

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship This Week:

April 25 – May 1, 2016

Monday (FEAST of ST. MARK)

7:00 am + Mr. Daniel Levair – *Corazon Reyes*

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Dave Walser – *the Walser family*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Jim Johnston – *Doris Johnston*

Thursday

7:00 am + David Baggey – *the Baggey family*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA)

7:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

Saturday

9:00 am - Special Intention

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

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

SUN. 9:30 am + John Bauer – *Mary Ann Dodsworth*

11:30 am + Maria DaSilva – *Isabel Rodrigues and family*

Offertory Collections

April 16/17, 2016

Sunday & Easter envelopes	\$ 2,618.30
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,388.65
Loose monies	<u>\$ 511.61</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,518.56

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 136.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	<u>\$ 301.15</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 437.15

Thank you for your generosity!!

Gr. 2 First Communion: IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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| 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 26, May 10, *17. Retreat on Sat. May *21st from 12:30-4:30. *Please note new dates.

Attention Grade 7's ...

The day of your Confirmation will soon be here!

- **Don't forget that next weekend (April 30th or May 1st) is your Enrollment Ceremony.** Father Don will call you up as a group after his homily to recite your enrollment prayer. You may attend whichever Mass you normally attend (*Saturday at 5:00pm, or Sunday at 9:30am or 11:30 am*). Copies of the script for the ceremony will be available when you enter the church.
- **Confirmation Rehearsal:** Thurs., May 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the church
- **Confirmation Day:** Friday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the church

LITURGICAL ROLES

APR. 30 & MAY 1	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	C./B./T./G. Morgan	M. Haid M. McCullough	T. Shea N. Gallagher
Commentator:	J. Deneau	L. Rye	M. Oram
Lector:	B. Burns	G. Rye	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Groothuis	T./J. Germann J. De Sousa	B. Voisin M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Seaward	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis G./T. MacNeil F./Y. Tully K. Friesen	L. Reidel P./M.E. McCullough A. Joseph S. Cerantola B. Coutinho	T./K. Boettger S. Markides A. Monte

ALTAR SERVERS are invited to consider serving at our Confirmations and First Communions in May. Sign-up sheets are posted on the glass in the narthex. 4 servers are needed for each Mass. Thank you for your service!



Today is Coffee Sunday!

Hosted by St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship Committee

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

St. Mark's is now second in line to be matched with a Syrian family. The Diocese is working hard and is keeping us updated – but we're still at least several weeks away from any news. In the meantime, we're preparing for their arrival and hope you can help.

One of our top priorities is finding temporary accommodation (for up to 6 people) for when the family first arrives – a place they can call home for up to 2 months. Affordability is important as is easy access to public transit, cooking facilities and, ideally, a private entrance. By having up to 2 months, the family will have a chance to get to know our community and help us know where they'd like to settle down. If you know of a suitable apartment or residence, please contact the parish office.

We continue to seek translators within 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 or someone you know is fluent in Arabic, Levantine, Mesopotamian, Kurdish, Armenian or Azeri, please contact the parish office or Mike Serres at 519-744-8780 or michael.serres@bell.net.

Our collection of in-kind donations – appliances, furnishings and other household items – will begin as soon as we're matched with a family. We'll also be happy to help with the transport of larger items (such as tables and chairs). If you'd like to help with an in-kind donation, please watch the bulletin for details.

Together, our parish family has the opportunity to help a Syrian family find peace, safety, comfort and a new beginning. Thank you for your continued support!

Today is White Box Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (April 23-24) for anyone wishing to make a donation. Thank you for your support of those less fortunate in our community.



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

E-Waste Disposal Day: Saturday, May 7th

St. Mark's K of C, in conjunction with the Kitchener K of C, will be collecting E-Waste items (**computers, TV's, printers, phones, etc.**) on Saturday, May 7th from **10:00am till 1:00pm in the church parking lot**. Anyone looking to get rid of any e-waste items is invited to drop them off on May 7th only (not before).

"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.

PENTECOST VIGIL – On **Sat. May 14th** join us at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Kitchener, from 7-8:30pm for our Pentecost Vigil. Like the Apostles, let us gather in a darkened room, and pray that the Holy Spirit come upon us. Listen as salvation history is revealed to us in the Scriptures, celebrate the Eucharist which is the summit of our faith, and pray that we are open to the Spirit's gifts in our lives. Join us for refreshments and fellowship in the hall following Mass. Are we listening for the quiet flame of the Spirit flickering in our daily lives?

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Sunday

The next Pilgrimage Sunday at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** will take place on **Sunday, May 15th**. The Cathedral will open to pilgrims at 2:00 p.m. The Door of Mercy can be accessed through the doors adjacent to the Cathedral Rectory. At 2:30 p.m. prayer in the style of Taizé – Scripture and meditative chants – will be offered. You are welcome to join us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass – Monsignor Earl Talbot will preside and preach. A plenary indulgence may be gained by the faithful who enter through the Door of Mercy. In order to gain the indulgence pilgrims enter the door, make a profession of faith and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. They should also receive Holy Communion and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the pilgrimage.

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 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.

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.

► **Wed. May 18th** at **St. Francis Church Hall**, Kitchener. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., Light lunch at 1:00 p.m. Advanced ticket sales only - \$15 each – proceeds to *Innisfree House*, Waterloo Region's newest residential palliative care centre. Games, fun and prizes! Hosted by St. Francis C.W.L. For tickets call St. Francis office 745-7301 or kmanley@rogers.com.

► **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.

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS

► **ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA** on **Saturday, May 7th** 1-3 p.m. at **St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, Elmira**. Door prizes, bake & penny tables, gift basket draws, lunch area. All are invited (men too!) to come out to honour our Mothers. Hosted by St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L.

► **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** on **Sunday, May 8th** at **St. Clements Community Centre**, 1 Green Street, St. Clements. Adults \$10; Children 4-8yrs. \$5; Children 3 and under free. For tickets please call Marilyn at 519-206-0151. Hosted by St. Clement's Church, St. Clements.

CURRENT FRAUD ISSUES AND IDENTITY THEFT – **Wed. May 11th** at 7:45 p.m. at **St. Francis Parish, Kitchener** with Constable Jamie Zilkie speaking on this topic that concerns us all. Prayer service 7:00 p.m.; Speaker 7:45 p.m. For more information please call St. Francis at 519-745-7301.

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