

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:

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| <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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship This Week:

April 3 – April 9, 2017

Monday

7:00 am + Anselmo Ariata – *Cora Reyes*

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Joan Schatz – *Pam & Andrew*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Sherri Musclow & Tim Ware – *Frances M.*

Thursday

7:00 am + Roger Plante – *Colette Dokis*
2:00 PM - MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE

Friday

6:30 PM + Van Hung Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*
7:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Darcy Carey – *Mary F.*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Sat. 5:00 pm + Letemplier Family – *B. & C. Burns*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Josip Zunic – *Perham family*

1:30 PM - BAPTISMS



Offertory Collections

March 25/26, 2017

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,400.00
Sunday loose\$ 407.30
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... \$ 1,234.62
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,041.92

Mortgage envelopes.....\$ 135.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... \$ 242.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 377.88

Thank you for your generosity!

Meetings & Events This Week

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Sun. April 2</u>	12:45 pm	(CH)	Gr. 7 Confirmation Preparation (last session)
<u>Mon. April 3</u>	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus District Meeting
<u>Tue. April 4</u>	6:00 pm	(J)	Gr. 2 Catechism Class (3 of 8)
	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level 3 (2 of 11)
<u>Wed. April 5</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir Practice
<u>Thu. April 6</u>	6:00 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:00 pm	(L)	S.M.Y.C.A. (St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults)
	7:00 pm	(CH)	Stations with Music & Meditations
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir Practice
<u>Fri. April 7</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group

Meeting Rooms: CH = Church H = Hall B = Basement
M = St. Matthew Room J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room

Book Donations - The Legion of Mary is requesting donations of **Christian books, in good condition**, to replenish their Book Borrow shelves. Please drop off your books in the St. Matthew's Room. If you have any questions please call Colette at 519-576-7490.

LITURGICAL ROLES		PALM SUNDAY	
April 8 & 9	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G./S./T. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
Commentator:	B. Burns	L. Rye	T. Boettger
Lector:	K. Friesen	G. Rye	M. Monte
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	C. Dignam F. Sawaya M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Y./F. Tully C. Dokis	M./L. Fernando D. Henri	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

An invitation to pray to

Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help

The Legion of Mary of St. Mark's community is inviting all to join them in prayers to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help for their families, friends, for the sick, in thanksgiving, for those who have fallen away from the faith ... for whatever is on your heart. Please join the Legionaries on Friday's from 11am to 12noon in the Chapel. *For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.* (MATTHEW 18:20)

Stations of the Cross with Music and Meditations

Join *St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults* on **Thursday, April 6th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church for the Stations of the Cross, accompanied by music and meditations. All ages are welcome. Those interested in assisting with readings/prayers can email StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com, or message us on our Facebook page. We hope to see you there!

Passion Play - Saint Mark's drama group invites you to participate

in the play "**The Passion of Christ**" on **Good Friday, April 14th**. No speaking is required. If you would like to participate, please contact Sonia & Julio Chacon at 519-954-2062 for details and practice times.

★ Attention Gr. 2 Parents!! ★

There has been some confusion as to the correct date for **First Reconciliation (Confession)** for your grade 2 children. **The correct date is Tuesday, April 18th** at 6:30 p.m. here at St. Mark's.

Join us for Chapel Adoration - St. Mark's Catholic Women's League has adopted an hour of adoration on **Sundays from 4-5 p.m.** All are welcome to join them.

Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary - During Lent the Seven Sorrows Rosary will be made available, by the Legion of Mary, for the purchase price of \$20 each (at cost). These rosaries are handmade and the beads are made of hematite stone. Please call Colette at 519-576-7490 if you are interested in purchasing one.

Annual Mass With New Catholics

Saturday, April 22nd at the 5:00 p.m. Mass Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

Each year, the bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body in the Diocese of Hamilton.



Blessed Easter Lilies
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April 8 & 9
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C.W.L. CORNER ...

"HE IS RISEN" CAR MAGNETS available for purchase in the narthex at the C.W.L. table \$5 each while supplies last.



✠ The Holy Triduum ✠

The Holy Triduum are the three events of cosmic and eternal significance – for through these the Lord won for us our redemption. Plan to attend all three liturgies:

HOLY THURSDAY (April 13)

- *Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 p.m.*

This evening we recall and relive the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. This Mass extends through history our Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. Following the Mass and procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Exposition will take place in the Chapel until 12 midnight. At that time the Eucharist will be reposed until after the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

GOOD FRIDAY (April 14)

- *Service at 3:00 p.m.*

We enter and leave the church in silence. This is the day our Lord offered His life on the cross for our sins. You will notice the Church bare and no Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Though solemn and somber in its nature, the liturgy focusses on the Passion of our Lord, who cried out from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." His side was pierced, His sacred heart opened up so that the repentant hearts of men be open to His saving love.

