

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### **Worship This Week:**

**April 4 – 10, 2016**

**Monday** (SOLEMNITY – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD)

7:00 am + David Callas – *Martha Callas*

**Tuesday** \* NO MASS

**Wednesday**

\* 7:00 PM + Macedo Family – *Luiz Macedo*

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE)

7:00 am + Jack Soares – *Maria*

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

9:00 am + Mary & Louis Theriault – *Louise Connell*

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 5:28-32, 40b-41; revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19*

**SAT. 5:00 PM** + George & Isabel Beckner – *Paul & Angela Beckner*

**SUN. 9:30 am** + Donzilia Simoes – *Kay & Colm Dignam*

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

\* Please note the change in Mass times this week, to enable Fr. Don to travel to visit a dying friend. No Mass Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass on Wed. April 6<sup>th</sup> will be moved to the evening at 7 p.m. followed by the Anointing of the Sick.

### **Offertory Collections**

**March 25-27, 2016**

Sunday & Easter envelopes .....	\$ 5,969.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,384.04
Loose monies .....	\$ 1,304.65
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 8,657.69</b>

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 635.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 301.15
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 936.15</b>

Share Lent .....	\$ 30.00
Good Friday - Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.....	\$ 2,959.25
<i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i>	



### **SPIRIT CREW**

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

#### ■ **NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> (7-9 p.m.)**

Please 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 ... email Christine at [cutting\\_abcd@rogers.com](mailto:cutting_abcd@rogers.com).

#### ■ **YEAR OF MERCY YOUTH RALLY: Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the Year of Mercy Youth Rally at the **C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf** in Rockwood, Ontario. If interested in attending, please see the Spirit Crew Bulletin Board for more details. Permission forms must be handed in by March 28<sup>th</sup> to the Spirit Crew Mailbox located in the narthex.

<b>LITURGICAL ROLES</b>			
<b>APRIL 9 &amp; 10</b>	<b>Sat. 5:00PM</b>	<b>Sun. 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun. 11:30 AM</b>
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	R./J. Henri	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	J. Deneau	J. Germann	M. Oram
Lector:	B. Burns	V. DeVries	M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Groothuis	G./T. MacNeil	B. Voisin M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	MacNeil	Morgan	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers	K./N. Higgins G./G. Jans K. Smith	H. Kress J. McCullough A. Simoes D. Henri M. Lynch	T./K. Boettger B./S. Markides A. Monte

### **Gr. 2 First Communion: Catechism Classes**

Remaining class dates:

- Tue. April 5** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tue. April 12** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tue. April 19** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tue. April 26** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tue. May 3** 6:30 p.m. (**First Reconciliation in the Church**)
- Sat. May 7** 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. (**Retreat Day**)
- Tue. May 10** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (*to make-up for March 22*)

### **Gr. 7 Confirmation: Important Upcoming Dates**

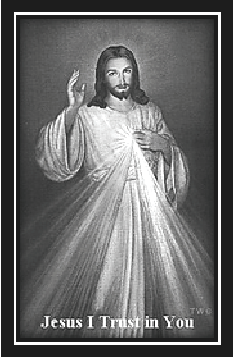
- Sun. April 17** 12:45 pm Final Preparation Session  
*Topic: "The Sacrament of God's Mercy"*
- Sat. April 30** 5:00 pm \*Enrollment Mass
- Sun. May 1** 9:30 am \*Enrollment Mass  
11:30 am \*Enrollment Mass
- Thur. May 12** 6:30 pm Rehearsal in the Church
- Friday, May 13** 7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation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

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

### **St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship update...**

- \* Our sponsorship application is with the Diocese. **St. Mark's is now 4<sup>th</sup> in line to be matched with a potential family.** This process will still require several weeks, maybe more, to move ahead. Please stay tuned!
- \* **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](mailto:stmark@rogers.com).



## TODAY IS Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 3, 2016

3:00 P.M.

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
- Quiet Prayer
- Benediction

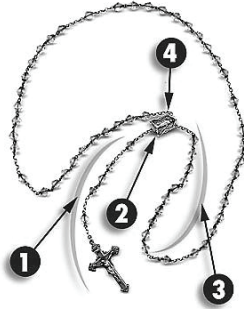
All are most welcome to attend.

If you are unable to join us, you may wish to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at home, using an ordinary rosary...

**1. Begin with:** The Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

**2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:**

*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*



**3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:** *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

*(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).*

**4. Conclude with (three times):** *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

### Divine Mercy and Truth

Judge Ito (the judge in the trial of O.J. Simpson) called me up the other day. He told me that he was going to grant me clemency or mercy. I told him 'no thanks.' I didn't do anything that required mercy from his court.

Of course, I made up the above. How ridiculous to accept mercy when I had no need for it – not from his seat of judgement, anyway.

I fear, on the other hand, that many look at their need for Divine mercy much in the same way as I disregarded the fictitious offer of mercy from Judge Ito (Why? I didn't do anything wrong!).

Mercy can only be appreciated when one realizes their great need for mercy. Certainly, we all need God's mercy, but that need will not be accepted unless one realizes the truth of their own sinfulness – mercy and truth must go hand in hand.

I take a look at what has taken place in the last fifty years or so – and now the prospect of legalizing the killing of the infirmed ... I cringe during our national anthem when we sing "God keep our land," while knowing the status of God's law in this land. One day I hope we will see the need to fall down on our collective knees and beg for mercy. God's mercy is always there in spades, waiting for us to admit the truth.

– Fr. Don

### C.W.L. CORNER ...

• **Upcoming C.W.L. Events:**

- April: to be announced
- May: Mother-Daughter celebration
- June: Chapel seat cushion repair

• **Next Monthly Meeting: April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Member meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. All members are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!



**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.

**MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY SHOWER (NO MEAT) Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** from 10.30 am – 1.00 pm at the **Carmelite Monastery**, hosted by The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. The Retreat Master is Rev. Ron Voisin.

**SOUNDS AMAZING 2 "WAY OFF BROADWAY"** – A great musical presented by St. Jerome's Campus Ministry with proceeds going to their Chapel renovation project. **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the **Theatre of the Arts at the University of Waterloo**. Order tickets online at [www.sju.ca](http://www.sju.ca) and click on the events calendar or visit this link: <https://ticketfi.com/event/861/way-off-broadway-fundraiser> Questions? Please contact Marthaat [mfauteux@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:mfauteux@uwaterloo.ca) or call 519-884-8111 ext. 28215.

**VISION ANOMALIES and the IMPLICATIONS FOR LEARNING**

On **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 all members of the public. There is no cost for attending this event, so please bring a friend! Register online at <http://bit.ly/vision-learning>

**ANNUAL BISHOP'S BANQUET** – The Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation presents the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Banquet on **Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** in **St. Mary's Parish Hall, Kitchener**. The evening will include a reception, evening meal, a keynote presentation by Bishop Miehm, a student musical and visual arts presentation and a silent auction. Tickets are \$100 a person and can be purchased individually or in tables of eight. A portion of the ticket price and silent auction proceeds will support program needs in the region's Catholic Schools. For tickets, contact Dorothy Lubaszka at 519-578-3660 ext. 2373 or [dorothy.lubaszka@wcdsb.ca](mailto:dorothy.lubaszka@wcdsb.ca).

**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](http://www.cursillohamilton.org), or contact:

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