

# 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.

**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.*

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Worship This Week: February 16 – 22, 2015

### Monday FAMILY DAY

9:00 am + Ludwika Winnicki – Helen Schell

### Tuesday

7:00 pm - Int. of Magda Gergis

### Ash Wednesday

UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 am + Luz Elena "Lucy" Frumkin – Margo Schimus

7:00 pm + Fr. Sylwester Hasnik, O.F.M. – Iwona Pawelec

### Thursday

★ 7:00 am + Helen Michaels – Katherine & Garry Cox

### Friday

6:30 pm - Int. of Diane Moriarity – Eleanor Gale

7:00 pm - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### Saturday

9:00 am + Holy Souls in Purgatory – Helen Schell

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of Rev. Mr. Justin Ruiss – Gayle Cunningham

Sun. 9:30 am + Tony Pys – Anne Detzler

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

#### ★ Please note changes to the liturgical schedule during Lent:

- **Stations of the Cross** will precede morning Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.
- **Friday morning Mass** is replaced with evening Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross led by Father Don at 7:00 p.m. (except on March 6<sup>th</sup> due to the parish retreat, and Good Friday, April 3).

### Offertory Collections

February 7/8, 2015

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,538.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 354.20
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 3,892.20</b>
Mortgage Fund .....	\$ 805.00
Seminary Education.....	\$607.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Don't forget to pick up your 2014 Tax Receipt** (available in the narthex) ... you will be helping to reduce our mailing costs. ☺

## SPIRIT CREW

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

### ■ YOUTH ALPHA FILM SERIES: (Grades 6 to 12 welcome)

Every other Friday from 7-9 p.m.

Includes video, small group discussion. Snack provided.

- February 20<sup>th</sup> ... *How Can I Have Faith?*

- March 6<sup>th</sup> ... *Why and How Do I Pray?*

- March 20<sup>th</sup> ... *Why and How Do I Read the Bible?*

For more information visit [www.alphacanada.org](http://www.alphacanada.org) or contact Andrea Laughlin at [andreaappelman@hotmail.com](mailto:andreaappelman@hotmail.com) or 519-577-8553.

## LITURGICAL ROLES

Feb. 21 & 22	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	C./B./T. Morgan	R./J. Henri	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	C. Baumtrog	J. Germann	O. Sirju
Lector:	K. Smith	J. Deneau	L. Masbad
Ushers:		F./B. Seaward	B. Voisin J. McCullough
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Cerantola	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis F./Y. Tully P. Appelman R. Landgraff	B. Seaward A. Simoes B. Starr M. Walser	A. Monte B./C. Voisin E. Weiss



### Newly Baptized...

With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God: **Kaylee, Ethan, Sophia, Everett, Aria, Leo and Chace.**

*God has saved us by living water which gives our lives a fresh beginning, and He put his Spirit in us, so that healed by His grace, we may share His life and hope to live forever. (TITUS 3:5,7)*

### Gr. 7 Confirmation Preparation Sessions

For all Grade 7 students and parents, Sunday afternoons from 12:45 – 1:30 pm (after 11:30 mass). Remaining dates and topics:

**Feb. 15** - The Sacrament of Confirmation

**Mar. 1** - The Mass and the Eucharist

**Mar. 15** - The Call to Holiness (The 10 Commandments)  
(3-week break due to Holy Week and Easter)

**Apr. 19** - The Sacrament of God's Mercy

Those with questions may contact Fr. Don or Pam at 519-571-9200.

### Gr. 2 Catechism Classes start this Tuesday!

The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate begin an excellent 12-week First Communion & First Reconciliation program here at St. Mark's Parish **starting this Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** For a complete list of class dates and times, see the schedule on our parish website at [www.stmarkcatholicparish.org](http://www.stmarkcatholicparish.org) and click on "Gr. 2 First Communion" under Parish News in the right-hand column. Please call Pam at the parish office with any questions.

### Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT! Hosted by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

**Shrove Tues. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. ~ Church Hall

**LAST CHANCE to buy tickets after Mass TODAY in the narthex.**

Adults \$7 • Youth \$5 • Kids \$2 • Family Rate \$25

### 23rd Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre** (255 Front St. W., Toronto). Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck, Guest Speaker: Al Kresta. High Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Separate Youth Event (13-18 yrs.), music, skits, power-packed talks. Rally Tickets: \$20 adults; \$10 youth. **BUS TRANSPORTATION:** reserve your bus seat today – space is limited! Bus Tickets are \$15 per person, and the bus will leave from St. Mark's Church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. Call Anna Joseph to reserve your tickets at 519-577-8519.

