

# 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:

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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.*

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Worship This Week:**

**Feb. 20 – 26, 2017**

**Monday FAMILY DAY**

7:00 am - In Thanksgiving – *Leonor Fonseca*

**Tuesday**

7:00 PM - Int. of Martin VanderZanden – *A. & E. Vandenhoff*

**Wednesday** (FEAST – CHAIR OF ST. PETER)

7:00 am + Alfonsa Abella – *Cora Reyes*

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. POLYCARP)

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

**Friday**

7:00 am + Caroline Toscano – *Anthony and family*

**Saturday**

9:00 am - Int. of Zachary – *Michael & Mary Andrago*

**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Isaiah 49:14-15; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34*

**SAT. 5:00 PM** + James Valampampil – *John & Linda Deneau*

**SUN. 9:30 am** + Gilbert, Shirley, Linda, Joseph & Laura Schneider

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

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Family Day!**

**Offertory Collections**

**Feb. 11/12, 2017**

Sunday envelopes ..... \$ 2,660.00  
 Sunday loose ..... \$ 397.81  
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... \$ 1,280.19  
**TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS ..... \$ 4,338.00**

Mortgage envelopes.....\$ 365.00  
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....**\$ 251.54**  
**TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS ..... \$ 616.54**

Seminary Education..... \$ 90.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**World Day of Prayer 2017**

This year's World Day of Prayer is **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** and will be held at **Highland Baptist Church** (135 Highland Road). For those participating in the service there will be a practice at 9:30 a.m., followed by Refreshments from 10-10:30, and the Service from 10:30 to 11:30. St. Mark's parish will be responsible for the "Prayer of Intercession" portion of the service. If you would like to represent our parish by participating in this way, please contact Donna at 519-579-9492. World Day of Prayer Services for 2017 will also be held in Kitchener at the following Churches on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>...

- 10:00AM at St Stephen's Lutheran Church, 248 Highland Road East
- 10:30AM at Highland Baptist Church, 135 Highland Road West
- 1:30PM at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 54 Queen Street North
- 2:00PM at St Anthony Daniel Catholic Church, 29 Midland Drive
- 7:00PM at Calvary Memorial United Church, 91 Gruhn Street
- 7:00PM at Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship, 68 Biehn Drive

<b>LITURGICAL ROLES</b>			
Feb. 25 & 26	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	G. Johnston K. Buchanan	A./J. Rye	N./B./B. Starr
<b>Commentator:</b>	B. Burns	J. Flanigan	S. Roma
<b>Lector:</b>	K. Friesen	V. De Vries	L. Masbad
<b>Ushers:</b>	I. Cimermancic	F./B. Seaward P. Drohan	C. Dignam F. Sawaya M. Schimus
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Buchanan	Cerantola	Chacon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	K. Smith D. Weber C. Dokis	A. Joseph H. Kress M. Lynch	R. Masbad P. Masbad B. Starr

**Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper!**



**Shrove Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

Proudly presented by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

Tickets now on sale after all Masses in the narthex (NO price increase over last year!): **Adults \$7; Youth (7-16) \$5; Kids (3-6) \$2; Family \$25. Kids under 3 FREE.** Tickets will also be sold at the door on the night of the supper.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

Come celebrate, be inspired, encouraged and healed! **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**, 255 Front St. W. Inspired talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig.

Powerful witnesses of personal and family healing from David Patterson and Gemma MacDonald. The adult high mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins, and Bishop Scott McCaig will celebrate with the youth. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. **St. Mark's C.W.L. has organized a BUS to take us to and from this wonderful event.** Bus will leave St. Mark's Parish at 7AM sharp and return at 7:30 PM. Cost for the bus is \$15 each (light refreshments and driver gratuity is included). Rally Tickets: \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus. *Don't be disappointed ... the bus fills up quickly!*



**Passion Play** ... Saint Mark's drama group invites you to participate in the play **"The Passion of Christ"** on **Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Practices will begin on Sundays in February. No speaking is required. If you would like to participate, please contact Sonia & Julio Chacon at 519-954-2062 for details and practice times.



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.

