

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week



October 5 – 11, 2026

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

Tuesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Ruperto Antonio Calles – *Marta*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY)

12 Noon † Dominic Khai – *Tuynh Nguyen*
† Maria Campos – *Campos family*
† Elizabeth Habtay – *Samra & family*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Cristino Cainoy – *Elouisa Cainoy & family*

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon - Int. of the Kidane Family

3:00 pm - WEDDING

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 10/11

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-10

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*
† Int. of Robel Semere – *Samra & family*
† Odete, Fernando & Antonia da Luz Correia – *N.C.*

Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am - In Thanksgiving for Favours Received – *L. Fonseca*



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Vicky & Stephen



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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Charles Galea	Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean Pierre	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ, p.j.c.	Lay & Youth Parish Ministers	Rev. James Link, C.R.	Rev. Dominic Thomas, C.M.I.

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 October is the Month of Prayer for Vocations

Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all the faithful in the Diocese of Hamilton to pray for vocations throughout October. As children of God, let us pray together for those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, consecrated life, and marriage. May they have the courage to listen to God's voice and respond with generous hearts.

For more information, visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.

Weekly Offertory Report



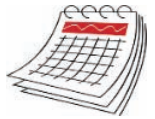
Sept. 26/27, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,331.15	\$ 30.00
Loose offerings	\$ 961.75	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 384.12
Totals	\$ 4,942.90	\$ 414.12

Diocesan Collection: Needs of the Canadian Church \$653.00



Bible Study: Friday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Adults & Youth aged 12 and older. Bring a Bible.

Meetings & Events This Week ...



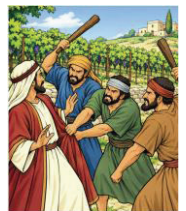
October

	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON 5	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 PM	(L)	Finance Council Meeting
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
WED 7	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
THU 8	6:30 PM	(M)	5pm Choir practice
FRI 9	6:00 PM	(H)	Couples for Christ
	7:00 PM	(L)	Bible Study
SAT 10	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	7:30 am	(CH)	2,000 Hail Marys
	1:00 PM	(H)	Couples for Christ
SUN 11	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 Christ: The Cornerstone of the Church, the New People of God

Today is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The parable of Jesus in the Gospel is about the generous landowner who entrusted his vineyard to workers so they could share in its fruits, but they rejected his messengers and even killed his beloved son. The analogy reveals God's loving care for His people. He sent His beloved Son, Jesus, whom the builders rejected, yet through His death and Resurrection, He became the cornerstone of the new People of God. In this Eucharist, may we welcome God's love, remain faithful to His Word, and bear fruit in His vineyard.



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.

Forward Together in Christ at St. Mark

Synodality is the Church's way of walking together as the People of God—clergy and laity—listening to one another and discerning the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Through the Diocese of Hamilton's Forward Together in Christ initiative, St. Mark Parish is continuing this journey by encouraging greater dialogue, participation and shared responsibility in the life of our parish. Over these next two weeks, we will share a **new Parish Mission Statement** and invite all parishioners to participate in a **parish-wide survey**. The survey results will help identify the needs and priorities of our parish community and will form the basis for **parish forum meetings** and future planning.

Your voice is important. Whether you are a long-standing parishioner or new to St. Mark, we encourage you to participate, share your ideas and help us discern how we can strengthen our parish community and its mission. Together, guided by the Holy Spirit, we move **Forward Together in Christ**.



Liturgical Ministers

Oct. 10/11	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller B. Gilazgi	J. Taer, T. John D. Akinkuotu	A./E./K. Palafox S. D'Souza
Commentator:	Sean Morgan	J. Deneau	S. Comido
Readers:	B. Barbon	T. Boettger	N. Comido
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	L. Koehler F. Seaward	M. Schimus P. Abalos
Eucharistic Ministers:	P./K. Nezny W. D'Mello	M. Lynch, T. Min M. Walser	I./F. Kangaloo A. Joseph

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



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.



2,000 Hail Marys

In Celebration of the Month of the Holy Rosary

Saturday, October 10th

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Led by *Couples for Christ*, here at St. Mark's
All are welcome to join us in prayer.

If you prefer to join us
online, you may join by
scanning this QR code ➔



ADVERTISING ON THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN

Liturgical Publications are now setting up advertisements for our church bulletin for the coming year. The advertising will begin in December 2026 and our bulletins are fully subsidized by this income. Please support our parish bulletin by advertising your product or service! Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637 for info and pricing.

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!**



Every Little Bit Helps...

On 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!

Thank-You to our Donors!

To our wonderful donors, thank you for helping make our Multicultural Festival on September 14th a huge success!

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Sobey's Highland Road, Kitchener

Vietnamese Community of St. Mark Church

St. Mark Catholic Women's League

Four Points by Sheraton, Cambridge

Steve Vinas

Your contributions helped us bring our community together to celebrate diverse cultures, food, music and traditions.

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.

"Dead Man Walking" 3-day Conference with Jesus Youth Canada
October 16-18, 2026 | Valley of the Mother of God, Orangeville, Ontario
Dead Man Walking, is an annual 3-day residential retreat for youth and young adults 16-20 years old heading into their final years before university, a gap year, or the workforce. DMW aims to connect youth to fellow faithful Catholic students and campus ministries, while tackling real questions on life, sexuality and dating along the way. Featuring **Jason Evert**, internationally renowned Catholic speaker, and **Steadfast Worship**, Toronto's own Catholic worship band. Evening concerts, hikes, sports, and honest conversations with peers. For info or registration, visit dmw.jesusyouth.ca or contact dmw.ontario@jesusyouth.ca 647-270-8592.



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