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: $_____

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REQUESTED BY DAYTIME PHONE *or* EMAIL

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Mass Intentions for the Week

November 2 – 8, 2026

Join us for recitation of **The Rosary**, 20 minutes before each weekday Mass.

Monday **All Soul's Day** – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
✶ 7:00 PM † George Brezina – *Marjorie*
† All the Faithful Departed

Tuesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † All Deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons of the Diocese of Hamilton

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO)
12 Noon † Father Vincent Kim – *Tuyen Nguyen*
† Father Patricio – *Tuyen Nguyen*
- Int. of Allan & Julie Musclow – *Frances Musclow*

Thursday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Elizabeth Habtay – *Samra & family*

First Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - Int. of the Kidane family

First Saturday (FERIAL)
9:00 am † Sim Do – *Tuynh Nguyen*

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 7/8
Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sat. 5:00 PM † Susana Tasic – *Cainoy family*
- Int. of Rosemary Kubica
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*

Sun. 9:30 am † Maria Campos – *Lucia DeSousa*
11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Tam Nguyen

Vocations Prayer Calendar ✠ *This week let us pray for…*

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton	Rev. Lawrence Parent	Rev. Jonathan Reitzel	Rev. Ivica Majstorovic, O.F.M.

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

All Saints' Day

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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



October 24/25, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	$ 3,159.90	$ 224.00
Loose offerings	$ 728.90	$ --.--
Pre-Authorized	$ 1,626.92	$ 372.58
Totals	**$ 5,515.72**	**$ 596.58**

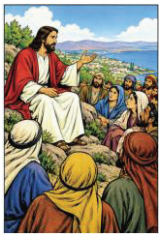
Diocesan Collections: *World Mission Sunday $140.00*
Needs of the Canadian Church..... $100.00

Meetings & Events This Week …

November		TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON	2	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 choir practice
		8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
TUE	3	7:00 PM	(M)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
WED	4	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
THU	5	6:30 PM	(M)	5pm Choir practice
		7:00 PM	(H)	Human Trafficking Speaker
FRI	6	7:00 PM	(H)	B.C.B.P.
SAT	7	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
SUN	8	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
		5:00 PM	(H)	Spaghetti Supper

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

Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, honoring men and women who, like Jesus, faithfully lived the Beatitudes. Their lives remind us to resist the values of the world and embrace the values of God's Kingdom. The saints show us that true happiness is not found in wealth, power, or comfort, but in God alone. Their reward is not society's approval, but the joy of heaven. May this Eucharist inspire us to make the Beatitudes our blueprint for holiness and strive each day to live as truly blessed men and women.

Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

Mass for the Dead

All Souls Day | Mon. Nov. 2nd at 7:00 p.m.



To have your deceased loved one remembered at this Mass, **slips are available in the narthex** for you to record their names. Please place slips in the blue basket provided. If you wish to have a candle lit in their memory, please place $5 in the envelope provided. These candles will burn in the sanctuary for the Memorial Mass, as well as in the chapel for the month of November. **Envelopes are available in the narthex for this purpose.**

These remain wonderful and fitting ways to show tribute in prayer to our beloved deceased.

Annual Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper

NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 8th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Hosted by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus in support of our parish and local charities, this evening is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners, families, and friends to gather in fellowship and enjoy a warm meal together. Share in the spirit of community over homemade spaghetti with sauce, fresh salad, ciabatta bun, and ice cream for dessert. Join us as we celebrate the blessings of friendship, faith, and good food. **Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses.** Cash, cheque, and e-transfer will be accepted. Ticket prices remain unchanged:

$17 Adult (13+) **FREE** Child under 6yrs
$12 Youth (6-12yrs) **$45** Family of Five

Special dietary requirements? Please speak to the ticket sellers and we'll try to accommodate you.



Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 7/8	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	J. Taer, T. John D. Akinkuotu	A./E./K. Palafox A. Regalado
Commentator:	G. Mahn	M. Drohan	J. Palafox
Readers:	C. Stanley	V. DeVries	P. Arroyo
Ushers:	E. Miller C./E. Cainoy	M. Walser E. Ekwueme	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully C. Weber	M. Lynch A. Joseph A. Bendia	K. Dignam L. Maenpaa E. Weiss

"Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes

Help bring joy, hope and the Good News of the Gospel to a child living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease, famine, disaster and poverty. This Christmas Season pack a shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Empty boxes are available for pick up in the narthex**. Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 15th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

Saintify!

