

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**May 18 – 24, 2026**

**★ NO WEEKDAY MASSES**

Please note there will be no weekday Masses this week, as Father Roque joins several other priests from the diocese for their annual clergy retreat from May 18-22.

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST – May 23/24**

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

**Sat. 5:00 PM** - In Thanksgiving – *Antonio & Amelia*  
 † Helen Szeptietowski – *Angela Gosia*  
 † Dominic Nguyen – *Tuyinh Nguyen*

**Sun. 9:30 am** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark  
**11:30 am** † Jean Partosa Sagan – *Sacramental Prep Team*

**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. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.	Rev. Christopher Tracey	Barnabite Fathers, C.R.S.P.	Single Catholics	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, 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** *Ascension of the Lord*

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, 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**



<u>May 9/10, 2026</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Mortgage</u>
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,415.00	\$ 120.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 1,012.80	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,623.46	\$ 397.96
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 5,051.26</b>	<b>\$ 517.96</b>



**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.

**Parish Office Closed: Monday, May 18**  
*Happy Victoria Day!*

**Next Confirmation Preparation Classes**  
**TODAY!** -- Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Class & Rehearsal -- Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 p.m.

**Meetings & Events This Week ...**



MAY	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon 18</b>	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Wed 20</b>	6:00 PM	(L)	Baptism Preparation Class
	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thu 21</b>	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Sat 23</b>	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
	6:00 PM	(H)	Monthly Praise & Worship
<b>Sun 24</b>	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

**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**. **Empty baby bottles are available in the narthex. All filled bottles must be returned to the church by Father's Day weekend (June 20/21). Donations can also be made online at <https://marillacplace.ca/donate/>.** The first years shape everything. From pregnancy to age four, a child's brain develops faster than at any other time. This is when attachment forms and the foundation for health and resilience is built. When a baby experiences instability during these early years, the impact can last a lifetime. But when a mother is supported through crisis, everything changes. She is not just getting back on her feet. She is giving her child a different future. No baby should start life homeless. But some do. Your gift provides safe housing, care, and support for mothers and babies who have nowhere else to turn.

**"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 31<sup>st</sup>**. Many thanks!

**Parking Lot Update!**

Good news! The second coat of **asphalt** and **line painting** are slated to take place this week (**May 19-22**), weather permitting! **Those visiting the chapel or attending meetings may have to park elsewhere, depending on the conditions of the day.** Thank you for your understanding!



## Liturgical Ministers

May 23/24	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	J. Taer, T. John X. Taguinod	A./E./J. Palafox
<b>Commentator:</b>	G. Mahn	P. Enticott	K. Palafox
<b>Readers:</b>	J. Deneau	M. John	I. Kangaloo
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller C./E. Cainoy	I./D. Culley	P. Abalos M. Schimus
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	A. Bendia H. Psutka P. Campao	A. Joseph M. Lynch A. Kidane	A. Joseph I./F. Kangaloo



### Life in the Spirit Seminar

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. here at St. Mark's

All are warmly invited.

Breakfast, snacks and lunch will be provided.

More details to follow –please watch the bulletin!

## Volunteer Opportunities...

Please contact the Parish Office at 519-571-9200 or [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com)

### 👏 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!

### May 17 is World Communications Day

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media, and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

### 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](http://www.ignatiusguelph.ca) (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage). **PLEASE NOTE registration deadline June 30 .**

## C.W.L. News...

### ■ Executive Meeting

Wed. June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.

### ■ Summer Break Potluck & Service Pin Presentation

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Come celebrate fellowship, friendship, and the dedicated service of our fellow C.W.L. members as we recognize those receiving service pins for their years of commitment to the League. Please bring a favourite dish to share. We look forward to gathering together in gratitude and joy!



**All First Communicants** and their families are invited to attend the **9:30 AM Mass** on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** wearing their First Communion clothing. The children will receive a miraculous medal, and mass will be followed by a small reception in the parish hall with cake and refreshments.

### Retreat at the Carmel of St. Joseph

The May 30<sup>th</sup> Retreat has **reached capacity and is now closed.**

### Young Adults Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:00pm-7:00pm), social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm), vocations testimony and praise music (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Clement's Church** (745 Duke Street, Cambridge).

Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations>. For more information, please contact [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### Parenting Tip of the Month

Family creates the foundation on which children will build the rest of their lives. Parents are both leaders and models, so children will learn fundamental skills, including relationship skills, from their families. Parents must reflect on whether the lessons they are modelling for their children are ones that will serve them well in their adult lives. Important to parent's role is building within their children a foundation of faith by engaging in prayer, attending Mass, reading the Bible as a family and taking part in acts of service. This development of faith will help guide children's actions as they become more independent. It will also ensure they understand that God is always with them.

### Marriage Tip of the Month

Being able to count on your spouse is a vital component of a healthy and happy marriage. We establish this kind of relationship by discussing what behaviours and actions we want to expect from each other. Couples need to create a list of expectations that they each agree will be helpful to their day-to-day married life. The list might include: setting a boundary on cell phone and computer use during family/couple time; agreeing to saying I love you daily; using manners during daily interactions; praying together at one or more points during the day; having a hug or kiss of greeting each time you depart or reunite during the day; agreeing to speak the truth about feelings, not bury them within. An agreed upon list put into action brings feelings of security and a deeper love.





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