St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roque Concepcion – *Pastor*
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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 23 – 29, 2026

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

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS)
12 Noon † Virginia Costa DaSilva – *John & Linda Deneau*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - Int. of Sandra Hebert – *Tony Finoro*
† Sr. Therese Nagle – *Ron & Kathy Bumstead*
† Garnet Daley – *Cindy & Garry Mahn*
2:30 PM – Monthly Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence

Thursday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - Int. of Fr. Mike Bennett – *Ron & Kathy Bumstead*
3:00 PM – Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Tue Nguyen – *Tuynh Nguyen*
2:00 PM – Monthly Mass at Lanark Village Retirement Residence

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Nov. 28/29

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Sat. 5:00 PM † Katherine Cable – *Bryson family*
† Deceased mem. of the Baumtrog & Deck families
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*
3:30 PM **- MONTHLY IGBO MASS**
Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Kinga & Mikolaj Caruk – *son*

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Quinton Musclow
and repose of the soul of Peter Nguyen

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Tom Moisan	Rev. James Swanson, L.C.	Pallottine Fathers, S.A.C.	Widows	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.	Rev. Pablito Labado

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

Christ the King

"Lord, when was it that we saw you …?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

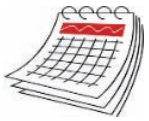
Weekly Offertory Report



November 14/15, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	$ 2,521.15	$ 45.00
Loose offerings	$ 825.40	$ --.--
Pre-Authorized	$ 1,626.92	$ 372.58
Totals	**$ 4,972.47**	**$ 417.58**

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

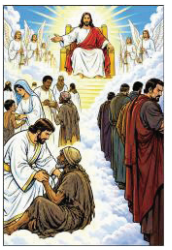
Meetings & Events This Week …



Nov.	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON 23	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
TUE 24	7:00 PM	(J)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
WED 25	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
THU 26	6:30 PM	(M)	5pm Choir practice
FRI 27	7:00 PM	(L)	Bible Study
SAT 28	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
SUN 29	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

Christ is our King not for anything else but for love



As we gather around the altar on this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the Gospel directs our hearts toward the final judgment, when Christ will reveal the measure of our love through the way we have cared for the least among us. For the Lord identifies Himself with those who are hungry, thirsty, suffering, and in need: "Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me."
May this Eucharist open our hearts to recognize Christ in those who suffer and give us the grace to love and serve as Jesus our Lord and King does. *Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications*

TODAY! (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 through your child's school (St. Mark's or St 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!
Extra blank forms are available on the information wall in the narthex.



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. 28/29	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	S. Cainoy **Help needed** **Help needed**	I./C. Fitzgerald R. Jerold, A. Min.	C. Chacon L. Udemba S. D'Souza
Commentator:	S. Morgan	N. Ngo	D. DeSousa
Readers:	G. Mahn	T. Boettger	D. Bouwman
Ushers:	T. Finoro C./E. Cainoy	P./M. Drohan	P. Abalos M. Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber F./Y. Tully	T. Lee, T. Min M. Lynch	N. George K. Dignam L. Maenpaa

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.

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. **This week check out the Advent Calendar!** Copies can be found in the narthex each week beside the regular Sunday bulletins. We hope your family will enjoy this engaging resource!

C.W.L. News...

■ **LAST WEEK to order CHEESEBALLS!!** 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 will be 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 Today!**

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.

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ ~ SMALL TALKS ON BIG TOPICS

Holy Mary, Mother of God:
Deepening our Catholic Devotion to Mary

"Do whatever He tells you." These beautiful words of our Blessed Mother help us to grow in holiness – to come closer to Mary as she helps us to come closer to Jesus. Join us on **Sunday, December 6th** from 2:00-3:30p.m. at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo** as we listen to guest speaker, Fr. David Reitzel, who will teach us practical ways to grow in our relationship with our spiritual Mother.

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