

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

December 8 – 14, 2014

Monday (Solemnity – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
7:00 am + Anka Sladic – *Maria Schultz*

Tuesday
7:00 pm + David Baggey – *the Baggey family*

Wednesday
7:00 am + Ruth Hayek – *Ylanda*

Thursday
7:00 am + Nelly Andres – *Dan Wycoco*
7:00 pm **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** with several priests

Friday (FEAST – ST. OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)
7:00 am + Lawrence Coulas – *Jeanne Robinson*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. LUCY)
9:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sat. 5:00 pm + Pietro Poerio & Family – *Family Lagonia Andrea*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Glenn Smith – *Catherine Mackid*

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

Offertory Collections

Nov. 29/30, 2014

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,549.75
Loose monies.....	\$ 509.80
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,059.55
Mortgage Fund	\$ 290.00
Parish Mission with Fr. Alex Joseph, C.S.S.R.	\$ 2,501.65

Thank you for your generosity!



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING NIGHT

Friday, December 12th from 7-9 p.m.

Faith Sharing Meetings are held bi-weekly throughout the school year in the Church Basement. Come expecting to learn more about your faith through discussion and bible teaching along with forming great friendships with other youth. Please remember to bring your bible, a pencil/pen and a donation for the snack that will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending! Email Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

St. Mark's Prayer Network

Are you in need of Prayer? If you are experiencing loss, sadness, illness or grief, if you are struggling with questions of faith or have a particular concern, please let us know! **We have a dedicated group of people who will pray for your request. Email your prayer request to stmarkprayers@gmail.com.**

LITURGICAL ROLES

DEC. 13 - 14	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	K. Buchanan G. Johnston	R./K. Ertel O. Dixon	J./A. Arruda A. Paz
Commentator:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	M. Oram
Lector:	L. Masbad	J. Deneau	L. Masbad
Ushers:		M. Walser L. Koehler	C. Dignam F. Sawaya
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Germann	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis N./K. Higgins G./G. Jans K. Friesen	D. Henri M. Lynch H. Kress L. Riedel S. Sawchuk	K./T. Boettger B. Denomme A. Joseph

Penitential Services during Advent:

Wed. Dec. 10	1:00 pm	St. Francis Church, Kitchener
Wed. Dec. 10	7:00 pm	St. Patrick Church, Cambridge
Thur. Dec. 11	7:00 pm	St. Mark's Church, Kitchener
Fri. Dec. 12	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe (SPANISH), Kit.
Sat. Dec. 13	3:30 pm	St. John's Church, Kitchener
Sun. Dec. 14	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 15	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 15	7:30 pm	St. Louis Church, Waterloo
Tue. Dec. 16	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 16	7:30 pm	St. Agnes Church, Waterloo
Wed. Dec. 17	8:30 am	St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener
Wed. Dec. 17	7:30 pm	St. Michael Church, Waterloo
Thur. Dec. 18	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo
Thur. Dec. 18	7:30 pm	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 22	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener



The Legion of Mary Annual General Reunion is coming up! All Active and Auxiliary Members of the St. Mark's Legion of Mary Praesidium are invited, with their families, to attend this potluck event! Come on out to **St. Aloysius Parish** (11 Traynor Avenue, Kitchener) at 3:00pm on **Sunday, December 7th**. Don't forget to bring your favorite food to share!

Meeting for Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

This Tuesday, December 9th at 6:15 p.m.

A brief meeting for all existing ushers and all who would like to join this ministry. We will review current procedures, and listen to your feedback on a few new thoughts. A training session will follow at a later date, led by two of our current experienced ushers.

Catechism of the Catholic Church Compendium

Next Session: Friday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew Room (topic is The Ten Commandments). All are welcome – each session has an independent theme, so you won't seem lost.

Our Knights of Columbus are collecting **Canadian Tire Money** in the white box in the narthex, to use toward the purchase of toys for the children on our Angel Tree. Any amount you wish to contribute is greatly appreciated.



