

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Don Sanvido
DEACON: Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 9:30–10:30 AM & 3:45–4:45 PM
or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: First Tuesday evening of the month at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open, see Chapel
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10:00 AM
Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We invite you to register. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM: Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A Preparation Meeting is held on the Wednesday evening preceding the baptism. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office at least one month in advance. You will then be contacted by a member of the Baptism team.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass.
Two separate drop-in programs for K-1 & Gr. 2-3. No need to register.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please advise the office of area hospital admissions to request a pastoral visit or the Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS: Father will bring Communion to the sick on the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the office to schedule a visit.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:
Instructions by appointment. Call 519-742-3979 or nfp@golden.net.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: White Box Collection on the last Sunday of the month. Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.



"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass.

Mass cards are available at the parish office during office hours, or you can find them already signed in the church lobby and in the adoration chapel.

If you prefer to make arrangements in person, you may do so during office hours, or over the phone. There is no charge for Mass intentions. The Bishop suggests an offering of \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

☐ the intentions of (living) **OR** ☐ the repose of the soul of (deceased)

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please choose your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

☐ The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

☐ The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a Sunday

OR

☐ I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

* Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

We will attempt to contact you by phone if we are unable to accommodate your request.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship This Week:

April 18 – 24, 2016

Monday

7:00 am + Maria Da Silva – Conceicao Silveira

Tuesday

7:00 PM - Int. of Tibor Sandor – Viorica Sandor

Wednesday

7:00 am + Haswell Prescott – the Baggey family

Thursday

7:00 am + Robinson Family – Jeanne Robinson

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Darren & Marcy Depratto – Jeanne Robinson

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Donovan Depratto – Jeanne Robinson

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21b-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35++

SAT. 5:00 PM - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

SUN. 9:30 am + Ryan Henke – Brian & Marie Lynch and family

11:30 am + Hien Tran – Tim Tran

Offertory Collections

April 2/3, 2016

Sunday & Easter envelopes \$ 2,497.00

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)..... \$ 1,388.65

Loose monies \$ 540.30

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,425.95

Mortgage envelopes..... \$ 1,244.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) \$ 301.15

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 1,545.15

Thank you for your generosity!!



SPirit CREW

St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (open to Grades 6 -12)

■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, April 29th (7-9 p.m.)

Join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snacks provided. Please let us know if you will be attending by emailing Christine Cutting at stmarkspiritcrew@gmail.com.

S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (open to ages 19-35)

► Next Meeting: Saturday, April 23rd

See the board in the narthex for details, or visit us at [facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults), or email StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus

Next monthly meeting of St. Mark's Council 9276:

Tuesday, April 26th at 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)

www.kofc9276.org

LITURGICAL ROLES

APRIL 23 & 24	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	E. Chang R. Vezsenyi	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	T. Angel	K. Phillips
Lector:	M. Serschen	C. Haid	L. Masbad
Ushers:	K./T. Friesen	M. Walser L. Koehler J. McCullough	C. Dignam M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Germann	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers	K./N. Higgins G./G. Jans K. Smith	P./B. Enticott M./L. Fernando B. Cutting	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss D. S.-Weber B. Denomme



Next weekend is Coffee Sunday! (April 23/24)

Hosted by St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship Committee

Join us in the parish hall after all Masses next weekend for fellowship and refreshments. Talk with members of our sponsorship committee to learn more about the sponsorship process and our progress to date.

★ **Translators needed!** St. Mark's Refugee Settlement Committee is now seeking translators. While professional and volunteer translation services are available, we'd like to engage members of our parish. The official language of Syria is modern Arabic; there's also a possibility that the family may be more comfortable with other dialects. If you're fluent in Arabic, Levantine, Mesopotamian, Kurdish, Armenian or Azeri (or know someone who is), we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Mike Serres at 519-744-8780 or michael.serres@bell.net.

