

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship This Week

Dec. 12 – 18, 2016

Monday (FEAST – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)
7:00 am - Int. of Brian Flood – *Flood family*

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. LUCY)
2:30 PM - **MASS AT LANARK HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE**
7:00 PM - Int. of the Bediako-Cra Family

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS)
7:00 am + Macedo Family – *Luiz Macedo*

Thursday
7:00 am + Lawrence Hartman – *Maria Robas*

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

Saturday
9:00 am + Wayne Gibson

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24
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

Dec. 3/4, 2016

Sunday envelopes	\$ 3,227.25
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,298.65
Loose monies	\$ 432.30
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,958.20
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 965.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 256.15
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 1,221.15
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

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.** Please see the blackboard at the back of the church to sign up, or call Jessica Heine at 519-496-2328. **Practice is on Friday, Dec. 23rd at 5pm.**



* 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:
Mon. Dec. 12 (tomorrow!)	Sun. Dec. 18
Thu. Dec. 15	Sun. Dec. 25
Tue. Dec. 20	Sun. Jan. 1 st , 2017

Angel Tree... A reminder that **TODAY** is the deadline to return gifts to the church, unwrapped with the angel attached. Also, 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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Dec. 17 & 18	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	T./T./E. Morgan	C. Chacon N. DeSouza
Commentator:	K. Friesen	B. Sawarna	T. Boettger
Lector:	B. Burns	P. Enticott	M. Monte
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	Can you help?
Gift Bearers:	Montag	Seaward	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia G. Jans C. Dokis	B. Cutting P./B. Enticott	B./C Voisin E. Weiss

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 email the parish office at 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): **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 Ministry Sign-Up

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

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

Thanks to all who have signed up already!

Christmas Carolling

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults invites friends of all ages to join them for an evening of Advent/Christmas music and Gospel readings to prepare for the celebration of Christmas! **Friday, December 16th from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Church.** Come and sing, or simply enjoy listening to a selection of favourite hymns and carols anticipating and celebrating the birth of Christ. Bring a friend and take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season. We hope to see you there. *Anyone interested in assisting with music ministry is invited to contact the coordinators at stmarkyoungcatholicadults@gmail.com or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults).*

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2017

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

The Daily TV Mass
Now available Monday-Saturday,
anytime from anyplace.



Take a moment to visit their new website at www.dailytvmass.com to watch the Daily TV Mass and to find out more about how to stay connected with our faith. Please feel free to call the NCBC (National Catholic Broadcasting Council) at 1-888-383-6277 for more info.

Penitential Services during Advent:

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 today at Mass.

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! **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 or 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.

NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, **December 16th to 25th**. You can participate by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: *Carmel of Saint Joseph, R.R. # 1, St. Agatha, Ontario NOB 2L0.*

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.



"Keep Christ in Christmas" CAR MAGNETS

These popular items are being sold after Mass for \$5 each. Come visit our C.W.L. today in the Narthex. Don't delay ... the magnets went very quickly last year.



ANNUAL CARMELITE MONASTERY CHRISTMAS SALE

Now through Dec. 18th. Homemade Jams, Jellies, our own Honey and home-baked Loaves. *Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St. Agatha, Ont.*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

– Mags, a 3-time Canadian Gospel Music Association nominee, invites you to join her for an evening of Christmas Joy, **Tuesday, Dec. 20th** at 7 p.m. at **Hope Fellowship**, 25 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo (2nd floor of the outlet mall). Admission \$10.

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.

LAUDATO SI IS A CALL TO CONVERSION

Come and spend an evening exploring Pope Francis' encyclical on The Environment and Human Ecology with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salth and Light Television. "Past popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but [Laudato Si] is a major piece of work, and an ardent call from one of our world's major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem. ... To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion." (Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB) Join us **Wed. Jan. 11th** at 7pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.



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.

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