

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship This Week

Dec. 5 – 11, 2016

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of Brian Flood – *Flood family*

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. AMBROSE)

7:00 am - Special Intention – *Luiz Macedo*

Thursday (SOLEMNITY – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BL. V. MARY)

7:00 am + Barbara Azevedo – *B. & J. Ferrier*

3:00 PM - MASS AT FOREST HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Brendan Flood – *Flood family*

Saturday

9:00 am + Edward Reidy – *Lisa Reitzel*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

SAT. 5:00 PM + Teodulo Estrada, Sr. – *Cora Reyes*

SUN. 9:30 am - Int. of the Bediako-Cra family

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

Offertory Collections

Nov. 26/27, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,532.50
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,321.73
Loose monies	\$ 468.25
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,322.48
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Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 185.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 267.69
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 452.69

Thank you for your generosity!

❄ Bulletin Submission Deadlines for Dec./Jan.

Please email articles to the parish office no later than:	For inclusion in the bulletin that will be distributed on:
Fri. Dec. 9	Sun. Dec. 18
Wed. Dec. 14	Sun. Dec. 25
Mon. Dec. 19	Sun. Jan. 1 st , 2017

Children's Christmas Mass... Attention all children of the parish! We will be having a special Children's Mass on Christmas Day. The children of St. Mark's will participate in every aspect of our Holy Mass – from readings, to ushering, to commentating, to bearing gifts and more. We would love to see as many children as possible participating in this great celebration of Jesus' birth. Our Children's Mass will be on **Sunday, December 25th at 9:30 a.m.** (This Mass replaces the one originally scheduled for Dec. 4th.) Please see the blackboard at the back of the church to sign up, or call Jessica Heine at (519) 496-2328. **Practice will be on Friday, Dec. 23rd at 5pm.**

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2017

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Dec. 10 & 11	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:	<i>Can you help?</i>	L. Rye	S. Roma
Lector:	M. Serschen	G. Rye	L. Masbad
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Phillips	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	B. Voisin M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully C. Dokis	T. Angel S. Cerantola B. Coutinho	R./P. Masbad B. Starr

USHERS NEEDED: The 5:00 and 11:30 Masses are short on ushers. If you would like to join the rotation, please contact Colm Dignam at 519-570-3973 or the Pam at the parish office at 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com.

COMMENTATORS NEEDED: If you would like to commentate at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass on any of the following dates, please email Pam at stmark@rogers.com (or call the office): **Dec. 10, Jan. 7, Jan. 28, Feb. 18, Mar. 11, Apr. 1, Apr. 29, May 20, June 10, July 1.** The Commentator's role includes an opening greeting, announcing the hymns, and reading the final announcements at the end of Mass.

Christmas Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

All altar servers, readers, ushers, gift bearers and Eucharistic ministers are asked to please sign up for Christmas and New Year's Masses. **Sheets are posted on the courtyard window in the narthex** for the following Mass times:

Christmas Eve - <i>Sat. Dec. 24:</i>	5:00pm, 8:00pm, 12 midnight
Christmas Day - <i>Sun. Dec. 25:</i>	9:30am, 11:30am
New Year's Eve - <i>Sat. Dec. 31:</i>	5:00pm
New Year's Day - <i>Sun. Jan. 1:</i>	9:30am, 11:30am

Angel Tree... There are still a couple of angels left for those who would like to buy a gift to make Christmas special for a child. Please choose an angel, purchase your gifts, and return them to the church (unwrapped) with the angel attached **no later than next Sunday, Dec. 11th**. Please do not buy clothing, as we do not know the sizes (winter accessories accepted). Gift certificates are always appreciated, especially for older children. Any donations of extra wrapping paper or gift bags are always appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support! - *St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul*



Come join some 2000 other high school youth at **Canada's largest Catholic youth conference!** An amazing weekend to encounter Jesus and your Catholic faith in a whole new way; a time full of fun, music, and inspiring talks. Open to all youth completing grades 8-12. **July 28-30, 2017**, Cost: \$300/youth (pre-fundraising). For more info please visit: www.stuebenvilletoronto.com or contact Jonathan Reitzel, Seminarian for Hamilton Diocese at j_reitzel@outlook.com. Registrations forms will be available Dec. 18th. Anyone 21+ who would be interested in being chaperons for this conference, please contact Jonathan.

Penitential Services during Advent:

Sun. Dec. 4	1:00 pm	St. Jerome's, <i>Waterloo</i>
Thur. Dec. 8	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
Sun. Dec. 11	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
Mon. Dec. 12	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:30 pm	St. Louis Church, <i>Waterloo</i>
Tue. Dec. 13	1:00 pm	St. Francis Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Clements Church, <i>Cambridge</i>
	7:30 pm	St. Agnes Church, <i>Waterloo</i>
Wed. Dec. 14	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Agatha Church, <i>St. Agatha</i>
	7:30 pm	St. Michael's Church, <i>Waterloo</i>
Thur. Dec. 15	7:00 pm	St. Aloysius, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, <i>St. Clements</i>
	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, <i>Waterloo</i>
Tue. Dec. 20	7:00 pm	St. Mark's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila Church, <i>Elmira</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Ambrose Church, <i>Cambridge</i>

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide – Did You Know?

