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

Nov. 9 – 15, 2026

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

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. LEO THE GREAT)
12 Noon † Cristino Cainoy – *Elouisa and family*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. MARTIN OF TOURS)
12 Noon † Antonio & Gloria Macedo – *Luiz*
† Maria – *Melissa Nguyen*
† Tan Nguyen – *Tuynh Nguyen*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOSAPHAT)
12 Noon - Int. of Robel Semere – *Samra and family*

Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - In thanksgiving in honour of Divine Mercy – *M.M.*

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 14/15

Prov. 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31++; 1 Thess. 5:1-6; Matt. 25:14-15, 19-21

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Ian & Fiona Kangaloo – *Stephen & Denise Case*
- Int. of Arnim Kangaloo – *Tony Finoro*
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*

Sun. 9:30 am † Victoria Seyler – *Randy*

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
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.	Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters *Remembrance Day*	Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.	Rev. Stipe Gale	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. 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

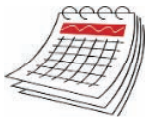


Oct.31/Nov.1, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	$ 2,906.80	$ 1,120.54
Loose offerings	$ 970.65	$ --.--
Pre-Authorized	$ 1,626.92	$ 372.58
Totals	**$ 5,504.37**	**$ 1,493.12**

Diocesan Collections: *World Mission Sunday …….. $25.00*

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

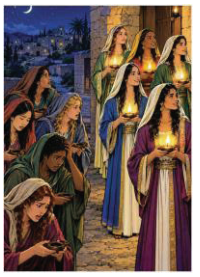
Meetings & Events This Week …



Nov.	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON 9	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
TUE 10	7:00 PM	Zoom	Knights of Columbus executive meeting
	7:00 PM	(M)	St. Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 11	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
THU 12	6:30 PM	(M)	5pm Choir practice
FRI 13	7:00 PM	(H)	Bible Study
SAT 14	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	6:00 PM	(H)	Saintify! All Saints' Party
SUN 15	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

Jesus, fill our cups with good works



As we gather around the altar on this 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel invites us, through the parable of the ten virgins, to remain vigilant and spiritually prepared as we await the coming of the Lord.
Our readiness before God is deeply personal; our faith cannot be borrowed from our parents, Church leaders or others.
May this Eucharist remind us that life is passing, heaven is eternal, and inspire us to keep the lamp of our faith burning brightly as we journey toward the Lord's Kingdom.

Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

Annual Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper

THIS SUNDAY! November 8th … 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 Mass. Limited tickets may be available at the door.** 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.





Saintify!

All Saints' Day Celebration
FOR CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS
Next 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 by Nov. 8th** – forms are available in the narthex!

Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 14/15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller G. Selwyn	J./J. Woodhouse V. McCullough	J./S. Garrucho J. Ortega K. Deanon
Commentator:	B. Barbon	T. Morgan	Ju. Posada
Readers:	James Morgan	R. Jerold	Ja. Posada
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	V. Chen, C. Weber	M. Schimus B. Prila
Eucharistic Ministers:	W. D'Mello P. Campao H. Psutka	M. Walser T./K. Boettger	I./F. Kangaloo G. Kubisewsky

"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, or you may also use your own empty shoebox or a plastic shoebox sized container. **Please return all filled shoeboxes to the Church by NEXT SUNDAY, November 15th.** Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

Enrollment Mass (November 21/22) for 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!

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.
- **Orders begin this weekend, 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.

■ **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 BIG THANK-YOU

to all who contributed to this year's WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE! All donations were gratefully received. The staff at our last drop off said, "We can always count on our faithful contributor!" Thanks again for another very successful drive!

- Your Knights of Columbus Council

Get Ready! ...



This month our St. Vincent de Paul Society is getting ready to offer Christmas assistance to several families in our area. The Angel Tree will be in the narthex **next weekend** covered with angels for those who wish to purchase a gift for a needy child. Watch next week's bulletin for further details. Please consider putting a smile on a childs' face this Christmas!

Remembrance Day – November 11th



Every year on November 11th Canadians pause in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes. **Poppies are available in the narthex.** Thank to you to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 50, for providing them to us.

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.

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