★ **Temporary housing required!** Do you know of a vacant apartment or residence in our community? St. Mark's Refugee Settlement Committee is reaching out to members of our parish for temporary housing in Kitchener-Waterloo to accommodate our sponsored family. Whether it's a basement apartment, an in-law suite or a multi-bedroom or studio layout, we're seeking a place that:

- Will be available for 2 to 4 weeks, upon the family's arrival (until permanent housing arrangements are finalized)
- Can accommodate 6 family members
- Includes a kitchenette/cooking area, a full bath and a separate/private entrance

If you or someone you know can help, please email our committee at stmark@rogers.com.

On Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki's Visit...

I truly appreciate Bishop Ustrzycki's visit to our parish last weekend. It was gratifying to see so many people greet him before and after Mass. I realize time restrictions made it impossible for others to speak to him personally. Nonetheless, you all seemed to appreciate his pastoral wisdom and his warm disposition.

When the dust settled and it was time for him to go home, the bishop made these remarks to me: First of all, how many came up to him indicating that he was the bishop who confirmed them. Secondly, how he enjoyed the music from two perspectives – the good quality and our choir's respect for their role in the liturgy. Finally, he noted your reverence for the Mass, the Eucharist and the attentiveness you have in listening to God's word. On your behalf, I thanked him for these comments and told him, with great sincerity, how fortunate I was to be here.

Bishop Matthew (I can't bear to look up the spelling of his surname again) will happily return to our parish to confirm 70 or so of our young people this May. All of our bishops, I must say, have a 'knack' for making pastors feel relaxed in their presence, and they are all much appreciated for this fact, I must say. Please keep Bishops Crosby, Miehm and Matthew in your prayers.

-- Fr. Don

Gr. 2 First Communion: IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Tue. May 3	6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of First Reconciliation <i>A special opportunity for your child to make their first confession a few weeks before receiving their first holy communion.</i>
Sun. May 22	2:00 p.m.	Sacrament of First Holy Communion <i>with students of St. Dominic School</i>
Sun. May 29	2:00 p.m.	Sacrament of First Holy Communion <i>with students of St. Mark School</i>

Remaining Catechism Classes: April 19, 26 and May 10. Retreat on Sat. May 7th from 12:30-4:30.

Gr. 7 Confirmation: IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sun. April 17	12:45 pm	Final Preparation Session <i>Topic: "The Sacrament of God's Mercy"</i>
Sat. April 30	5:00 pm	Enrollment Mass *
Sun. May 1	9:30 am	Enrollment Mass *
	11:30 am	Enrollment Mass *
Thur. May 12	6:30 pm	Rehearsal in the Church
Friday, May 13	7:00 pm	Sacrament of Confirmation <i>with Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki</i>

* Students need only attend ONE of the Enrollment Masses (whichever suits your family's schedule).

VISION ANOMALIES and the IMPLICATIONS FOR LEARNING

On **Wednesday, April 20th** from 6-8:30 p.m., **Resurrection Catholic Secondary School** presents "Vision Anomalies and the Implications for Learning," with speakers Dr. Angela Peddle, Optometrist, and Ms. Linda Lemon, Educator and Vision Specialty Teacher. The presentation will focus on the problem of under-diagnosed vision anomalies in our schools, how anomalies interfere with student learning, and how to determine whether your child is experiencing this condition. This event is **sponsored by Resurrection School Parent Council**, and is **open to the public**. There is no cost for attending this event, so please bring a friend! Register online at <http://bit.ly/vision-learning>

"THE GREAT ADVENTURE: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE"

Jeff Cavins' popular video series is an exciting study that will take your understanding of Sacred Scripture and your Catholic faith to entirely new levels. The first session of this 24-week, 3-part series (8 week sessions) will be offered on **Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 pm starting May 4th** (and running through to June 22nd) in **St. Anne's Parish Hall**. The second part will resume in September 2016. Cost is for materials only: student workbook is \$48.99 + tax. Please register by calling St. Anne's Parish at 519-745-5302 or e-mail tjagas@rogers.com. *Anyone needing financial assistance to purchase the student workbook should send an email to the above email address.*

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE EVENTS

► **"WALK FOR LIFE" – Saturday, May 7th** (3km around Victoria Park). Registration: 10:00AM at Historic St. Paul's Church, 137 Queen St. S. Kit. Walk begins at 10:30AM. Prizes, draws, good food, meet old and new friends. Every \$50 pledged receives a chance for a \$150 Gift Certificate from McPhails. Call 519.746.5433 (jane@kwrtl.ca).

