

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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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 LENT

Worship This Week: Feb. 23 – March 1, 2015

Monday

9:00 am + David Baggey – Baggey family

Tuesday

7:00 pm - Int. of Magda Gergis

Wednesday

7:00 am + Viktor Pomper – Terry Winklemaier

Thursday

7:00 am - Int. of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League

Friday

6:30 pm - Special Intention

7:00 pm - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Fr. Adrian Lee – Jeanne Robinson

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-35, 37+; Mark 9:2-10

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

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

11:30 am + Kenneth James Dawson – Dan, Trini & Kathy

Please note changes to the liturgical schedule during Lent:

- **Stations of the Cross** precede morning Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.

- **Friday Mass** moves to the evening at 6:30 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross led by Father Don at 7:00 p.m. (except on March 6th due to the parish retreat, and Good Friday, April 3).

Offertory Collections

Feb. 14/15, 2015

Envelope Users..... \$ 3,224.50

Loose monies..... \$ 444.31

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 3,668.81

Mortgage Fund..... \$ 70.00

Seminary Education..... \$95.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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.

- **March 6th** ... *Why and How Do I Pray?*

- **March 20th** ... *Why and How Do I Read the Bible?*

For more information visit www.alphacanada.org or contact Andrea Laughlin at andreaappelman@hotmail.com or 519-577-8553.



Congratulations to long-time parishioners William & Delenda Wilson on the recent occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, married February 19, 1955. God's richest blessings on their lasting union!

LITURGICAL ROLES

Feb.28 / Mar.1	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	D. Bristol E. Chang R. Vezensenyi	A./R. Maenpaa M. McCullough P. Mortens
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	P. Enticott	T. Boettger
Lector:	J. Robinson	V. DeVries	M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo K. Friesen	T./J. Germann	M. Schimus M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Seaward	Maenpaa
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis G. Balm C. Baumtrog A. Bendia	T. Angel/C. Haid S. Cerantola B. Coutinho B. Cutting	C./K. Dignam R./P. Masbad



CORRECTION! *Please note...* On every ministry schedule an extra weekend was added in error. Each schedule shows the correct weekend of March 28/29, followed by an extra, incorrect weekend of March 29/30 – the latter shall be ignored.

NEXT WEEKEND (Feb.28/Mar.1) Father Jan Michalski, S.Chr

will be here to celebrate and preach at the Sunday Masses. He is currently the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Guelph. It is a custom of many polish priests to have visiting priests come to their parishes during the season of Lent. Fr. Michalski thought it would be a good idea to have me come since Sacred Heart is my home parish where I grew up and received all my sacraments of initiation. I welcome Father Jan to our parish and look forward to my weekend in Guelph. It will be good to see some of the old gang who are still around.

– Fr. Don

What better way is there to understand Jesus's last day than by acting it out?

Mary is calling you to help her act out her Son's final hours in this year's **Stations of the Cross**, which will be held on **Good Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.**

There are no speaking roles and no prior acting skills are required. Parishioners of all ages and their families or friends are welcome to participate in this play. **First rehearsal THIS Sunday, Feb. 22nd right after the 11:30am Mass.** Please contact Stephanie Baskerville at 519-897-0067 or sbaskerville@sympatico.ca for more information.



23rd Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 7th, 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:** only a few seats are left! 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.

Gr. 7 Confirmation Preparation Sessions

For all Grade 7 students and parents, Sundays from 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.

Remaining dates and topics:

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

Ontario's Radical New Sex-Ed Curriculum...

This program, shelved under Premier McGuinty due to public pressure, is soon to be introduced under Premier Wynne's administration – due to be implemented in the Fall of 2015 (learn more by visiting www.CampaignLifeCoalition.com/SexEd). If all I have heard is correct, then I recommend we pressure our Minister of Education to again (and forever) stop its implementation. The language and concepts in this curriculum are far too explicit for children, very agenda-oriented, contrary to Christian teaching, misleading and can be very psychologically damaging. The former Deputy Minister of Education and advisor to Premier Wynne has recently admitted to police charges against him regarding child pornography. Should not this send up a red flag? Please inform yourself of these proposals and write to our current Minister of Education, Liz Sandals:

LIZ SANDALS, MINISTER OF EDUCATION
22ND FLOOR, MOWAT BLOCK, 900 BAY STREET
TORONTO, ONTARIO M7A 1L2
Email: lsandals.mpp@liberal.ola.org

-- 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. Please consider engaging in this process by completing a questionnaire which can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The questionnaire can be completed online, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. Deadline for submission is Feb. 27th. The information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod. For further information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.

World Day of Prayer

Please mark your calendar and plan to join our area's World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 6th** 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.

CURSILLO 2015 – We all know God, but how many of us truly know God on a personal and intimate level? A 3-day Cursillo weekend, which is a short review of Christianity, is designed to help you on that journey. If you are over 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend:

Men's Weekend: April 23-26 **Women's Weekend: April 30 - May 3**
For more information, see the church bulletin board, speak with a "Cursillista" in your parish, Google cursillohamilton.org, or contact:
Betty Enticott: bpticott@rogers.com 519-743-0908
Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R.: rayreitzelcr@live.com 519-725-1445

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.*

LENTEN RETREAT EVENING

Facilitator, Father Joseph de Viveiros, C.R., will lead us with the theme 'The History of Salvation.' **Wed. March 11th** with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Retreat. **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener, 519-745-7301 for information. Everyone is welcome! Sponsored by St. Francis Catholic Women's League.

LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREAT

"Meaning in the Cross ~ Hope in the Resurrection"
Friday, March 6th 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 1st.**

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: \$ _____

Sponsoring a Refugee Family

Currently, there are millions of refugees from war looking for a new home – their lives have been decimated. In consultation with the diocese, I would like to propose to our parish the possibility of sponsoring a family to come over to Canada and find a new life. This is a very big commitment that requires a great deal of parish involvement. If there are any who are seriously interested in forming a group to consider this possibility, please fill in the form below and drop it into the collection basket during Mass, or email your information to Pam at the parish office (stmark@rogers.com). We especially need people who know about things like housing, transportation, etc. Once we get enough interested and committed helpers, then we can meet with our diocesan refugee consultant to begin organizing ourselves to make this happen. Thank you. – Fr. Don

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Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
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