly watering, a little weeding and trimming. Whichever area suits your talents, we welcome your help. If interested, please contact Pam at the parish office with your name, email address and phone number. Thank you!

Prayer for National Family and Life Week

May 10-17, 2026 "I am with you always"

Good and gracious God, in you we place our trust, mindful of your constant presence and loving care. Through your goodness we have received life and the joy of living in relationship with one another. Guide our families during all stages of life to seek your strength and comfort. As we navigate the daily tasks of family life, may we call on your Spirit to lead and inspire us. Knowing the constant love you have for us, may we offer praise and thanks to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Guelph Walking Pilgrimage to Midland: August 1-8

This annual walking pilgrimage is about nourishing your spirituality, enjoying the great outdoors, getting great exercise (20+km per day), having fun and enjoying good company. Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost is \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage). **PLEASE NOTE registration deadline June 30 .**

St. Mark's C.W.L. will be selling
POTTED GERBERA DAISES
\$10 per plant
ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES
TODAY ONLY -- May 9 & 10

Treat that special lady in your life and beat the store lineup. There will be a limited number of pots for sale at each Mass.



MAY CROWNING of MARY

This Wednesday, May 13th

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Crowning of our Lady in the Grotto

Everyone is invited to bring a flower(s) to present to Our Lady during the Crowning, and extra flowers will be available.

Interfaith Community Breakfast

Join us for the 51st annual Interfaith Community Breakfast on **Wednesday, May 20th** from 7:00 am to 9:00 am at **Bingemans** in Kitchener. This popular annual event is an opportunity to bring together the many faith traditions in our Region to share in our common values and commitment to building bridges. This year's theme is "Do Not Be Daunted." Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased online at www.interfaithgrandriver.org/breakfast or in person at Erb and Good Family Funeral home in Waterloo. **Ticket sales close May 11th.**

29th National March for Life (Ottawa) - Thursday, May 14th

This year's theme, "Follow Me," is an invitation for all to bear witness to the dignity of life through a visible presence on Parliament Hill. For info about local bus trips, please contact your local Right to Life office. Additional details can be found at: <https://marchforlife.ca>.

Retreat at the Carmel

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 30th**. The theme of our Retreat given by Fr. David Reitzel is "Our Lady - The Visitation". This Retreat welcomes women and men. Spaces are limited. Please visit The Carmel website (www.thecarmel.ca) to view our Retreat Poster, Retreat schedule and a Registration Form. Enjoy a day with quiet reflection, Mass, Adoration.

Happy Mother's Day!

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so do you watch over your Church. Bless our mother.

Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, her family, may honor her always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.



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