

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: \$_____

REQUESTED BY _____

DAYTIME PHONE or EMAIL _____

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 10 – 16, 2025

Tuesday ★ **NO MASS TODAY** ★

Wednesday ★ **NO MASS & NO CONFESSIONS TODAY** ★

Thursday ★ **NO MASS TODAY** ★

Friday ★ **NO MASS TODAY** ★

1:30 PM – WEDDING

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 15/16

Malachi 4:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

Sat. 5:00 PM † Fatima & Armerinda Costa – *Salome Costa*

† Maria Medeiros – *Maria*

† Theresa Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*

7:00 PM – MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS

Sun. 9:30 am † Antonio Macedo & family – *Luiz*

11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

★ **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASS** while Father Roque is on pilgrimage from November 5th to 17th. In Father's absence, our regular WEEKEND Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Arpee Urquico (Nov. 8/9 and 15/16).



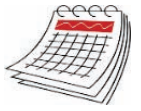
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

The Intentions of Anne & Anthony Ifeanyi
and the Intentions of Regan Wilkinson



Meetings & Events This Week ...



NOV.	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon 10	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue 11	7:00 PM	Zoom	Knights of Columbus Executive meeting
Wed 12	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 PM	(multi)	SHE - Women's Group (final week)
Thu 13	7:00 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
	7:00 PM	(L)	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Sat 15	7:15 am	(H/J)	<i>That Man is You!</i> - Men's Group
Sun 16	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	5:00 PM	(H)	Annual Spaghetti Supper

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

We Are God's Living Temples

The anniversary of the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran – the cathedral church of the Pope in Rome – is an invitation to show our love for the Holy Father and renew our union with him. It is also an opportunity to reawaken our awareness that God's temple is not just the place of worship made of stones and cement, but especially the community of believers who are the "living stones" that constitute it.



Today, therefore, is also the feast of our parish community, God's family and living temple in this area. At no other time is this reality more obvious than when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Let us be aware of this wonderful reality of which we are a part. With all our hearts, let us worship the Lord in unison with all those who share our faith and hope, especially those who are suffering in whatever way.

Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

Vocations Prayer Calendar ✕ This week let us pray for...

Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15
Rev. John Van Hees	Remembrance Day St. Martin of Tours, Bishop	Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.	Rev. Lawrence Parent	Rev. Jonathan Reitzel

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 the rights 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

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Our God is a God of the living not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious 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



November 1/2, 2025

	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings:	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 750.00
Loose offerings:	\$ 719.80	\$ --
Pre-Authorized:	\$ 1,575.58	\$ 407.77
Totals:	\$ 6,570.38	\$ 1,157.77

2025-26 SUNDAY MISSALS (Living With Christ)

\$5.00 each ~ available in the narthex while supplies last.

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.



"Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes

Help bring joy and hope and the Good News of the Gospel to a child living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease, disaster and poverty. This Christmas Season pack a shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Suggested shopping lists and empty red & green boxes are available in the narthex while supplies last. You can also use a standard size cardboard shoebox (but please NO large boot boxes).**

Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church NEXT SUNDAY, November 16th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 15/16	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller S. Silva	I. Fitzgerald T. John, J. Taer	A./E./K. Palafox
Commentator:	Jackie Morgan	J. Deneau	D. Ocol
Readers:	Sophia Morgan	M. Raki	E. Delena
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	E. Ekwueme F. Sawaya	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	H. Psutka C. Weber	A. Joseph M. Lynch, T. Lee	D. Weber I./F. Kangaloo

ST. MARK'S PARISH FAMOUS ANNUAL Spaghetti & Salad Supper

NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 16th
5:00 to 7:00 in the Parish Hall

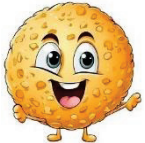


Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Bring your family and friends for superb spaghetti, delicious salad, great dessert, hot and cold drinks and plenty of fun! (Take-home will be available at 5pm.)

