

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 _____

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sept. 14 – 20, 2026

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

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF SORROWS)

12 Noon - Int. of Kathy Bumstead – *Helen Kress*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. CORNELIUS & ST. CYPRIAN)

12 Noon
† Sharon Zagrapan – *Valerie & Llewelyn*
† Efrén Asoque – *Rechilda Tallman*
† Elizabeth Habtay – *Samra & family*

Thursday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Ly Tran – *Tuynh Nguyen*

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Cristino Cainoy – *Elouisa and family*

Saturday (FERIAL)

1:00 PM - **GROUP WEDDING**

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 19/20

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Robel Semere – *Samra & family*
- Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*
† Ely Magtoto & Raymond Bernardez – *Viguilla family*

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

Sun. 9:30 am † Shirley Raetsen – *Ron & Kathy Bumstead*

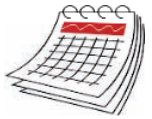
11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!
The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Manuel Luis Alves



Meetings & Events This Week ...



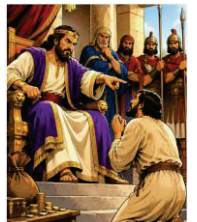
SEPT.	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON 14	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
TUE 15	7:00 PM	(L)	St. Vincent de Paul team meeting
WED 16	6:00 PM	(M)	Baptism Prep Class
	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 PM	(L)	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
THU 17	6:30 PM	(CH)	5pm Choir practice
FRI 18	7:00 PM	(L)	Bible Study
SUN 20	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

Called to Forgive Like God

Today is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, Peter thinks forgiving seven times is enough. Through His parable Jesus calls us to forgive without limits—because this is how God forgives us. Jesus not only taught mercy; He lived it on the Cross. In the Eucharist, we receive the grace to forgive as He does. We may never repay God's merciful love, but we can reflect it by loving and forgiving as He loves.

Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications



Bible Study: Friday, Sept. 18th at 7:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME

That Man is You! SATURDAY MORNINGS September 19th - April 2027

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! For more info and to register, please visit: <https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/>

This year's program, *Apostles of the New Springtime*, features dynamic speakers from a range of backgrounds and presents insights from some of the greatest theologians of our day.

(see preview here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHQMdpHhQ>)

Breakfast begins at St. Mark's Parish Hall at 7:15 a.m. followed by a video presentation and group discussion. All adult men of any background are welcome. Please email ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with any questions.

Now is the perfect time to join/rejoin TMIY!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a program and faith journey for **Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion**. This is also open to anyone who would like to have a refresher course on Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available in the foyer. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Roque.



Monthly Praise & Worship

Saturday, Sept. 26 at 6:00 p.m.

All are cordially invited to join us after the 5pm Mass for Praise and Worship in the **Parish Hall**. Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

"I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Psalm 146:2

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, OP	Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel, C.S.M.A	Rev. Ignatius Saiki, O.P.	Rev. Romelito Guillen	Rev. Thomas Manninezath, 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 the lights 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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service 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



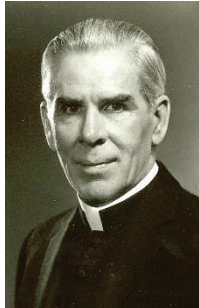
Sept. 5/6, 2026	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,547.40	\$ 865.00
Loose offerings	\$ 536.90	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 384.12
Totals	\$ 4,734.30	\$ 1,249.12



Sept. 19/20	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller B. Gilazgi	J./J. Woodhouse C. Ocol	C. Chacon, T. Fonseca, K. Garces, J. Emerson
Commentator:	James Morgan	R. Jerold	Ja. Posada
Readers:	Sean Morgan	G. Tran	Ju. Posada
Ushers:	E. Miller C. Weber	F. Sawaya C. Sgarbossa	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	P./K. Nezny P. Campao	T./K. Boettger T. Min	I./F. Kangaloo A. Joseph

Mass for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Join St. Mark's C.W.L. for Mass to commemorate the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Join us in prayer as we give thanks for the life, faith and witness of Archbishop Sheen. After Mass all are invited to stay for a **short video** on Archbishop Sheen and **refreshments** in the hall. Hope to see you there!



World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be observed this year on **Sunday, September 27th** under the theme, *"Even just one of these children."* This is taken from the Lord's promise that "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (Matthew 18:5). The theme draws attention to the Church's special concern for children affected by migration. We are called to welcome every child with the love and dignity of Christ, recognizing their immeasurable value and need for care, protection, and hope. On this occasion, we pray in solidarity with migrants, refugees, and displaced people throughout the world.

Multicultural Mass

All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, September 27th** at 3:00 p.m. at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!

Epic: The Early Church

A 10-session DVD study that explores the people, places, and events that shaped the Church's first five hundred years. Presented and authored by Steve Weidenkopf, Church historian from Christendom College and published by Ascension Press. Offered by **St. Louis Parish in Waterloo**, **either** on **Sundays** from 12:30 – 1:40 PM with lunch, **or** on **Mondays** from 7:30 – 9 PM with refreshments in Large Hall from **Sep. 20/21 to Dec. 6/7**. For more details, or to reserve your spot, contact stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com, or 519-743-4101, or check www.saintlouisparish.ca.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

"When we look at the research in child development and psychology, the message is actually much simpler. Young children do not need perfect parents. They do not need constant stimulation, expensive toys, or carefully curated routines. What matters most is the relationship they have with the adults who care for them." (*Psychology Canada*)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

"Once our hearts welcome the love of Christ in complete trust, and enable its fire to spread in our lives, we become capable of loving others as Christ did, in humility and closeness to all." (*Dilexit Nos #203*) In June we celebrated the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who taught us that we are loved, loved enough for him to accept the Cross for us. This understanding can help to transform us to love in the same meek and intimate ways he did. Our marriage bond will continue to grow as we learn to love more like the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Tips submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250

Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, September 19th at **St. Francis of Assisi Church** (49 Blueridge Ave.) from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There are many treasures to be discovered including: books, puzzles, toys, jewelry, dishes, decorative items, bikes, electronics and more! We hope to see you there. ***Note: Blueridge Avenue is closed at Queen St. You can access the church via Gatewood or Lakeside***

Fall Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, September 26th at the **Carmelite Monastery**, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R.1, St. Agatha. The theme is The Little Way of St. Therese, with Fr. Peter Turrone, offered by the Carmel Guild. The retreat is open to both men and women. **Registration is open from Sept. 7 – 22, and spaces are limited.** Please visit the Carmel website at www.thecarmel.ca to view the schedule and a registration form. Enjoy a day of quiet reflection, Mass, Adoration.

Holy Hour & Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, St. Agatha
Thursday, October 1st in honour of St. Therese.
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour, 7:00 p.m. Mass.

WALK WITH JESUS:

Retreat for Parents after the Death of a Child

Saturday, Oct. 10 (Fergus) or Sat. Nov. 7 (Hamilton)
9:00am - 4:00pm. \$20 includes lunch. Registration is required at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/06/walk-with-jesus-retreat-day-for-grieving-parents> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

AI and Human Dignity

The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. There will be 2 locations for this series:

KITCHENER: **Saturday, Oct. 24th** from 1:00 – 3:00pm
St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Drive

HAMILTON: **Tuesday, Nov. 3rd** from 1:00 – 3:00pm
The Chancery Office, 700 King St. West

Registration and more information can be found here:
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/ai-and-human-dignity-workshop/>.





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