

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



DEAR LORD:

Today we give thanks for our many blessings

As we pray for those in need.

We give thanks for our family and friends

As we pray for those who are lonely.

We give thanks for our freedoms

As we pray for those who are oppressed.

We give thanks for our good health

As we pray for those who are ill.

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity

As we share our blessings with others.

On this day of Thanksgiving,

May the love of God enfold us,

The peace of God dwell within us

And the joy of God uplift us.

AMEN.

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 12 – 18, 2026

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

Tuesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon - In thanksgiving in honour of St. Faustina — *M. Mendonca*

Wednesday (FERIAL) **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
12 Noon † Karolyn Ann Sine
 † Peter Nguyen — *Melissa Nguyen*
 † Marvin Marentette — *John & Linda Deneau*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. TERESA OF JESUS)
12 Noon † Virginia Costa DaSilva — *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. MARIE-MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE)
12 Noon † Steve Thompson — *Nick & Julie Muza*

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 17/18

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5ab; Matthew 22:15-21

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves — *Lourdes Alves*
 † Souls in Purgatory — *Tuyen Nguyen*
 † Evelyn D'Souza & Benedict & Pauline Lobo — *V. M.*

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

Sun. 9:30 am † Bill Wilkins — *Wilkins 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 John Nguyen



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mon. Oct. 12 and Wed. Oct. 14

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Archangel Kebe	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.	Order of Preachers, (Dominican) O.P.	Rev. Francisco Sordo	Rev. Edward Hampson	Rev. John Ha

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him 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.

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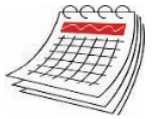
Weekly Offertory Report



October 3/4, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 3,822.25	\$ 545.00
Loose offerings	\$ 895.25	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 384.12
Totals	\$ 67.50	\$ 929.12

Diocesan Collections: Needs of the Canadian Church \$90.00
 World Mission Sunday \$40.00

Meetings & Events This Week ...



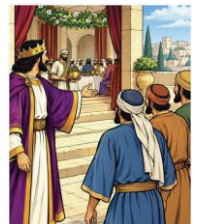
October	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON 12	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
TUE 13	7:00 PM	(L)	St. Vincent de Paul team meeting
WED 14	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
THU 15	6:30 PM	(M)	5pm Choir practice
SAT 17	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	9:00 am	(H)	B.C.B.P.
	1:00 PM	(H)	Couples for Christ
SUN 18	9:30 am	(L)	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

Ready and properly clothed for the Lord's banquet!

Today is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Gospel presents the joyous wedding banquet as an image of God's Kingdom, to which the first invited guests refused to come. Today, God extends the same invitation to all, even sinners and outcasts, asking us to come clothed in repentance, faith, and love. May this Eucharist, an anticipation of the eternal banquet, give us the grace to leave behind sin and pride and prepare ourselves for the heavenly banquet Jesus has prepared for us.



Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper

Sunday, November 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 will be available after all Masses beginning Oct. 17/18.** 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.

Hygiene & Dental Drive

We are now collecting **toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.** We will accept items until October 25th, and all products collected will be given to needy families this Christmas.

Bins are set up in the narthex for those wishing to donate.

Thank you! – St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mark's



Winter Clothing Drive

Cleaning out your closets? The Knights are collecting **gently-used winter coats, boots hats, mitts, scarves of all sizes**

on behalf of the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need. We will be accepting donations **during the month of October only.**

Gently used items can be placed in the bin in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!



Liturgical Ministers

Oct. 17/18	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	J./J. Woodhouse C. Ocol	C. Chacon F. Zumot, L. Udem
Commentator:	James Morgan	T. Lee	D. Bouwman
Readers:	G. Mahn	P. Enticott	B. Norte
Ushers:	E. Miller C./E. Cainoy	P./M. Drohan	J./S./J. Posada
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully H. Psutka	T./K. Boettger A. Joseph	K. Dignam L. Maenpaa, E. Weiss



Adoration Chapel Vacancies

We currently have two separate hours that require a regular adorer in our Adoration Chapel:

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00pm ~ or ~ Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm

If you would like to make a weekly commitment to one of these hours, please sign up on the vacancy sheet in the chapel using your full name and phone number, or contact the parish office.

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament." – St. John Vianney

Join our Confirmation Prep Team!

We are looking for new volunteers to join the team that assists Fr. Roque in preparing our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation strengthens the grace we received at Baptism and helps us grow into a deeper and more personal commitment to our faith. If you have been confirmed and feel called to share your faith and journey with the youth of our parish, we warmly invite you to join us. **Please contact Fr. Roque or the parish office.** The time commitment is relatively small, but the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our young people is truly rewarding.



MASS FOR THE DEAD

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

Slips are available in the narthex for you to record the names of your deceased loved ones and place in the basket provided. They will be remembered at Mass. Parishioners will also have an opportunity to remember their loved ones by lighting candles in their name. We are offering special **memorial candles** for a requested donation of **\$5 each**. 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.

Saintify!

All Saints' Day Celebration

FOR CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS

Saturday, Nov. 14th

6:00 to 8:30 PM in the 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!



October is the Month of the Rosary

October is also **DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH**.

Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. **Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!**



C.W.L. News...

St. Mark CWL warmly invites ALL WOMEN to a special presentation, **Wednesday, Nov. 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall**. Join us for an informative evening with **Andrea Gilker**, Detective Constable 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.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Sept. 23rd – Nov. 1st

This annual campaign is a powerful global movement to pray for the end of abortion. You are encouraged to join us in Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, and/or attend a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital for 1 hour sometime between 7am - 7pm.

OUR PARISH HAS AGREED TO SPONSOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th

and together we are committing to fill all 12 hours. We need at least 2 people for each hour. **Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.**

Your prayers can make a difference. We also encourage volunteers to consider **Adopting-an-Hour** a week (at home), which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign, to greatly help the campaign. You can also sign up for hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing/calling Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-970-0822. We are most grateful for your support and prayers! Let's save lives together! ***** It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign-up *IN ADVANCE* before coming to the vigil site** as this relieves one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site unnecessarily.

Every Little Bit Helps...

Next Saturday, October 17th St. Mark's Men's Group will host a special luncheon at Ray of Hope for the individuals they support. Your donation will help make this gathering possible. Drop a 'toonie' in the collection jar after Mass. Every little bit helps. Donations of \$5, \$10, \$20 or more are gratefully appreciated. Your gift will help provide: **nutritious meals, a welcoming atmosphere, dignity and community connection.** To learn more about St. Mark's Men's Group, join us for breakfast and small group discussion every Saturday morning at 7:15 am in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

PREPARING FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

"The invitation is for all peoples"

Isaiah sees a feast the Lord prepares "for all peoples" (Is 25:6). In the Gospel the king sends servants to the highways so that the wedding hall may be filled (Mt 22:1-14). Mission is that invitation carried to every nation. **Next Sunday is the 100th World Mission Sunday. Please plan to pray for missionaries and to support the second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, which aids young Churches in more than 1,100 mission territories.



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