All Saints' Day Celebration

FOR CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS

Saturday, Nov. 14th | 6:00 to 8:30 PM | Parish Hall



Come dressed in costume as one of the saints, or simply bring a picture of your favorite saint! Praying – Games – Singing – Fun – Pizza – Cake! Everyone is welcome! **Please pre-register before Nov. 8th** – forms are available in the narthex!

Today is White Box Sunday

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a member at the church doors today to receive monetary donations to assist families in our area. We appreciate your ongoing support!



St. Mark Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to an

Advent Retreat & Divine Mercy Seminar

Saturday, November 28th

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Prepare your heart for Christmas and join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and mercy.

4:00 PM - Confessions
5:00 PM - Advent Mass
6:00 PM - Praise & Worship

Please register in the narthex or scan the QR code on the poster. All are welcome!

C.W.L. News...

■ **Guest Speaker:** St. Mark CWL warmly invites ALL WOMEN to a special presentation, **This Thursday, Nov. 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.** Join us for an informative evening with Detective Constable **Andrea Gilker** of the Intimate Partner Violence-High Risk and Early Intervention Team. Topics will include: **Human Trafficking** (recognizing the situations, responding appropriately, and understanding its impact on our communities) and **Intimate Partner Violence** (IPV) (warning signs, available supports, and appropriate response strategies). There will be an opportunity to make a free-will donation to benefit the Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region.



■ **The Original St. Mark CWL CHEESEBALLS are back again!!** Don't miss the chance to share these delicious cheeseballs with family, friends, or enjoy them as a special treat.

- **Orders begin Nov. 7th, with a pick-up date of Dec. 19th.**
- **Payment can be made by e-transfer to stmarkcwl@gmail.com, or by cheque/cash, no later than November 29th.**

One of our St. Mark CWL executive members will be in the Narthex after each Mass to collect your orders and payment. Please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519, or email stmarkcwl@gmail.com for further information.

Waiting For Advent @ St. Anthony Daniel Parish

You are invited to prepare for the Advent Season by joining us on **Tuesdays, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and Nov. 10** @ 7:30 PM, following the 7PM Mass, at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre** (corner of Franklin & Ottawa Sts., Kitchener) as we Wait in Hope, Wait for Peace, Wait with Joy and Wait in Love. Each evening will include a short presentation, quiet reflection, and Conversation in the Spirit – an opportunity to listen, reflect, and share as we prepare our hearts for Christ. Come and make space for Advent.

A.I. and Human Dignity – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. It will take place on **Wednesday, Nov. 25th** from 1:00–3:00pm at the **Chancery Office in Hamilton**. Please register at: https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/ai-andhuman-dignity-workshop.

Parenting Tip of the Month – The gift of faith is a treasure that provides children with a solid foundation for life, and benefits them in multiple ways. Faith in God gives them an understanding of something greater than themselves; someone they can depend on to care for them in every situation. It provides a moral compass on how to act and live in their world and how to treat others. It also provides them with a sense of purpose, since our faith teaches that we are each given gifts to share with others in our lives. From their earliest days, reading stories that incorporate faith, praying as a family at meals and before bed, attending Church and participating in parish events all serve to help our children feel a sense of belonging and to understand God is always with them. Children depend on their parents to provide a base of learning that is constant and faithful. When parents create space for faith at home, it will benefit their children for a lifetime.

Marriage Tip of the Month – In a world that seems to be busier every day, it is easy to let time together slip past. Quality and quantity matter when it comes to our relationships, but in order to get both we have to be purposeful. Planning for time together breathes life into every relationship and can take many forms to fit your schedules. Maybe a coffee together one day, a walk together another, praying together daily, watching a shared movie, doing a puzzle and talking as you find the pieces, cooking together and attending Mass. These are a few of the many things that bring you together and create bonding time. Take out your calendars, put your relationship down and make it happen, you will never regret the investment in each other.

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