

# 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. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Parents and godparents are requested to come to the 11:30 AM Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and stay for a brief preparation meeting.

## 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.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Worship This Week

DECEMBER 2 – 8, 2013

### Monday

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

### Tuesday (memorial – St. Francis Xavier)

7:00 pm + Kathleen Blanchard – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

### Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Jenny

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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

### Saturday (memorial – St. Ambrose)

9:00 am + Anthony Hayek – *Ylanda*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12*

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of Graeme & Ginny Jans – *Estelle Meunier*

Sun. 9:30 am + Jim & Mae Manuel – *Glenn & Coleen*

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

## Offertory Collections

Nov. 23/24, 2013

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,673.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 564.77
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,237.77</b>
Mortgage Fund.....	\$245.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## SPIRIT CREW

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

### ■ NEXT FAITH SHARING: Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m.

Please come and join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snack that will be provided. Please do let us know if you will be attending! Email Lisa at [Imaenpaa@primus.ca](mailto:Imaenpaa@primus.ca) or Christine at [cutting\\_abcd@rogers.com](mailto:cutting_abcd@rogers.com).

### ■ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX WAREHOUSE:

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.** High school students are invited to help at this Community Service Event. **Permission slips were due November 29<sup>th</sup>.** More details can be found on the bulletin board, or email Christine at [cutting\\_abcd@rogers.com](mailto:cutting_abcd@rogers.com).

### ■ CHRISTMAS CAROL SING AT BANKSIDE TERRACE

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**

We will be attending **Bankside Retirement Home** located at 71 Bankside Drive in Kitchener. Please drop off students by 7 p.m. for this day only. We will be doing our carol singing in the Main Hall. If you wish to attend this event, please come and practice at our upcoming regularly scheduled Faith Sharing meeting on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Further details to come.

## LITURGICAL ROLES

Dec. 7 & 8	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	R. & K. Ertel D. Bristol	B./B. Starr K./N. Starr
Commentator:	C. Baumtrog	T. Angel	O. Sirju
Lector:	C. Baumtrog	B. Crawley	M. McCullough
Ushers:	L. Macedo K. Friesen	F. & B. Seaward	B. Voisin F. Sawaya
Gift Bearers:	Miller	Germann	McCullough
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis F. & Y. Tully G. & G. Jans	S. Cerantola B. & A. Cutting H. Kress M. Lynch	C. & K. Dignam K. Boettger A. Monte A. Joseph

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

**TODAY! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 3:00 PM**

St. Mark's Catholic Church invites all parishioners (past and present), former pastors, local clergy and friends to join us in celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass. Bishop Daniel Miehm, Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, Bishop Anthony Tonnos, former pastors and local clergy will concelebrate. Speeches and refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall. **Please join us for this special occasion!**

## Angel Tree

There are still some tags left on the Angel Tree in the narthex. 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) before Sun. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.** Please do not buy clothing, as we do not know the sizes, however winter accessories are always appreciated, as are gift certificates (especially for older children). If you happen to have extra wrapping paper or bags that you are willing to donate, we would certainly appreciate them. Thank you for your ongoing support! - *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*



## New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2014

Available for purchase in the narthex – \$5 each.

## ★ Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines

The church bulletins for **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>** and **Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 submit articles to the parish office no later than:	For inclusion in the bulletin that will be distributed on:
Friday, Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Monday, Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, December 29 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday, Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2013

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** Thank you to everyone who returned a filled shoebox. We dropped off 148 shoeboxes to the Warehouse in Cambridge. Many children's lives will be changed by your efforts.



### Coffee Sundays at St. Mark's

In the past, Coffee Sundays were a monthly event at St. Mark's Parish. This community-focused event was a great way to get to know fellow parishioners.

**We would like to resurrect Coffee Sundays**, but our co-ordinator cannot do it alone! This event requires approx. 2 volunteers per Mass (6 people per month). **If you are interested in helping out, please contact Denise Case at 519-744-1368 or [sdcase@rogers.com](mailto:sdcase@rogers.com)** and provide your contact information, best Mass time, and mention any weekends that you may not be available. Denise will then create a volunteer list and contact you with your assigned weekend and Mass time.