**New Sex Education Curriculum:** The Ontario government is resurrecting the controversial Sex Ed curriculum that was "shelved" in 2010 over parental concerns that it was age-inappropriate, overly explicit, and undermined the religious beliefs of many families. **I urge you to learn more** by visiting [www.CampaignLifeCoalition.com/SexEd](http://www.CampaignLifeCoalition.com/SexEd). Then contact your school trustee and MPP with concerns. – Fr. Don

**Questionnaire on Marriage & Family**

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Marriage and Family to be held in October of 2015 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 website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The questionnaire seeks information from the faithful on the content of the *Lineamenta*, which is the working document for the upcoming Synod. It can be completed online, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. **Deadline for submission is Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**2. Attend one of two focus group gatherings** where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected to include in the final report. Both gatherings run from **7:00 to 9:00 pm:**  
 - **Tues. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Michael Parish** (240 Hemlock St., Waterloo)  
 - **Thur. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** at the **Chancery Office** (700 King St. W., Hamilton)  
 Please RSVP by phone or e-mail if you plan to attend:  
 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

The information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for the 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).

**LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREAT**

**"Meaning in the Cross ~ Hope in the Resurrection"**  
**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 8:00 PM**

St. Mark's Catholic Parish invites you to an evening retreat to enrich your 2015 Lent. This special gathering at St. Mark's begins at 5:00 p.m. with a **Fish & Chip Supper**, followed by the **Stations of the Cross**. Our guest speaker, **Sr. Elaine Arsenault, S.S.S.** will draw on scripture, life experiences, and prayer as sources to shed light on some of today's problems: "How do I cope when I lose status in life?" "How do I cope with children not going to church?" "Why do I have to go to church every Sunday?" "Are we too accepting of divorce?" Please consider giving yourself a spiritual gift at this time of grace where you will live deeply your journey from the cross to the resurrection. Meal is \$10 per person, provided by The Fish Hut (includes 2 fish, fries and coleslaw). **If you wish to attend, please sign-up using the form below, enclose in a plain envelope with \$10 per person, and deposit into the collection basket, or at the parish office. Registrations must be received by Sun. March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Registration for Lenten Twilight Retreat – Fri. Mar. 6**

*"Meaning in the Cross ~ Hope in the Resurrection"*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# attending: \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$10 ea.) Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Lenten Practices...**

**Ash Wednesday: A day of fasting and abstinence**

This week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday which will begin our season of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for our celebrations of Easter, when Christ died and rose from the dead for our salvation. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence. There are two days of compulsory fasting and abstinence prescribed by the Church: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Code of Canon Law #1251).

**FASTING** means eating less than normal. We are asked to eat one regular size meal and two smaller meals. Catholics between the ages of 16-60 are asked abide by this discipline.

**ABSTINENCE** means abstaining from eating meat on this day. Catholics older than 14 years of age are asked to abide by this discipline. Note: We are also encouraged to continue the traditional practice of abstaining from meat every Friday. As well, one should not engage in excessive entertainment throughout the Lenten Season, and most certainly not on Good Friday.



**World Day of Prayer**

Please mark your calendar and plan to join our area's World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at **St. George Anglican Church** (Fisher Hallman and McGarry) at **1:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. We are looking for a couple more people to participate in a small reading part in the ceremony. If you are able to join us, please contact Donna Henri 519-579-9492 or [s\\_henri@yahoo.com](mailto:s_henri@yahoo.com).

Bring your SPUDS to the Church during the month of February and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.



**THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM**

All those interested in learning about the Baltimore Catechism are welcome to attend classes at **St. Anne's Church**, Kitchener **starting today, Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Classes will be offered consecutively for **4-6 weeks**. Baltimore Catechism books will be provided for all participants for a nominal fee of \$10. All are welcome!

**THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO**

(CPSO) are consulting the public regarding their proposed policy about Professional Obligations and Human Rights. It is a troublesome policy in that it seeks to limit the moral and ethical rights of physicians in matters related to conscience. **The Hamilton Diocesan website ([www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)) provides helpful information for you so that you can better understand this situation and take part in the consultation process.** Bishop Crosby encourages all parishioners to respond to the consultation. **Responses must be submitted before Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**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, Kit.:** Mass at 1:00 pm / Talk at 1:30pm  
**St. Michael Parish, Waterloo:** Talk at 7:00 p.m.

**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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