- *Passion Play at 7:00 p.m.*

Then in the evening we will have a beautiful Passion play in the church hall. Come and participate in the living Stations of the Cross, beautifully and quite dramatically portrayed by our parishioners. Thanks to Julio and Sonia Chacon for arranging this marvelous spiritual re-enactment.

HOLY SATURDAY (April 15)

- *Blessing of Easter Food at 1:00 p.m.*

Bring your meats, eggs and other foods to the church to be blessed for the Easter feast. Please be there on time so as not to delay other Easter preparations needed to be done.

- *Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.*

We begin Easter with the solemnity of the Resurrection at the Vigil Mass. At this Mass we focus on Christ as the light of the world who defeats evil and death. **Bring your own baptismal candle to this Mass** for the service of light and renewal of baptismal promises (if you cannot locate yours, candles will be provided). At this Mass we will hear God's word throughout history from God's act of creation, His redeeming work through Abraham, Moses and the prophets, leading up to the announcement that He, the Saviour, has risen from the dead and has broken the chains of death and damnation due to sin. At this Mass we renew our baptismal promises and receive into the Church new Catholics. Their names are Kristopher, Jason, Jennifer, Grace and Joseph. Grace and Joseph will be baptized, and all five will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. Congratulations and welcome to the Church of Christ. Following the Mass there will be a short reception in the parish hall for all who wish to attend.

EASTER (April 16)

- *Morning*

In the parish hall at 9:00 a.m. we will re-enact the scene of the Resurrection. This will complete the living Stations of the Cross begun on Friday evening.

- *Easter Mass at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.*

During this Mass we renew our baptismal promises as the affirmation of our union with the sacrificial Lamb, now risen from the dead.

Bioethics from a Roman Catholic Perspective

Wednesdays at St. Mark's – May 3, 10, 17, 24 – 7:00 p.m.

An "everyday bioethics" lecture series designed by the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, and presented by Executive Director, Dr. Moira McQueen. Understanding bioethical principles has become increasingly important as science and medicine develop new techniques. Sometimes these raise moral questions that seem to challenge Catholic teaching on the dignity of life. When unexpectedly confronted with moral and ethical dilemmas related to biotechnologies, many people may find themselves at a loss and seek guidance. Join us as Dr. McQueen offers insight into these topics:

Wed. May 3: Part 1: A Catholic Perspective on Ethics

Wed. May 10: Part 2: Reproductive Issues

Wed. May 17: Part 3: End-of-Life Issues

Wed. May 24: Part 4: Euthanasia and Assisted Dying, Living Life to the End, Hope in the Resurrection

Congratulations...

On Friday, March 10th His Holiness Pope Francis announced the appointment of **Bishop Daniel Mieh**m as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. We rejoice with Bishop Miehm at the news of this appointment and we congratulate him. Bishop Miehm will be installed as Bishop of Peterborough on April 19, 2017. Let us be united in our prayers for him and for the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Peterborough to whom he has been called to shepherd.
(P.S. – There will undoubtedly be an announcement in the near future of either the appointment or ordination of a new Auxiliary Bishop for our diocese. When this and who that will be is uncertain at this point. If you are a betting person, I advise you not to put any money on me.

– Father Don

UPCOMING LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

(Communal services with multiple priests available)

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| Sun. April 2 | 10:00 am | St. Anne's, Kitchener |
| | 1:00 pm | St. Jerome's University, Waterloo |
| Mon. April 3 | 7:00 pm | St. Mary's, Kitchener |
| | 7:30 pm | St. Louis, Waterloo |
| Tues. April 4 | 7:00 pm | St. Clement's, Cambridge |
| | 7:30 pm | St. Agnes, Waterloo |
| Wed. April 5 | 7:00 pm | St. Joseph's, Kitchener |
| | 7:30 pm | St. Michael's, Waterloo |
| Thur. April 6 | 7:00 pm | Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener |
| | 7:00 pm | St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira |
| | 7:30 pm | Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo |



COME AND CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF GRACES

Guelph Spiritan Group is hosting a retreat that welcomes everyone to a day of celebrating the work of the Holy Spirit in our Dioceses with a time of Praise and worship, powerful witness talks, insightful teaching based in Sacred Scripture and a healing service before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Pierre Ingram will be the guest speaker. Father grew up in Guelph and is currently a professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. **Saturday, April 8th** from 8:00am to 3:00pm at **St. Joseph Church, Guelph**. Mass at 9:00am. Registration fee \$10. Bring your own bagged lunch. For more information or to register please contact Ana Percic at 519-824-8456.

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