

# 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](mailto: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.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Worship This Week:

**Dec. 7 – 13, 2015**

#### **Monday** (MEMORIAL – ST. AMBROSE)

7:00 am - Int. of the Gonsalves Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

#### **Tuesday** (Solemnity – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

2:30 PM - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care

7:00 PM - Int. of Donovan Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 am - Int. of Darren & Marcy Depratto – *J. Robinson*

#### **Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER)

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

7:00 PM - Mass with Fr. Dobromil Beker, O.F.M.

#### **Friday**

7:00 am - Int. of Michael & Deanna Depratto – *J. Robinson*

1:15 PM - School Mass at St. Dominic School

#### **Saturday** (FEAST – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)

9:00 am + The Robinson Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

*Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18*

**Sat. 5:00 pm** + Mary Hegedus – *The Cole Family*

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Anthony & Ruth Hayek – *Ylanda*

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

### Offertory Collections

**Nov. 28/29, 2015**

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 1,582.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,255.96
Loose monies .....	\$ 995.60
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,833.56</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 824.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 294.23
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$1,118.23</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!

**THANK YOU to everyone who packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.** There were 230 filled boxes that were brought to the Processing Centre in Kitchener to be distributed to hurting children around the world helping them to know that God loves them.

### S.M.Y.C.A. ~ St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35)

Our Christmas carolling on the afternoon of December 5<sup>th</sup> is our last event for 2015. See you in the new year!

### LITURGICAL ROLES

DEC. 12 & 13	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	R./J. Henri	T. Shea N. Gallagher
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	L. Rye	K. Phillips
Lector:	M. Serschen	G. Rye	L. Masbad
Ushers:	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Rye	DaSilva
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis F./Y. Tully K. Friesen	H. Kress J. McCullough A. Simoes D. Henri M. Lynch	B./C. Voisin L. McCullough D. S.-Weber B. Denomme

All ministers are asked to sign up if you are available for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Sheets are posted on the blackboard in the narthex.

### Polish Mass with Fr. Dobromil Beker, O.F.M.

**Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.** (Mass in English; homily in Polish with translator). Join us for Mass with Fr. Beker as he promotes awareness of the importance of praying the Rosary for the conversion of sinners; prayer to make amends for the sins of genocide committed on this land, and highlights the impact of the media on our spiritual lives.

### 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? We will have 3 Friday evenings in Advent to speak on the above... The topics for our two remaining evenings will be:



#### **Friday, Dec. 11 - The Meaning of Communal Prayer:**

*Praying together as God's family*

#### **Friday, Dec. 18 - Contemplative Prayer:**

*Being still before the Lord*

**All sessions will be in the Church from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Let us pray together. All are welcome. – Fr. Don

**Angel Tree...** If you 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 Sun. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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! – *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*



### 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.



## Movie Mondays

St. Mark's Parish has access to a variety of movies which we will be screening on **Mondays at 10 a.m.** All are welcome ... coffee will be provided. It is hoped that you will find these informative as well as entertaining.

**Dec. 7: Part 2 of "Under the Roman Sky"** – The story of Pius XII.

We will also be screening the stories of John XXIII and all of the Popes through to John Paul II. In addition, there will be stories of various saints and these will be scheduled close to their feast days. The first two feasts we will celebrate with films are Our Lady of Guadalupe in December and Brother André in January. We will keep you advised of upcoming features.

## 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:
Friday, Dec. 11	Sunday, December 20
Wednesday, Dec. 16	Sunday, December 27
Wednesday, Dec. 23	Sunday, January 3, 2016

**Refugees** ... There was an overwhelming response from our parishioners concerning refugees. Three or four of our group will attend a diocesan seminar on assisting refugee families. Early in the new year we will hear from them on required procedures. Then, we will get started. We will inform the parish as a whole about our progress and undoubtedly invite all to participate in some way. In this work of mercy, the Holy Father has deemed this coming year "The Year of Mercy," so to look kindly upon those in need would very much fit into this thrust that begins December the 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. May our Lady assist us on our way. May our good intentions turn into works that will bear fruit for others. God bless. – *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.



**Congratulations** to St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council #9276 – we have been given the distinct honour of receiving the **Columbian Award**, given to councils who have successfully completed a minimum of 4 or more

events in the areas of: Community activities, Council activities, Family activities, Culture of Life activities and Youth activities. Keep up the good work men. We have a Catholic fraternity worth joining – consider this an invitation to all catholic men, 18 years of age or older. Call the rectory once you decide to join!

**A BIG THANK-YOU** to St. Mark's C.W.L. for their donation of \$1,200 to the parish Mortgage Fund – proceeds generated from their Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Card Party.

## 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.



## Penitential Services during Advent:

Tue. Dec. 8	7:00 pm	St. Louis Church, <i>Waterloo</i>
Wed. Dec. 9	1:00 pm	St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener
	7:00 pm	St. Agatha Church, <i>St. Agatha</i>
Thur. Dec. 10	8:00 am	St. Mary's Church, <i>Cambridge</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Fri. Dec. 11	5:30 pm	St. John's Church, Kitchener
Sun. Dec. 13	1:00 pm	St. Jerome's (Siegfried Hall), <i>Waterloo</i>
Mon. Dec. 14	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 15	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener
	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, Kitchener
Sat. Dec. 19	3:30 pm	St. John's Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 22	2:00 pm	St. Ambrose Church, <i>Cambridge</i>
9 am – 12 noon & 1-7pm		St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener

## 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.*

**O COME LET US ADORE HIM** – You are invited to come celebrate the beginning of The Year of Mercy, the Season of Advent and the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne Church**, 268 East Ave., Kitchener. Confessions at 6:00pm; Mass at 7:00pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration. The evening will include a teaching, praise and worship and intercession with Magnificat Ministries. All are welcome.

**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.

**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)



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