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016 legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament. Fr. Don will speak more about this topic next weekend.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year Catholic Young Adult groups across the diocese and beyond are coming together for the first time for one BIG Christmas party. All Catholics between the ages of 19-39 (single, couple or married) are invited to meet other Young Adult Catholics at this pre-Christmas social with dinner, entertainment and games. **Saturday, Dec. 17th** beginning with Mass at 5:00 p.m. Suggested \$10 donation at the door. **St. Thomas the Apostle Church**, 715 Centre Rd., Waterdown (30 minutes from Kitchener). Mass at 5:00. Cocktail Social at 6:00 and Catered Dinner at 6:45, followed by Live Entertainment, Music, and Fun surprises! Photobooth, doorprizes, cash bar, and much more!
Participating groups: Hamilton Catholic Young Adults, St. Paul's (Burlington) & St. Matthew's (Oakville) Young Adults Group, K-W Catholic Young Adults, St. Michael's (Oakville) Catholic Young Adults & Halton Catholic Young People Engaging (HYPE), "CrossRoads" - St. Mary of the Visitation (Cambridge) Young Adults Group, St. Mark's (Kitchener) Young Catholic Adults, Theology on Tap Guelph. Please RSVP before Dec. 14 (for food numbers) by contacting Justin Peter at jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-689-4857 ext. 8. Please include dietary requirements. Or talk to your local Catholic Young Adults Group Leader for tickets.



LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

If Christmas is a sad time for you because you of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service, **Wed. Dec. 21st** at 7:00pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Kitchener. This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

C.W.L. Corner

As the 2-year term of your current executive comes to a close, it is time to consider who should lead our council for the next 2 years. If you know someone who would be an enthusiastic and committed member of a like-minded group of ladies please consider submitting a 'no-obligation' nomination! Maybe that someone is YOU ... It is perfectly acceptable to nominate yourself! Our council needs ladies to answer the call to serve and bring their experiences and talents to the group. Please take a nomination form from the C.W.L. table in the narthex with position descriptions attached. Think and pray about your nominations and drop the completed form in the nominations box on the table on or before Dec 31st.



EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network)

A Catholic network worth having for all households. Some of the things you will see on EWTN are : great Catholic speakers, marriage programs, shows for youth of all ages, retreats, Masses, prayer events and devotions, Catholics news and reflections on global events. Anything and everything you would want to help develop and enhance your Catholic life. Depending on your TV service provider, it costs approx. \$3 to \$4 per month. As one lady put it, "is your Eternal Salvation worth \$0.15 cents a day?" Of course I'm sure it is. Let me just say you'll have the Church at her best at the tip of your fingers. Below are two popular providers and how to order this channel.

It would also be a wonderful Christmas gift to others! -- Fr. Don
 BELL www.bell.ca/tv 1-888-759-3474 \$4.00/month
 ROGERS www.rogers.com/consumer/tv 519-741-1099 \$3.00/month
 For more info visit www.EWTN.com

ANNUAL CARMELITE MONASTERY CHRISTMAS SALE

Daily from Sat. Dec. 3rd until Sun. Dec. 18th. Homemade Jams, Jellies, our own Honey and home-baked Loaves. *Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St. Agatha, Ont.*

APPARITION HILL - A film about life ... and what comes after.

Coming to **Cineplex-Ancaster** this **Sat. Dec. 10th** at 9:30am. Award-winning director, Sean Bloomfield (*The Triumph, If Only We Had Listened*) and his team have created a new feature film following an unlikely group of pilgrims who journey to the little-known village of MEDJUGORJE to investigate the claims surrounding the alleged Marian apparitions. **Tickets for this one-time showing:** www.apparitionhill.org or email steve@stephenjdunn.ca.

ADVENT RETREAT - St Anne's Parish, Kitchener, Sat. Dec. 10th

'Our Hearts are Restless' is a seminar presented by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. The day will focus on how the emptiness we sometimes experience can only be fulfilled and transformed by God, through an experience of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Join us for a grace-filled day and powerful testimonies. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please bring a bag lunch. Refreshments will be served. Free will offerings will go to support the work of Magnificat Ministries. For more information please contact Bob Borys at 519-590-7761 – text or voice.

EMBRACING THE WISDOM OF MONKS & MYSTICS

A Senior Adult Workshop Series, 6 Wednesday afternoons, **starting Jan. 11th** from 1:30- 3:30pm at the **Chancery Office**, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. This 6-part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks and mystics from the Christian tradition in new and creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon, S.S.N.D. Cost \$35 includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine Valters-Paintner. **Please register by Dec. 22nd.** For more information contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

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