

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.

PALM SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK:

April 10 – 16, 2017

Monday

7:00 am + David Francisco Calles – *Marta*

Tuesday

2:00 PM - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care (2:00 & 2:40)

7:00 PM - Int. of Sergio Amadei & family – *Mary F.*

Wednesday

7:00 am + Roger Plante – *Colette Dokis*

* **NO MORNING MASSES** on Thursday, Friday or Saturday

HOLY THURSDAY

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

8:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

+ Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 PM - *Living Way of the Cross* (parish hall)



HOLY SATURDAY

1:00 PM - *Blessing of Easter Food*

8:00 PM - *Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

+ Deceased Members of the Cimermancic Family

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18++

9:30 am + Giulia Donato - *Pietro*

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

Offertory Collections

April 1/2, 2017

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,688.80

Sunday loose \$ 394.15

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... \$ 1,234.62

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,317.57

Mortgage envelopes.....\$ 695.00

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... \$ 242.88

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 937.88

Share Lent\$ 632.00

Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL ROLES

EASTER	Sat. 8:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Sign up sheets are posted on the blackboard in the narthex, Many spots are still open. Please sign up if you are available. Thank you!		
Commentator:			
Lector:			
Ushers:			
Gift Bearers:			
Eucharistic Ministers:			

An Opportunity to Sing!

The music ministry of St. Mark's would like to invite all parishioners to an informal vocal workshop on **Saturday, May 6th** from **12 noon to 2 p.m.** in the church. Local voice instructor and performer, Stephanie Kramer, will facilitate the session which will cover basic singing techniques in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Sign-up sheet available at Mass. For more information please contact Linda Blake at mz.linda.blake@gmail.com or 519-729-4819.

Holy Week Meetings & Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<u>Mon. April 10</u>	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. April 11</u>	6:00 pm	★(B)	Gr. 2 Catechism Class (4 of 8)
	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue monthly meeting
	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level 3 (3 of 11)
<u>Wed. April 12</u>	2:00 – 3:00 pm		CONFESSIONS in the Chapel
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir Practice
	7:30 pm	(M)	5:00 Choir Practice
	7:30 – 8:30 pm		CONFESSIONS in the Chapel
<u>Holy Thursday</u>	10:30 - 11:30 am		CONFESSIONS in the Chapel
	7:30 pm	(H)	Dramatization of the Arrest of Jesus
	8:00 pm	(CH)	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<u>Good Friday</u>	10:00 - 11:00 am		CONFESSIONS in the Chapel
	3:00 pm	(CH)	Good Friday Service
	7:00 pm	(H)	Dramatization of the Lord's Passion
<u>Holy Saturday</u>	(* NO CONFESSIONS TODAY)		
	1:00 pm	(CH)	Blessing of Easter Food
<u>Easter Sunday</u>	9:00 am	(H)	Dramatization of the Resurrection

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



Please note **EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES** during Holy Week



All are invited to the dramatizations of the Passion of our Lord, starting on Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall with the Arrest of Jesus, and concluding on Easter Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. with His Resurrection from the dead. FULL SCHEDULE IS LISTED ABOVE ↑. Please join us!

Honouring the Desolation of Mary... One of the greatest sorrows of Mary was when her Son was taken from her and laid in the tomb – she remained entirely alone and desolate. The Legion of Mary invites all to **come and pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary**, accompanied by meditations in honour of the Desolation of Mary, on **Holy Saturday, April 15th at 10am in the Chapel.**

Monthly Children's Mass

Dedicated to the children of our parish! At one Mass each month, children from First Communion age (Gr.2) to Confirmation age (Gr. 7) are given the opportunity to fully participate in the Holy Mass by doing the readings, prayers of the faithful, ushering and bearing gifts to the altar. **If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the blackboard in the narthex, or contact Jessica Heine (519-496-2328) for more details including practice dates.** When you add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex, please include your phone number so the leader can contact you.



Next Children's Mass: Easter Sunday, April 16 @ 9:30am

★ 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.

✠ 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.

Volunteer(s) needed...

Maintaining of Altar Servers' vestments

Our altar servers' vestments need to be:

- **Hung in order after each weekend Mass** (i.e. hang them in order according to size so that servers can easily find their size. Currently we need someone to do this after the 5:00pm and 9:30am Masses)
- **Mended as needed** (i.e. fixing buttons, hooks, ripped seams, etc.)
- **Laundered twice per year**

If you can help with these tasks, please contact Jane Petrovich at 519-886-0725 or email the parish office at stmark@rogers.com.

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.



For People in the Pews:

A practical Introduction to Catholic Bioethics

St. Mark's Parish is pleased to announce an upcoming series by world-renowned ethicist, **Dr. Moira McQueen LLB, PhD.**, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute in Toronto. She will bring "For the People in the Pews", a 4-part "everyday bioethics" lecture series designed specifically for parishes.

Understanding bioethical principles has become increasingly important as science and medicine develop new techniques. Sometimes they raise moral questions that seem to challenge Catholic teaching on the dignity of human life.

Part 1: Wed. May 3rd at 7:00 pm: **A Catholic Perspective on Ethics**

Foundations of Catholic ethics, bioethics: Scripture and Tradition; Natural Law; Conscience.

Part 2: Wed. May 10th at 7:00 pm: **Reproductive Issues**

Personhood; Reproductive technologies; Stem cell research and cloning.

Part 3: Wed. May 17th at 7:00 pm: **End-of-Life Issues**

Withdrawal of treatment; Prolonging Life; Pain and Suffering; Terminal Sedation; Health-care directives.

Part 4: Wed. May 24th at 7:00 pm: **Euthanasia and Assisted Dying;**

Living Life to the End; Hope in the Resurrection

Euthanasia; Physician-assisted suicide; Palliative Care; Sacrament of the Sick; Spiritual Needs.

Don't miss this valuable opportunity!

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.

Electronic Waste Drop-Off Day ... Mark your calendar!!

Knights of Columbus Kitchener and St. Mark's Councils are offering an Electronic Waste Drop-off Day on **Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Items can be dropped off at **St. Mark's Church parking lot** ... We will accept any electronic items including TV's, phones, computers, printers, monitors, stereos, etc.

38TH ANNUAL K-W WALK FOR LIFE – Saturday, May 6th beginning at Historic St. Paul's Church at 10:30am. Registration at 10:00am. Please call K-W Right to Life Office for pledge sheets or go to their website to print them (519.746.5433 or www.kwrtl.ca). Good food and prizes. Walk 3km and help support our educational programs or call the office to pledge.



OTTAWA MARCH FOR LIFE – Thursday, May 11th.

Bus leaves Fairview Park Mall at 5:30am (Walmart parking lot). Park at the far end of the parking lot up against Fairway Road (near Hwy 8). Call the office to book your seat (\$20) 519-746-5433 or email kwrtl@golden.net.

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