

# 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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **Worship This Week:**

**Dec. 14 – 20, 2015**

**Monday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS)

7:00 am + Lawrence Hartman – *Maria*

**Tuesday**

9:25 am - Advent Mass with St. Mark's School (at the church)

6:30 PM + Teodulo Astrada, Sr. – *Cora Reyes*

**Wednesday**

7:00 am + Ross & Mary Lou Wanner – *John & Linda Deneau*

**Thursday**

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

7:00 PM - Advent Penitential Service (with several priests)

**Friday**

7:00 am - Int. of Joey Munch – *Margaret & Pat Drohan*

**Saturday**

9:00 am - Int. of Maria

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45*

**Sat. 5:00 pm** - In Thanksgiving – *Luiz Macedo*

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Judy McLeod – *St. Vincent de Paul Society*

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



### **LITURGICAL ROLES**

DEC. 19 & 20	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	T./G. Johnston K. Buchanan	D. Bristol A. Rye	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	J. Deneau	J. Germann	M. Oram
Lector:	B. Burns	V. DeVries	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	K./T. Friesen	F./B. Seaward	C. Dignam M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis G. Balm A. Bendia L. Macedo R. Landgraff	T. Angel / C. Haid B. Cutting B. Seaward M. Walsler	T./K. Boettger B./S. Markides A. Monte E. Weiss

All ministers are asked to sign up if you are available for Christmas or New Year's Masses. Sheets are posted on the blackboard in the narthex.

### **Penitential Services during Advent**

Sun. Dec. 13	1:00 pm	St. Jerome's (Siegfried Hall), <i>Waterloo</i>
Mon. Dec. 14	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
Tue. Dec. 15	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila Church, <i>Elmira</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, <i>Cambridge</i>
	7:30 pm	St. Agnes Church, <i>Waterloo</i>
Wed. Dec. 16	7:30 pm	St. Michael's Church, <i>Waterloo</i>
<b>Thur. Dec. 17</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Mark's Church</b>
	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, <i>Waterloo</i>
Fri. Dec. 18	5:30 pm	St. John's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
Sat. Dec. 19	3:30 pm	St. John's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
Tue. Dec. 22	2:00 pm	St. Ambrose Church, <i>Cambridge</i>
9 am – 12 noon & 1-7pm		St. Joseph's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>

### **Offertory Collections**

**Dec. 5/6, 2015**

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,153.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x 12 ÷ 52).....	\$ 1,255.96
Loose monies .....	\$ 587.20
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,996.16</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 1,762.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x 12 ÷ 52).....	\$ 294.23
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$2,056.23</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



**SPirit CREW**

*St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (Grade 6 and Up)*

#### ■ **NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> (7-9 p.m.)**

Please remember to bring your bible, a pencil/pen and a donation for the snack that will be provided. Please RSVP to Christine at [cutting\\_abcd@rogers.com](mailto:cutting_abcd@rogers.com).

#### ■ **MILK BAG MATTRESS CRAFTING AFTERNOON**

We will be having a Milk Bag Mattress Crafting Afternoon on **Wednesday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at the Church.** Bring along your favorite Christmas CD to play while we are crafting and enjoying some Hot Chocolate. Remember ... this event qualifies you for some community service hours!

### **Televised Christmas Midnight Mass**

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass is preceded by Carols from the Cathedral beginning at 11:30 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The Carols and the Midnight Mass will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

### **Individual Confessions Before Christmas (IN THE CHAPEL)**

<b>Sat. Dec. 19:</b>	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
<b>Mon. Dec. 21:</b>	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
<b>Tue. Dec. 22:</b>	10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
<b>Wed. Dec. 23:</b>	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### **Prayer**

One important way to ready ourselves for Christ's coming is through prayer and thoughtful reflection as to what the Incarnation means. How do we pray, and how do we know what to ask for, and how do we know how God is speaking to us? Join us for our last of three evenings for the topic: **Contemplative Prayer: Being still before the Lord on Friday, Dec. 18 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church.** Let us pray together. All are welcome. – *Fr. Don*



### **Save the Date! Wed. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Winter Games Night!**

Hosted by St. Mark's Parish Fundraising Committee. Join us for an evening of cards or bring your favourite board game! Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Admission \$8 (includes sandwiches, desserts, drinks). To volunteer or donate a prize please call Edwina at 519-954-5669.