► **"MARCH FOR LIFE" Bus trip to Ottawa – Thursday, May 12th**
Last year's attendance was 25,000! A bus leaves from behind the Burger King on Fairway Rd. and Wilson Ave. Kit. at 5:30AM. Seats \$60 each. Student seats are sponsored and free. Reserve your seat by calling 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

• **Wed. April 27th – Catholic Funeral Planning**

C.W.L. will be hosting an information session at 7:00 p.m. with Erb & Good Family Funeral Home to learn about Catholic Funeral Planning, plus practical information we all need to ensure that Estate Trustees and family members are well prepared to carry out our wishes. Refreshments will be provided. This event is complimentary. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex on the C.W.L. table. Please contact Cathy for more info at cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca or 519-744-4194.

• **Sun. May 1st – Mother-Daughter Tea & Crowning Of Mary**

Please join the C.W.L. following the 11:30 Mass to celebrate Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, Sisters, Aunts and all women contributing to our well-being. Look forward to a light lunch of sandwiches, desserts and refreshments. Admission \$2 per person. Tickets on sale this weekend and next (April 16th & 23rd only) at the C.W.L. table in the Narthex. For more info please contact Cathy at cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca or 519-744-4194.

• **Wed. May 4th – 12 Hours Of Prayer For Palliative Care**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. This is designed to take place during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week (organized by the *Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association*) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. **All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join St. Mark's C.W.L. in prayer and solidarity from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight.** Please come to our Adoration Chapel to pray for the sanctity of human life. Prayer and Reflection cards will be provided. For more information, please contact Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519. Those unable to attend are encouraged to join in prayerful support.

MARIAN RESIDENCE RETIREMENT HOME – A Catholic Home run by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. **Double rooms presently available.** Contact Sr. Michael Daniel for more info at 519-653-0363.

CARD PARTIES

► **Tuesday, April 26th** at 6:00 p.m. at **St. John's Parish Hall**, Kitchener (doors open at 5:30pm), Admission \$7. Prizes and food. Hosted by St. John's C.W.L. For info call Elisabeth Friedrich at 519-743-9601

► **Tuesday, May 3rd** at **St. Michael's Parish Hall**. Doors open at 6:00pm. Lunch at 6:30pm. Share the Wealth and Raffle. Bring your own cards. Admission \$10. Hosted by St. Michael's C.W.L.

► **Thursday, May 19th** at 12:00 noon at **Conestoga Place** (110 Manitou Dr., Kitchener). Fundraiser for Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Waterloo Region. Great draws and prizes, light lunch (sandwiches, desserts). For tickets (\$25) call Shirley Bourke at 519-746-8373.

MARYHILL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VEGAS NIGHT

Saturday, April 30th at the **Bridgeport Rod & Gun**, Breslau. Doors open at 7 p.m., begins at 8 p.m. Free Admission. Fast food available, many generous prizes, penny table, games of chance. Ends with light lunch. Come early for a good seat. All proceeds to charity. Contact Mike Runstedler (519) 648-3394 or Doug Zinger (519) 648-2939.

CURSILLO 2016 – We all know God, but how many of us truly know God on a personal and intimate level? A 3-day Cursillo weekend, which is a short review of Christianity, is designed to help you on that journey. If you are 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend:

Men's Weekend: May 26–29 Women's Weekend: June 9–12

To help us prepare, the deadline for registration is Fri. April 22

For more information visit www.cursillohamilton.org, or contact:

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