

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

## Mass Intentions for the Week

May 25 – 31, 2026

- Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. PHILIP NERI)  
 12 Noon † Peter Vu – *Tuynh Nguyen*
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)  
 12 Noon † Jeremy Gardner – *Cindy & Garry Mahn*  
 † Hien Tran – *Tim Tran*  
 † Cristino Cainoy – *Elouisa Cainoy & family*  
 2:30 PM - *Monthly Mass at Bankside Residence*
- Thursday** (FERIAL)  
 12 Noon - Int. of L.B. Edward – *Gloria Elisa*  
 3:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care*
- Friday** (FERIAL)  
 12 Noon † Peter Ingram – *Tony Finoro*  
 2:00 PM - *Monthly Mass at Lanark Village*
- SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – May 30/31**  
*Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18*  
 Sat. 5:00 PM † Monica Higgins Zaczynski – *K. /N. Higgins & family*  
 † Mary Harrington – *Nick & Julie Muza*  
 † Carl Cybulski – *Frances Musclow*  
 Sun. 9:30 am † George Brezina – *Marjorie*  
 11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.	Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, R.P.B.	Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan	Rev. David Lewis	Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.

**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

Pentecost Sunday

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you to 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



May 16/17, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 2,502.70	\$ 106.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 1,001.60	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,623.46	\$ 397.96
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 4,127.76</b>	<b>\$ 503.96</b>

Diocesan Collections: Pope's Pastoral Works ..... 675.00

## Final Confirmation Preparation Class

Next Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. – Prep Class
- 2:00 p.m. – Rehearsal

## Meetings & Events This Week ...

MAY	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon 25</b>	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue 26</b>	7:00 PM	(M/J)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
<b>Wed 27</b>	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
<b>Thu 28</b>	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
<b>Sat 30</b>	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
<b>Sun 31</b>	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:30 am	(H)	Reception for First Communicants
	1:00 PM	(CH/H)	Confirmation Prep & Rehearsal

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

## COME HOLY SPIRIT!

Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church. Two accounts of the Pentecost are proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word today. In the first the Holy Spirit comes like "a driving wind." In the second, the Holy Spirit comes like "a breath" that the Risen Jesus breathed upon His disciples. Like the disciples we have received the Holy Spirit when we were baptized and confirmed. That we may have the power to continue the mission of Jesus— to evangelize, let us intensely pray in this Eucharist: "Come Holy Spirit!"



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

**FINAL WEEK FOR DONATIONS! ★ Drive ends May 31st**  
 For the month of May, our St. Vincent de Paul Society is 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 are 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. Many thanks!

## Parking Lot Update, 2.0

After bulletin publication last Sunday, we learned there would be a delay for the second coat of asphalt and line painting, due to consultation with the city about curbing. At the time of printing this week, we estimate that work will take place the week of May 25-29. Once work does commence, **those visiting the chapel or attending meetings may have to park elsewhere, depending on the conditions of the day.** Please feel free to call the parish in advance to find out if there is access for parking on the day of your visit.

## Liturgical Ministers

May 30/31	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller G. Selwyn	J./J. Woodhouse C. Ocol	C. Chacon T. Fonseca K. Garces
<b>Commentator:</b>	Jackie Morgan	T. Morgan	Javier Posada
<b>Readers:</b>	Sean Morgan	G. Tran	Juan Posada
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller A. Beckner	M. Walsler E. Ekwueme	B./C. Voisin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	C. Weber P./K. Nezny	T./K. Boettger P. Enticott	N. George B./C. Voisin



### 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.

**Please pick up a Registration Form in the narthex.**

Questions? Please contact the parish office.

## 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!



**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.

### 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.ignatiuguelph.ca](http://www.ignatiuguelph.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**

**Next 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.



## 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-7:00 pm), 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).

## Maryhill is 200!

Come Celebrate with us on **Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the **Maryhill Historical Society's Halter House**, 1338 Maryhill Road. Food, Music, Giveaways, Displays, and a Special Commemorative Beverage.

## Do you have ancestors in Maryhill's "Old Walled" Cemetery?

Even if you don't, we could use your help with the cost of preserving these precious monuments, some of which are over 175 years old. Many of the monuments most in need of attention tie directly to the original settlers of this community. Every stone is a testament to the faith, resilience, and identity of the people of Maryhill. The St. Boniface cemetery committee has hired a very reputable company that has been doing this type of work in Ontario for over 25 years. As you can imagine, it is a very labour intensive and costly process, but crucial to the preservation of this unique heritage cemetery. This is a multi-year project with the first year alone costing over \$10,000. If you would like to help, donations by cheque can be made to St. Boniface Church, 1355 Maryhill Road, Maryhill, Ontario N0B 2B0 and mention on the cheque "St. Boniface Church – Cemetery Restoration" and a tax-deductible receipt will be issued. If you would like more information, please contact Diane Strickler at [dstrickler@continuum.org](mailto:dstrickler@continuum.org) or Michael Hayne at [mmkhayne@hotmail.com](mailto:mmkhayne@hotmail.com).



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