### Movie Mondays

**December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** we will present our final feature film for this year: ***The Blood and the Rose*** tells

the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, including current scientific research. Total running time is 95 minutes. In December of 1531, in present-day Mexico City, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a humble peasant by the name of Juan Diego, instructing him to carry a special request to the local ordinary, Bishop Zumarraga, for a church to be built in her honor. The bishop was skeptical, but with childlike trust in Our Lady, Juan persevered, and in the moment that he opened his cloak to reveal the Castilian roses that she had given him as a sign, all present, including the bishop, were the first to lay eyes on the magnificent image (right) miraculously imprinted upon it. In the years immediately following, more than 10 million people, from a culture once mired in bloody human sacrifice, converted to the Holy Catholic Church. A feature length theatrical documentary shot on location in Mexico and Spain, *The Blood & The Rose* offers riveting interviews with top experts in the fields of science, history and theology, exploring the mystery of St. Juan Diego's Tilma and the miraculous image that it bears. More than just a story about a distant event, *The Blood & The Rose* is an invitation and a calling to emulate St. Juan Diego in our own day, carrying the message of the Virgin of Guadalupe – Patroness of the Americas and Patroness of Life – into the culture in which we live. We will be back in January with the story of Brother Andre of Montreal.

### New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2015

Still available for purchase in the narthex - \$5 each

### ★ Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines

The church bulletins for **Dec. 20**, **Dec. 27** and **Jan. 3** must go to print much earlier than usual, to accommodate holidays and an increased volume of printing. **If you plan on submitting an item for any of these bulletins, please note the following deadlines:**

Please email articles to the parish office no later than:	For inclusion in the bulletin that will be distributed on:
Monday morning last chance!	Sunday, December 20
Wednesday, Dec. 16	Sunday, December 27
Wednesday, Dec. 23	Sunday, January 3, 2016

### Mass Times for Christmas & New Year's

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE: Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

• 5:00 pm • 8:00 pm • 12:00 midnight

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY: Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

• 9:30 am • 11:30 am

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE: Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

• 5:00 pm

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY: Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

• 9:30 am • 11:30 am



### Calling for Altar Servers

All those who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to serve at the altar. It is a wonderful experience – it is a service to the Lord. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please pick up a "New Altar Server" sign-up form from the information wall in

the lobby, fill it out and drop it in the collection basket during Mass. We will contact you in the New Year for training.

### C.W.L. Corner

Our popular "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" car magnets are being sold after Mass -- \$5 each. Come visit our C.W.L. today in the Narthex. Don't delay ... the magnets went very quickly last year.



### **ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**Daily from First Sunday of Advent until Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> (8AM – 8PM).**

Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Loaves, Christmas cards, knitwear, etc. All Welcome to come and visit our Chapel. *Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St. Agatha, Ont.*

### **BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY**

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

**A NOT SO JOLLY CHRISTMAS** – Christmas is a wonderful season – Family and friends gather, homes are decorated, gifts, cards, and greetings are exchanged. The song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" is in the air. But you realize that someone will not 'be home for Christmas' this year. This will be a very different Christmas for you – "A Not So Jolly Christmas." Join us on **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at **St. Francis Church**, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener, where we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be used along with other materials from our Bereavement Support Program. For more information please call Barbara Diemert at 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com.

### **LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**

At this time of year the darkness of grief can be overwhelming. Join us at **St. Francis of Assisi Church**, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener, on **Monday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with our loved ones who have passed away, and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. Open to all.

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION** – It is with great joy that we announce that **Deacon Scott Whitfield** will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on **December 19, 2015** at 10am. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering for the last six months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest. ([www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com))

**HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY** – Join Father Wayne Lobsinger for a Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy, **May 19-31, 2016**. We will visit Assisi and pray for peace in the world. In Rome we will pass through the Holy Door at the Vatican and attend the Wednesday Papal audience. We will visit the shrine to St. Padre Pio and spend a few days touring in Sicily. Mass will be celebrated each day. For further information and/or registration, please contact Claire Waxman at Talk of the Town Travel 1-800-414-6538 or [claire@talkofthetowntravel.com](mailto:claire@talkofthetowntravel.com). An **information meeting** will be held at **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, 715 Centre Road, Waterdown, on **January 10<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm.

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