New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2015

Available for purchase in the narthex - \$5 each

*** Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines**

The church bulletins for **Dec. 21, Dec. 28** and **Jan. 4** 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:
Wednesday, Dec. 10	Sunday, December 21
Wednesday, Dec. 17	Sunday, December 28
Tuesday, Dec. 23	Sunday, January 4, 2015

Our **Angel Tree** is well on its way for Christmas! Huge thanks to those who have already donated gifts and money – all these are most helpful in servicing those less fortunate within our Church boundaries for the Christmas season. Please know that UNWRAPPED gifts must be brought in **no later than Sun. Dec. 14th**. Many thanks for supporting this special endeavour! - *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*



Christmas Cakes – on sale in the narthex this weekend
\$15 bar cake / \$25 deluxe in round tin. *Proceeds to Campaign Life Coalition.*

Be sure to check out our Legion of Mary's "BOOK BORROW," located in the St. Matthew's Room of our parish. Two black bookshelves in the St. Matthew's room hold books on several different spiritual subjects, prayer cards and Rosaries, medals, scapulars, and other items that will help you to further your spiritual journey. Borrow these items for as long as you need them (no signing out required!) and bring them back when you're done with them. It's that simple! The Legion of Mary will also have a cart in the Narthex every other weekend after the Sunday Masses – stop by to see what we've got to offer. The Legion of Mary is also happy to accept any spiritual items that you may wish to donate to our Book Borrow. Please leave your items in a marked box/bag in the St. Matthew's Room for us to shelve. Please note that we do not accept fiction novels, unless they are written by Christian authors with a clear Christian/Catholic theme.

In the bulletin from time to time, I like to put traditional, Catholic prayers to be prayed at home. Perhaps these prayers can become part of your daily communion with God. (- Fr. Don)

THE ANGELUS (The Angelus is a prayer, which recalls the great mystery of God becoming man, and the role Mary played in it. It is traditionally recited on rising, at noon and at 6 o'clock in the evening.)

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

'Hail Mary'

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

'Hail Mary'

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.

'Hail Mary'

V. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Lord fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an Angel, the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through His suffering and death to the glory of His resurrection, for He lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

UPCOMING EVENTS – Mark your 2015 calendars!

• **Wed. Jan. 14** – C.W.L. Potluck – Secret prayer sisters are revealed!

• **Tue. Feb. 3** – Guest Speaker for Heart Month: Susan Dusick from St. Mary's Foundation



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SALE AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY

Daily from First Sunday of Advent until Dec. 23rd (8AM – 8PM).
Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Cards, Knitwear, etc.
Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. 1, St. Agatha

ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL ... His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby invites you to join him at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, December 7th** at 7 p.m. for an Advent Hymn Festival for Peace. A freewill collection will be taken for the Good Shepherd's Annual Christmas Dinner. Come and sing for joy!

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, December 12th at **St. Anne's Church**, 268 East Ave., Kitchener 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Mass at 8:00 a.m.). Bring a bag lunch – tea and coffee provided. To register call or e-mail St. Anne's at 519-745-5302 or stannesfamily@gmail.com.

THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM: AN EVENING OF SEASONAL SONG

Sunday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish**, 16 Cooper St., Cambridge. Join us for an evening of Seasonal Music by the Black Family of Markdale – this family of 10 children range in age from 4 to 21 years. They sing, they dance, they play fiddles, keyboard, guitars and ukulele. Tickets are \$15 Adults; \$5 Children, or \$40 Family, available at St. Mary's welcome desk after each Mass, in person at the parish office (no phone reservations) or via their website: www.stmaryhospeler.ca. Tickets are limited due to seating – no tickets at the door.

"LONGEST NIGHT" PRAYER SERVICE – This time of year can be stressful and sad, especially when you have lost a loved one. Join us on **Monday, December 22** at 7:00pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Kitchener, for 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. This Advent, let us look forward to Jesus' Coming and our reunion with our loved ones in His Kingdom.

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this 8-week DVD series by Edward Sri will take place **Saturdays at 10:00am** in the Lower Hall at **St. Mary's Church**, 56 Duke St. West, **beginning January 17**. Join us in the full study course, or just come and enjoy the DVDs and discussion. To order study guide materials contact the church office by December 18.

THURSDAY LENTEN SERIES – St. Francis and St. Michael parishes are again offering a Lenten Series on Thursday afternoons and evenings – this year about Pope Francis entitled **Francis: Inspiration and Direction**.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish: 1:00 pm Mass followed by talk at 1:30pm
St. Michael Parish, Waterloo: 7:30 – 9:00 pm talk only (no mass)

Feb. 26 – St. Francis & St. Ignatius – *Speaker: Rev. J. de Viveiros, C.R.*

March 5 – Major Themes of Francis – *Speaker: Rev. C. O'Mahony*

March 12 – The Joy of the Gospel – *Speaker: Dr. J. Lombardi, Ph.D.*

March 26 – Eye Witness to the Synod – *Speaker: Rev. T. Rosica, C.S.B.*

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