- **\$17 Adults** 13 YRS & OLDER
- **\$45 Family** FAMILY OF FIVE
- **\$12 Kids** 6-12 YEARS
- **FREE for Tots** KIDS 5 YRS & UNDER

TICKETS ON SALE after all Masses in the narthex until Nov. 16th.

Limited tickets will be available at the door. Get yours in advance to avoid disappointment! To reserve tickets call John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094 or email jdeneau@sympatico.ca.



The Original C.W.L. Parish CHEESE BALLS are BACK!

Don't miss the chance to feature these delicious cheese balls at your next social event, or keep them for yourself.

- For just \$10 each, they won't last long, so **DON'T WAIT** to order!
- Orders start this weekend, with a delivery date in early/mid-December.
- Payment can be made by E-transfer to stmarkcwl@gmail.com or cheque/cash to one of the C.W.L. executives, no later than Nov. 30th.

Order sheets are available in the narthex. Get your order in before they are all gone! For further details, call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

Enrollment Mass for First Communion or Confirmation

Parents and children are to attend the **Enrollment Mass** on the weekend of **Nov. 22/23** (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 watch your inbox for a letter and Enrollment form from your child's school (St. Mark's or St. Dominic's) on our behalf.** 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 to have a letter and form emailed to you.

Movie Night – Nov. 21

Don't miss this opportunity to witness the movie **"Permission,"** which beautifully highlights Fr. Bob Bedard's inspiring vision for the church and the formation of the Companions of the Cross. Our very own Fr. Tim Devine makes a special appearance. Join us on **Friday, November 21st from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** in the church. Enjoy some refreshments and popcorn during intermission. A goodwill offering will be appreciated.

C.W.L. News...

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND! Nov. 15 & 16

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, 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 2025 church offertory envelope box for the blue envelope labelled "C.W.L. Annual Membership." The cost for 2026 remains \$40. If you have any questions, please contact us at stmarkcwl@gmail.com or reach out to Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

C.W.L. LENTEN RETREAT! Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars! We will be reflecting on the only "GIFT THAT MATTERS". Stay tuned for further details.

The Maryhill Historical Society invites you to attend their 48th Annual General Meeting on **Sunday, November 16th** at 1:00 p.m. at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre, 58 St. Charles St. East. Come hear what OUR Historical Society has been doing this past year. If you attended last year's Annual General Meeting you enjoyed our Guest Speaker – Warren Stauch from the Waterloo Historical Society. You will enjoy his talk this time on "Geography of Community Entrance Signs"

A Walk with Jesus: Retreat Day for Grieving Parents

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 22nd** (lunch is included).

Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. To register, please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/10/walk-with-jesus-retreat-day-for-grieving-parents> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Prayer Hour for the Unborn - St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener

Our Unborn need your help. Please consider a sacrifice of prayer for one hour, **Saturday, November 29** after the 5 p.m. Mass (**approx. 6:00 p.m.**). Our Lord will be Exposed and we will begin an hour of planned prayers. We need your voice!

WHY@Breakfast Advent Presentation – WHY@Breakfast invites you to our Advent presentation, **"KEEPING WATCH"** with guest speaker **Msgr. Con O'Mahony** (Vicar for Education, Diocese of Hamilton) at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church** in Waterloo on **Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 a.m.** Join us and learn what St. John Henry Newman and Pope Leo XIV have to say about keeping watch in Advent! Preceded by Parish Mass at 9am. Light Breakfast is available starting at 9:30am. For more information and free registration, please visit www.whyatbreakfast.com or leave a note at whyatbreakfast@gmail.com.

Come Dance With Us ... NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Kujawiacy, Polish Song & Dance Ensemble, has been an active participant in the Polish-Canadian community in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, and is looking for new members! Two age groups practice **weekly on THURSDAY NIGHTS** at the **Polish Legion Hall** (601 Wellington Street North, Kitchener): **Ages 10-12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** and **Ages 13 + from 7:30-9:00 p.m.** For more information contact our artistic director, Jan Mielcarek, at 519-505-0987. **Dancing skills not necessary!**





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