

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

Sept. 21 – 27, 2026

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

Tuesday (FERIAL)

10:00 am - School Mass with St. Dominic School

12 Noon † Mark Nguyen – *Tuyeh Nguyen*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. PIUS OF PIETRELICINA)

12 Noon - Intentions of the Kidane Family

† Antero & Jose Antonio Correia – *Nicolina Correia*

† Maria Nguyen Thy Trang – *Tim Tran*

† Nhi Vu – *Tuyen Nguyen*

Thursday (FERIAL)

★ **NO NOON MASS TODAY**

9:30 am - School Mass with St. Mark School

3:00 PM - Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

★ 7:00 PM † Helena Szepletowski – *Angela Gosia*

Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon † Carmo Silva & family – *Lourdes Soares*

2:00 PM - Monthly Mass at Lanark Village

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 26/27

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Manuel Luis Alves – *Lourdes Alves*

† Holy Souls in Purgatory – *Leonor Fonseca*

† Thanksgiving in Honour of St. Mark – *M. Mendonca*

Sun. 9:30 am † Bill Futher – *Walser family*

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

3:30 PM - MONTHLY IGBO MASS

Meetings & Events This Week ...

SEPT.

	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
MON 21	7:00 PM	(CH)	11:30 Choir practice
	8:00 PM	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
TUE 22	7:00 PM	(L)	Knights of Columbus general & installation
WED 23	6:15 PM	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
THU 24	6:30 PM	(M)	5pm Choir practice
	7:30 PM	(H)	Bishop Sheen video presentation
SAT 26	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	6:00 PM	(H)	Monthly Praise & Worship
SUN 27	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

God's love is not a wage, but a gift

Today is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the laborers—and it unsettles us. Those who worked longer expected more... but all received the same. Why? Because God's saving love is not a wage—it is a gift. We cannot earn more of His grace... or receive less. Everything we have comes from God's loving heart. This is the Good News: we are loved not because we deserve it... but because God is love. And in this Eucharist, we receive that same grace—freely given.

Source: Euchalette, Word & Life Publications



Bible Study: Friday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Adults & Youth aged 12 and older. Bring a Bible.

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=bHQMedpxHhQ>)

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

Next 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 snacks 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



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



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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Rev. Grayson Hope	Rev. John Schnurr	Congregation of the Holy Cross, C.S.C.	Rev. William Trusz	Rev. Francis Chibuzor Ahuekwe	Rev. David Perrin

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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



Sept. 12/13, 2026

	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 3,643.85	\$ 65.30
Loose offerings	\$ 857.65	\$ --
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 384.12
Totals	\$ 6,151.50	\$ 449.42

Liturgical Ministers

Sept. 26/27	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	J./P./V. Miller S. Cainoy	Alayoku, DesGrosseilliers, Mendonca, Betancor	A./E./J./K. Palafox K. Deanon
Commentator:	G. Mahn	M. Drohan	C. Chacon
Readers:	Jackie Morgan	N. Ngo	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	E. Miller C./E. Cainoy	M. Walser E. Ekwueme	B. Prila, P. Abalos
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Weber W. D'Mello H. Psutka	M. Nguyen P. Enticott A. Bendia	B./C. Voisin N. George

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 the coming 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.

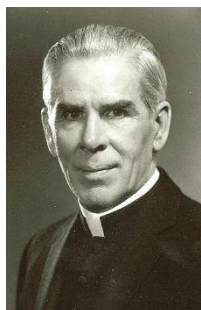
Your voice is important. Whether you are a long-standing parishioner or new to St. Mark, we encourage you to participate, share your ideas and help us discern how we can strengthen our parish community and its mission.

Together, guided by the Holy Spirit, we move **Forward Together in Christ**.

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!



Adoration Chapel Vacancy

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

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.

Evening Mass at the Carmelite Monastery

Please join us for our traditional and beautiful evening at the Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha on **Wednesday, October 7th**. Rosary at 6:40 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. **Carpooling from the church is available. Please meet at 6:00 p.m. to depart at 6:10.** Following Mass we will gather for a social and meeting. Please consider bringing a treat to share and leave. We will also be collecting canned vegetarian soup, tuna, and salmon.



Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place **next weekend (Sept. 26/27)**. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone, such as providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend.



September 23rd - November 1st

Over the course of this annual 5-week campaign, over a million volunteers across North America will join together to simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We invite you to participate! **40 Days for Life** saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves.

You are encouraged to get involved through **prayer and fasting** for an end to abortion, as well as attending a **Peaceful Vigil across the street from Freeport Hospital**. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies. **There are 2 ways to sign-up:**

1. Consider adopting 1 hour per week (which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign). This would greatly help in filling all the hours. **1-hour time slots are available between 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week.**

2. Our Parish has also agreed to sponsor one solid day in particular – Sunday, October 25th, committing to fill all 12 hours from 7am to 7pm. We need at least 2 people to sign-up for each hour that day.

In the narthex you will see both sign-up sheets on the 40 Days for Life table – one sheet is for our parish-sponsored day (Oct. 25), and the other sheet is for the weekly Adopt-an-Hour. You can also sign up for more prayer hours at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by contacting Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-970-0822.

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.

OPENING RALLY: Monday, Sept. 21st with Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener

"Dead Man Walking" 3-day Conference with Jesus Youth Canada

October 16-18, 2026 | Valley of the Mother of God, Orangeville, Ontario

Jesus Youth is an international Catholic movement approved by the Holy See that challenges young people to live a meaningful, creative, and fulfilling life. This 3-day residential conference is the largest gathering of high-school graduates in the Greater Toronto Area, ages 17-20. Featuring International Catholic speaker, **Jason Evert**, plus evening concerts, hikes and sports, and real conversations with others your age.

For Registration and info visit dmw.jesusyouth.ca.



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