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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

November 16 – 22, 2026

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

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY)
12 Noon † Gerard Demaiter – *Bryson family*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Enid Walter Sequeira – *Mervyn & Theresa*
† Binh Nguyen – *Tuynh Nguyen*
† Dory Arevalo – *Viguilla family*

Thursday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - Int. of Vi DeVries – *Your Secret Prayer Sister*

Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Tom Tschirhart – *Cindy & Garry Mahn*

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Nov. 21/22
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Sat. 5:00 PM † Carol Haid – *Bernadette & John De Boer*
- Int. of Sherry Perreault – *Tony Finoro*
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*

7:00 PM - **MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS**

Sun. 9:30 am † Dave Walser – *Marianne and family*
11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

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

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Gerald Mulhall	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.	*Deceased Members of Our Parish Community*	Rev. Michael Isabelle	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.	Rev. Jerek John Scherber, L.C.

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Report



November 7/8, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	$ 2,862.00	$ 20.00
Loose offerings	$ 709.90	$ --.--
Pre-Authorized	$ 1,626.92	$ 372.58
Totals	**$ 5,198.82**	**$ 392.58**

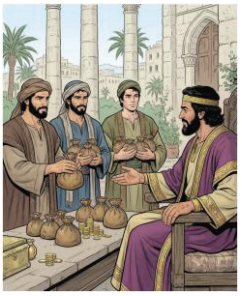
2026-27 Sunday Missals (Living With Christ)
$5.00 each ~ available in the narthex while supplies last.

Meetings & Events This Week …

Nov.	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON 16	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
WED 18	6:00 PM	(L)	Baptism Preparation Class
	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
THU 19	6:30 PM	(M)	5pm Choir practice
SAT 21	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
SUN 22	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

Well Done, Faithful Servants



Brothers and sisters in Christ, with grateful hearts, let us gather around the Lord's table on this 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us through the Parable of the Talents that each of us has been entrusted with gifts—our time, abilities, opportunities, and resources—to be used for the good of others. As we await the Lord's return, may we not bury these gifts in fear or complacency, but use them faithfully in our daily lives. May this Eucharist renew our hearts and inspire us to serve God, His Church, and His people.

Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

NEXT WEEKEND (Nov. 21/22)

Enrollment Masses

First Communion & Confirmation

Parents and children are to attend the Enrollment Mass (Mass time of your choice) to **submit your child's Enrollment Form** for the sacrament of First Communion (grade 2) or Confirmation (grade 7). **Parents, please check your inbox for a letter and Enrollment form sent by the parish through your child's school (St. Mark's or St. Dominic's).** ✶ If your Catholic child attends a *different* school (public, other Catholic, homeschooled), or *missed* a sacrament in a previous year, please call the parish office this week and we will be glad to email you a letter and form!



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!

Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 21/22	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller B. Gilazgi	Alayoku, Betancor DesGrosseilliers, Mendonca	A./E./J. Palafox F. Zumot
Commentator:	J. Deneau	G. Tran	C. Chacon
Readers:	Jackie Morgan	E. Constantino	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	L. Koehler F. Seaward	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	P./K. Nezny W. D'Mello	P. Enticott M. Nguyen R. Groothuis	A. Joseph B./C. Voisin

"Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE (Nov. 15)
to return all filled shoeboxes to the Church.
Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

Seasonal opportunities to help the needy...

Angel Tree ... This Christmas our St. Vincent de Paul Society will assist several families in our area. The Angel Tree is in the narthex and each angel has the age and a gift each child would like. **Please drop off all gifts unwrapped by Dec. 6th. If donating *clothing* items, please include the receipt.** Thank you for helping put a smile on a child's face this Christmas.





Christmas Toy Drive

Our Knights have again joined other councils in the Christmas Toy Drive. **Those who wish may drop donations of UNWRAPPED children's gifts into the brown bin in the church narthex.** All toys will be distributed to needy families. Thank you.

Attention Men of Our Parish!

Knights of Columbus Council 9276 Membership is open to YOU!
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ~ November 28/29

Memberships are open to all Catholic men of our parish, aged 18 and older. Why? To assist those in need; to serve our parish; grow in one's faith; access to top-rated insurance protection for members and their family; the ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone! To quote Barack Obama: *"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope; you will fill yourself with hope."*

Speak to one of our members in the Narthex after any Mass on November 28 or 29 – they will be happy to answer any questions you might have, or to sign you up! For more info, visit: www.kofc9276.org.

"Thank-you" from Marillac Place...

Marillac Place would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mark Parish for your donations to their annual **Baby Bottle Campaign**. The total amount raised by 22 Churches was $70,300. **The Parishioners of St. Mark contributed $1,752.14.** Your support is greatly appreciated!

C.W.L. News...

■ 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.
- **Payment deadline is Nov. 29th and can be made by e-transfer to stmarkcwl@gmail.com, or by cheque/cash.**
- **Pick-up date is Saturday, Dec. 19th.**

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.

■ C.W.L. Membership Drive! Nov. 21 & 22

We invite you to be part of a community that nurtures the mind, body, and soul! "Become a voice to 'right' some of the 'wrongs' in today's world! Be a part of a sisterhood movement that believes in growing your faith, believes in service, and in social justice! **We welcome all ladies aged 16 and over** to become a part of the St. Mark Catholic Women's League. Speak to one of our members in the narthex after Mass on November 21 or 22, and they will be happy to answer any questions you might have. **This is also a great opportunity to renew your annual membership.** Please check your 2026 church offertory envelope box for the blue envelope labelled "C.W.L. Annual Membership." The cost for 2027 remains $40. If you have any questions, please contact us at stmarkcwl@gmail.com or reach out to Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

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.

Priesthood Discernment Group

- **Friday, December 4th** at 6:00 p.m.
  HAMILTON: Chancery Office, 700 King Street West
- **Saturday, December 5th** at 10:00 a.m.
  WATERLOO: St. Michael's Catholic Church, 80 University Ave. W.

Fr. John Ha (Vocations Director) invites all young men in the Diocese of Hamilton to join the Priesthood Discernment Group. Come for prayer, fellowship, and conversation as we explore God's call together. Whether you are just beginning to ask questions or have been considering the priesthood for some time, you are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend who may be interested. You do not need to have all the answers—simply come with an open heart. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations or contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

The Kids' Bulletin ~ Parents with school-aged children are invited to pick up a Children's Bulletin each week to take home for/with your child. This free bulletin is published in Canada and is provided weekly for children who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass each week. Each issue includes relevant, faith-centred activities like puzzles, colouring, and a short, engaging commentary on the readings of the week. Seasonal extras are also available during Advent and Lent. Copies can be found in the narthex each week beside the regular Sunday bulletins. We hope your family will enjoy this engaging resource!

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