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

Oct. 19 – 25, 2026

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

Tuesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Anh Tran – *Tuynh Nguyen*

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

Thursday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Virginia Costa DaSilva – *Brian & Marie Lynch*
3:00 PM – *Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care*

Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Steve Thompson – *Nick & Julie Muza*

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 24/25

Exodus 22:21-27; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*
† Carmo Silva & family – *Lourdes Soares*
† George Brezina – *Marjorie*
Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark
11:30 am † Kinga & Mikolaj Caruk – *Son*
3:30 PM - **MONTHLY IGBO MASS**

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

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel	Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.	† Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R. *Rest in Peace*	Rev. Luc Payette	Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! Is God calling you to service 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



October 10/11, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	$ 2,570.20	$ 121.00
Loose offerings	$ 836.55	$ --.--
Pre-Authorized	$ 1,650.00	$ 384.12
Totals	**$ 5,056.75**	**$ 505.12**

Diocesan Collectiosn: *World Mission Sunday $10.00*

Meetings & Events This Week ...

October	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON 19	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
WED 21	6:00 PM	(J)	Baptism Preparation Class
	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
THU 22	6:30 PM	(M)	5pm Choir practice
SAT 24	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	1:00 PM	(H)	Couples for Christ
	6:00 PM	**(H)**	**Praise & Worship**
SUN 25	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

Being 'One In Christ, United in Mission'



Today is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the 100th World Mission Sunday, whose theme is "One in Christ, united in mission." In the Gospel, the Herodians and Pharisees set aside their differences to trap Jesus, challenging Him with the question of whether to pay the tax to Caesar. As Christ's followers, we too can struggle between our worldly concerns and our loyalty to God. May this Eucharist help us put God above all things and use our freedom to remain faithful to Him. As we celebrate the 100th World Mission Sunday, may we offer our prayers and generous support to the Church's mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

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 are NOW ON SALE after all Masses.** 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 ... Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting **toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodourant, etc.** until October 25th. 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!

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. 24/25	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller G. Selwyn	Alayoku, DesGrosseilliers, Mendonca, Betancor	A./E./J. Palafox K. Deanon
Commentator:	Jackie Morgan	B. Agnis	K. Palafox
Readers:	C. Stanley	M. John	R. Miranda
Ushers:	E. Miller A. Beckner	I./D. Culley	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber P. Campao W. D'Mello	P. Enticott A. Bendia M. Nguyen	I./F. Kangaloo A. Joseph



Adoration Chapel Vacancies

We still 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 | 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.



Parish Survey Results

Thank-you to our parishioners! 275 responses were received and are being reviewed, and next steps will be announced soon. Thanks to all who participated!

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

"One in Christ, united in mission"

Today the whole Catholic world keeps the 100th World Mission Sunday. The psalm sings, "Tell his glory among the nations" (Ps 96). Pope Leo XIV reminds us that no baptized person is exempt from mission, and that if unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. **A special envelope is collected today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith – please check your offertory box.** Your gift, joined to those of Catholics everywhere, supports seminarians, catechists, chapels, healthcare, and the poor in young Churches. Pray also for new missionary vocations. Father, make us one in Christ, united in mission. Amen.

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