

# 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 4 - 10, 2026**

**★ NO WEEKDAY MASSES**

Please note there will be no weekday Masses until Fr. Roque returns, as he will travel to Saskatchewan to visit his sister, Ester, who is seriously ill. We kindly ask for your prayers for his sister, as your prayers will be a great source of strength and support for her and the family.

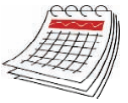
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 9/10**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Sat. 5:00 PM † Maria Campos – Campos family  
 † Elizabeth Habtay – Samra & family  
 - Int. of Barbara Dokis – Barry & Colette

Sun. 9:30 am † Shirley Schneider – Sharon & Larry Koehler  
 11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

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



MAY	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 4	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 5	7:00 PM	(L)	St. Vincent de Paul meeting
Wed 6	6:15 PM	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 PM	(L)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
Thu 7	6:30 PM	multi	Alpha
	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
Sat 9	7:15 am	(H/J)	That Man Is You! Men's Group
Sun 10	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 Am The Way, The Truth, and The Life**

On this 5th Sunday of Easter, the Gospel draws from the farewell discourse of Jesus Christ before His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. He reassures His fearful disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled... I will come back and take you to myself." True to His promise, the Risen Lord returns with peace, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and forgiveness. Like the disciples, we too can feel anxious and afraid amid life's uncertainties.



In this Eucharist let us ask for greater trust in His Word as we journey with the Risen Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!  
*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:*  
**The repose of the soul of Jose Alves**

**Vocations Prayer Calendar** ✘ This week let us pray for...

May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9
Rev. Bradley Markus	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger	Congregation of the Resurrection, C.R.	Rev. Khalid Karomi	Rev. David Reitzel	Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam

**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**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, 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**



April 25/26, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings: \$ 2,510.00	\$ 347.00	
Loose offerings: \$ 737.50	\$ --	
Pre-Authorized: \$ 1,623.46	\$ 397.96	
<b>Totals: \$ 4,870.96</b>	<b>\$ 744.96</b>	

Diocesan Collection: Indigenous Reconciliation ..... \$55.00

**Today is White Box Sunday** - Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the church doors after Mass today to accept monetary donations to assist families in our area. We appreciate your continuing support!



**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.



**Congratulations**

St. Mark's Parish congratulates all of the boys and girls who made their **First Holy Communion** on May 3, 2026. For them, we pray:

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever present in our lives, grant your loving grace to our first holy communicants. Help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship whenever they receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light throughout the course of their lives, always leading these blessed children one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.*

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|------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Veliana A. | Timothy C.        | Sinit K.     | Avery P.       |
| Damian A.  | Adelyn D.         | Owen K.      | Mateo R.       |
| Emily A.   | Christina D.      | Keegan L.    | Noah R.        |
| Mariam A.  | Khaleesi D.       | Dylan L.     | Sydney R.      |
| Claire A.  | Jordan E.         | Elliot M.    | Adrian R.      |
| Osaha A.   | Ryker F.          | Leo M.       | Rafa Isaiah R. |
| Dominic A. | Charlotte F.      | Anesu M.     | Kiera S.       |
| Oliver B.  | William F.        | Nevaeh M.    | Bernardo S.    |
| Roselia B. | Maitland F.       | Madison M.   | Gustavo S.     |
| Devon B.   | Adrian G.         | Aiden M.     | Mehari T.      |
| Gabriel B. | Menai Cristina G. | Zofia M.     | Zane T.        |
| Jack B.    | Declan G.         | Adrian M.    | Gabriel T.     |
| Corbin C.  | Violeta G.        | Izuchimka N. | Laura U.       |
| Talia C.   |                   |              | Yzabella V.    |

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, and stay for a small reception in the parish hall for cake and refreshments.

## Liturgical Ministers

May 9/10	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J./P./V. Miller G. Selwyn	A. Alayoku A. DessGrosseilliers T. Mendonca	A./E./J./K. Palafox
<b>Commentator:</b>	G. Morgan	M. Drohan	D. Bouwman
<b>Readers:</b>	James Morgan	J. Deneau	B. Prila
<b>Ushers:</b>	E. Miller A. Beckner	L. Koehler F. Seaward	E. Delena B. Prila
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	C. Weber P./K. Nezny	T./K. Boettger P. Enticott	B./C. Voisin N. George

## Volunteer Opportunities...

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

### Lawn Cutting Volunteers (using a riding lawn mower)

If you would like to fill in to cover illness and holidays, please contact the parish office. Practical and safety training will be provided.



### Annual Baby Bottle Campaign: **MAY 9 - JUNE 21**

Starting Mother's Day weekend we will again be participating in the annual Baby Bottle Campaign for **Marillac Place**.

Baby bottles will be available in the narthex next weekend, and filled bottles must be returned to the church by Father's Day weekend (June 20/21). Thank you for all your support!

## “North of 60” Food & Clothing Drive

Once again our St. Vincent de Paul Society is 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. Once again, 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. Many thanks!

## Wedding Anniversary Mass ★ **DEADLINE MAY 4** ★

Those who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Anniversary in 2026 are invited to join Bishop Dabrowski for this annual celebration on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton**. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). To register, please call the Diocese at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## St. Mark's C.W.L. will be selling **POTTED GERBERA DAISES**

**\$10 per plant**

**Available for sale after all Masses on  
Mother's Day weekend, 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

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

*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.

## Mother's Day Tea Without Mom

Mother's Day celebrations can be difficult and complex when your mother is no longer here to celebrate. Join this special **Ladies' Tea** on **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** for an afternoon dedicated to honoring the women who shaped us and loved us, but are no longer with us. The afternoon is intended to be heartfelt and uplifting, sharing our stories, sipping tea and enjoying finger sandwiches and fresh baked scones. Cost is \$85. Please email Salvina with your interest or questions, or pass this email along to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending. The event will be held at **667 Golf Club Rd. Unit #2, Hannon, Ontario**. Contact: Salvina Castiglione, BA, BSW. RSW.; [www.cardinalconnection.ca](http://www.cardinalconnection.ca); or call (905)-537-9638.

## Mother's Day Lunch

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo**. \$20 per person. Includes hot buffet-style lunch: Roast beef with horseradish, scalloped potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, cake, coffee, and tea. Bring your whole family. Limited tickets now on sale. For tickets or more info, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.101 or [lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com).

## 29th National March for Life (Ottawa) - Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

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>.

## Annual Interfaith Community Breakfast

Join us for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Interfaith Community Breakfast on **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 am to 9:00 am at **Bingemans** in Kitchener. This popular 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](http://www.interfaithgrandriver.org/breakfast) or in person at Erb and Good Family Funeral home in Waterloo.

## Retreat at the Carmel

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. The theme of our Retreat given by Fr. David Reitzel is "Our Lady - The Visitation". This Retreat welcomes women and men. Registration opens Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and spaces are limited. Please visit The Carmel website ([www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca)) to view our Retreat Poster, Retreat schedule and a Registration Form. Enjoy a day with quiet reflection, Mass, Adoration.



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