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. 26 – Nov. 1, 2026

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

Tuesday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Almas do Sorgatorio – *Lourdes Soares*

Wednesday (FEAST – ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE)
12 Noon † Int. of Maureen Devine – *Lorraine Jack & family*
- In Thanksgiving – *Tuyen Nguyen*
- In Thanksgiving in honour of St. Carlo Acutis – *M.M.*

2:30 PM – Monthly Mass at Bankside Retirement Residence

Thursday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Jack Soares – *Lourdes Soares*

Friday (FERIAL)
12 Noon † Ana Resende & family – *Lourdes Soares*
2:00 PM – Monthly Mass at Lanark Village Retirement Residence

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – Oct. 31 / Nov. 1
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

Sat. 5:00 PM - In Thanksgiving
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*
† Peter Nguyen – *Melissa Nguyen*

Sun. 9:30 am † Claire Khnaisser – *Sawaya 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 Tam Nguyen

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Very Rev. David Walter	Rev. Ron Cote	Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei.	Rev. William Meehan	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou	Rev. John Van Hees

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

All Saints' Day

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond to God 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.
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Weekly Offertory Report



October 17/18, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	$ 2,629.00	$ 305.00
Loose offerings	$ 679.00	$ --.--
Pre-Authorized	$ 1,650.00	$ 384.12
Totals	**$ 4,958.00**	**$ 689.12**

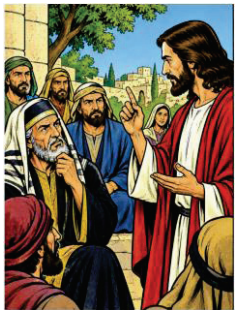
Diocesan Collection: *World Mission Sunday …….. $390.00*

Meetings & Events This Week …

October	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON 26	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
TUE 27	7:00 PM	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
WED 28	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
THU 29	6:30 PM	(M)	5pm Choir practice
SAT 31	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	1:00 PM	(H)	Couples for Christ
SUN 1	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

The 2 Greatest Commandments: Love God and Love Your Neighbor as Yourself!



Today is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, a lawyer tests Jesus by asking for the greatest commandment. Jesus brings the Law to its heart: love God and love your neighbor. God is love, and His love gives us our deepest dignity and worth. We may love because of affection or shared bonds, but God loves us simply because we are His beloved—a love revealed fully in the Cross and Resurrection of His Son. May this Eucharist renew us in God's love and help us, especially those deprived of liberty, discover the love and dignity for which every heart longs. *Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications*

Mass for the Dead

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



To have your deceased loved one remembered at this Mass, **slips are available in the narthex** for you to record their names. Please place slips in the blue basket provided. If you wish to have a candle lit in their memory, please place $5 in the envelope provided. 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.

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 on sale after all weekend 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.



Liturgical Ministers

Oct.31/Nov.1	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller B. Gilazgi	I./C. Fitzgerald R. Jerold, A. Min.	T. Fonseca K. Garces J. Emerson
Commentator:	S. Morgan	J. Ocol	B. Prila
Readers:	J. Deneau	C. Ocol	A. Baby Joseph
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	F. Sawaya C. Sgarbossa	B. Prila P. Abalos
Eucharistic Ministers:	P./K. Nezny H. Psutka	R. Groothuis . Lee, T. Min	B./C. Voisin N. George

Winter Clothing Drive … FINAL WEEK!

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!

"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 can be picked up in the narthex beginning October 31st**. Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 15th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

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!



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

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!

Next Weekend is White Box Sunday. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a member at the church doors next weekend to receive monetary donations to assist families in our area. We appreciate your ongoing support!

C.W.L. News...

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



■ **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 Nov. 7th, 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.

Waiting For Advent @ St. Anthony Daniel Parish

You are invited to prepare for the Advent Season by joining us on **Tuesdays, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and Nov. 10** @ 7:30 PM, following the 7PM Mass, at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre** (corner of Franklin & Ottawa Sts., Kitchener) as we Wait in Hope, Wait for Peace, Wait with Joy and Wait in Love. Each evening will include a short presentation, quiet reflection, and Conversation in the Spirit – an opportunity to listen, reflect, and share as we prepare our hearts for Christ. Come and make space for Advent.

WALK WITH JESUS:

Retreat for Parents after the Death of a Child

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this educational and healing day. **Whether the loss is recent or some time ago**, we know this day will help to restore your inner peace. The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on **Saturday, Nov. 7th** at **St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton**. The $20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required so we can plan for handouts and food. You can register on the Diocesan home page at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events (look for the retreat date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

A Day For Your Marriage!

Healthy marriages matter and marriage enrichment helps keep them strong! Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine-tuning your relationship and reconnecting. Join us on **Saturday, Nov. 21st** at **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown** for a day to reconnect for our enrichment day: **Discovering New Paths for Your Married Love.** We will share new ways to deepen your relationship and give you time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



From the Coffee Sunday Crew:

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