### Penitential Services during Advent

DATE	TIME	CHURCH
Mon. Dec. 2	7:30 pm	St. Louis (Waterloo)
Tues. Dec. 3	5:00 pm	St. John (Kitchener)
Tues. Dec. 3	7:30 pm	St. Agnes (Waterloo)
Wed. Dec. 4	5:00 pm	St. John (Kitchener)
Wed. Dec. 4	7:30 pm	St. Michael (Waterloo)
Thur. Dec. 5	5:00 pm	St. John (Kitchener)
Thur. Dec. 5	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes (Waterloo)
Fri. Dec. 6	5:00 pm	St. John (Kitchener)
Fri. Dec. 6	7:00 pm	St. Anthony Daniel (Kitchener)
Mon. Dec. 9	7:00 pm	St. Agatha (St. Agatha)
Wed. Dec. 11	7:00 pm	St. Francis (Kitchener)
Wed. Dec. 11	7:00 pm	St. Mary's (Linwood)
Thur. Dec. 12	11:00 am	St. Anne's (Kitchener)
<b>Fri. Dec. 13</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Mark's (Kitchener)</b>
Sun. Dec. 15	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart (Kitchener)
Mon. Dec. 16	7:00 pm	St. Mary's (Kitchener)
Mon. Dec. 16	7:00 pm	St. Clement's (St. Clements)
Tues. Dec. 17	7:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila (Elmira)
Tues. Dec. 17	7:30 pm	St. Joseph's (Kitchener)
Wed. Dec. 18	7:30 pm	St. Aloysius (Kitchener)
Thur. Dec. 19	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament (Kitchener)

### Catechism Compendium

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a wonderful resource to learn more about Christianity and our Catholic faith. Join Fr. Don twice a month on Friday evenings for an opportunity to dig into our catechism using the shorter, concise compendium. Each evening we will begin with a traditional Catholic prayer taken from the Catechism, followed by a 45-minute presentation, questions, and a closing prayer taken from the Catechism. **All are welcome**, even if you did not sign up. Come to one, some, or all:

Friday, Dec. 6	7:00 pm	I Believe, We Believe
Friday, Dec. 20	7:00 pm	I Believe in God the Father
Friday, Jan. 10	7:00 pm	I Believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God
Friday, Jan. 24	7:00 pm	I Believe in the Holy Spirit
Friday, Feb. 7	7:00 pm	The Sacramental Economy, and the Liturgy
Friday, Feb. 24	7:00 pm	The Seven Sacraments
Friday, March 7	7:30 pm	Dignity of the Human Person
Friday, March 15	7:30 pm	The Human Community
Friday, April 4	7:30 pm	The 10 Commandments
Friday, April 25	7:00 pm	The Last 7 Commandments
Friday, May 9	7:00 pm	Prayer in the Christian Life
Friday, May 23	7:00 pm	The Lord's Prayer

### C.W.L. Corner ...



#### ■ C.W.L. ADVENT RETREAT: Thursday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

Please join us from **6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** We will begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Following, we have the honor of hosting Sister Elaine Arsenault. Sister Elaine is a Sister of Social Service and is originally from Prince Edward Island. She has a Master's Degree in Ministry and Spirituality and leads a day of prayer each month at St. Anne's Parish here in Kitchener. Sister Elaine will lead us in a retreat entitled **Advent: The Active Wait**. Of course there will be time for fellowship and snacks.

### Photo Directory Pick-up

If you had your photo taken, but have not yet picked up your free directory, please pick yours up in the narthex after Mass.

### Important Notice from the Diocese of Hamilton...

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Marriage and Family to be held in October of 2014 which is to include Bishops from around the world. **This is your invitation to participate** in the gathering of information from the Hamilton Diocese.

There are two ways that you may submit your responses:

- 1) **Fill in the questionnaire** which can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan web site at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The questionnaire seeks information on the faithful's understanding of various Church teachings on marriage and family. It can be completed online, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. The deadline for submission is December 16, 2013.
- 2) **Attend one of two focus group gatherings** where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected to include in the final report to be submitted by the end of December. **You are asked to RSVP by phone or e-mail if you plan to attend** (905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com)).
  - **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon at the **Chancery Office** (700 King Street West, Hamilton)
  - **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish** (29 Midland Drive, Kitchener)

The preparatory information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for this Extraordinary Synod. Please consider engaging in this process in one or both of the ways provided. For further information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com).

### 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA

#### AN INVITATION TO PREPARE WELL FOR CHRISTMAS

Nine daily Masses at 6:30 a.m. at **St. Michael's Church** (University Ave. West at Hemlock, Waterloo) **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. There will be breakfast in the Parish Centre following mass on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. A free will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul. **Note exception: Mass on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> is at 9:00 a.m. You are welcome to attend your own church on this day.** Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards!

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