**CANCELLED: Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)** due to lack of interest.



**An invitation to pray to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help**



The Legion of Mary of St. Mark's community is inviting all to join them in prayers to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help for their families, friends, for the sick, in thanksgiving, for those who have fallen away from the faith ... for whatever is on your heart. Please join the Legionaries on Friday's from 11am to 12noon in the Chapel.

*For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (MATTHEW 18:20)*

**Lenten Practices...**

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

On March 1, 2017, Ash Wednesday begins 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.



**"FORGIVEN/FORGOTTEN" a Theatre of the Beat Production**

A fast paced, heart-wrenching drama that examines how our culture responds to those affected by crime. When a family finds out that an offender will be serving his parole in their community, they are forced to choose between closing their doors or reaching out to those in need. **Thursday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 8:00 p.m. in the **St. Jerome's Vanstone Lecture Hall** (SJ2 1004) and parking is provided. This event is sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee and admission is by donation, \$15 suggested. To learn more about the traveling troupe, *Theatre of the Beat*, and how they stage change visit [Theatreofthebeat.ca](http://Theatreofthebeat.ca)

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** at **St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall**, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira on **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **All proceeds support the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.**

**ST. AGATHA PARISH C.W.L. ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY**

Door Prizes, Draws, Beef Stew luncheon. \$10 includes stew, rolls, beverage & dessert squares. **St. Agatha Church Hall, Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.** Cash Draw & Raffle Draws during Luncheon at 4:30pm. More info: [stagathacwl@gmail.com](mailto:stagathacwl@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL C.W.L. CARD PARTY - Wed. April 26<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Life Centre at **St. Anthony Daniel Church**, Kitchener. Tickets \$15 available at the parish office or call Joan Schurter at 519-893-7429.

**C.W.L. News**

**Election Results are official!**

Here is your new Executive for the next 2 years:

- Kim Friesen, *President*
- Anna Joseph, *President Elect*
- Diane Bendia, *1st Vice-President*
- Carmel Schade, *Treasurer*
- Betty Enticott, *Corresponding Secretary*
- Tanya Martin, *Recording Secretary*
- Marilyn Dufresne, *Standing Committee Lead*
- Mary Collins, *Standing Committee Lead*



We would happily embrace any member who would want to join the group as we still have roles we can fill. Many hands make light work and many hearts and minds make a vibrant, healthy and active organization! Please contact Kim Friesen at 519-749-8250 to inquire.



**Knights of Columbus**

Next monthly meeting of St. Mark's Council 9276: **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)** (Note change of date to avoid conflict with Pancake Supper) [www.kofc9276.org](http://www.kofc9276.org)

Courtesy of St. Mark's Knights, please pick up your free copy of **Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive** in the narthex. This publication contains Prayers, Meditation, Family projects and Scripture readings for each month. This corresponds with the picture in the front of the Altar which has been blessed by Pope Francis, and is on loan to us for the month.

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual C.Y.O. FUNDRAISER TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP**

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Proceeds from this annual event enable children with special needs and those in financial need to attend our C.Y.O. *Camp Marydale* and *Camp Brébeuf* camping programs. It is an evening of good food, great friends and fun entertainment - all for a great cause. Our evening's presentations include Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, our 2017 Honourary Camper Family, the 2016 Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame inductees presentation and the 2016 Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year Award presentation.

**For more info contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or [mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca](mailto:mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca).**

**RETRouvaille** – Stress in Your Marriage? *Retrouvaille* is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, conflicted, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. *Retrouvaille* can help. For confidential info or to register for the **March 24<sup>th</sup> weekend**, contact 905-664-5212 or [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca).

**"THINE IS THE GLORY" CONCERT - Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** celebrate the power and glory of Easter with the Wayne Gilpin Singers, **Notre Dame Chapel at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo**. This concert will feature the performance of sacred music of the season. Parking is available. Freewill offering. All proceeds for the Notre Dame Chapel renovations. For more info contact Martha Fauteux (519-884-8110 x28220) [mfautuex@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:mfautuex@uwaterloo.ca)

**ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER**

The Serra Club of Hamilton celebrates the 14th Annual Priesthood & Consecrated Life dinner on **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Liuna Station Banquet Centre** in Hamilton. For details please visit: [www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner](http://www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner), or email [celebrationprl@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationprl@gmail.com) or call Margaret at 905-628-5682.



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