

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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week: Feb. 27 – March 5, 2017

Monday

7:00 am - In Thanksgiving – *Michael & Mary Andrego*

Tuesday

7:00 PM - Int. of Mario & Karen Baldassarro & family

Ash Wednesday

UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE



7:00 am + Alex Alappat – *Marilyn Dufresne*

9:30 am - **ASH SERVICE AT ST. DOMINIC SAVIO SCHOOL**

7:00 PM - Int. of Celza Bonilla – *Catherine Mackid*

Thursday

7:00 am - Int. of Eric Kubica – *Catherine Mackid*

2:00 PM - **MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE**

Friday

★ 6:30 PM + Mary Mansour – *Rosemary Victor*

7:00 PM - **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Saturday

9:00 am + Brendan Flood – *the Flood family*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7+; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Sat. 5:00 pm + George & Isabel Beckner – *Paul & Angela*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Jack Soares – *Maria*

★ Please note Lenten changes to the liturgical schedule:

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.

Offertory Collections

Feb. 18/19, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,371.00
Sunday loose	\$ 627.80
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,280.19
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,278.99

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 110.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 251.54
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 361.54

Seminary Education..... \$ 35.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Mar. 4 & 5	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	B./C. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>	N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	J. Germann	T. Boettger
Lector:	J. Deneau	D. Bristol	M. Monte
Ushers:	K./S./T. Friesen	B. Coutinho K./J. Culley-Snyder	B. Voisin M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Rye	<i>Can you help?</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen L. Macedo C. Dokis	T./G. MacNeil L. McCullough	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper!

Shrove Tuesday, February 28th

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

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

Tickets available after Mass this weekend in the narthex (NO price increase over last year!) or at the door on Tuesday:

Adults \$7 • Youth (7-16) \$5 • Kids (3-6) \$2 • Family \$25 • Under 3 FREE



25th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Come celebrate, be inspired, encouraged and healed! **Saturday,**

March 4th 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 14th**. Practices will take place on Sunday afternoons. 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)

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

Beginning the first Thursday of Lent (March 2) I wish to offer to the faithful an audio-visual study in the Catholic faith called *Symbolon*. It is for all and anyone who wishes to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. The emphasis will be on The Creed (what we believe), The Sacraments (sources of sanctifying grace) and our worship and Catholic morality (how we are called to follow the Lord and do God's will in the practical, moral choices that we make). This program will run throughout Lent and into the Easter season. The first session will be on **Thursday, March 2nd at 7:30 p.m.** in the basement meeting room. Each session will be about 1 hour in length. Registration will take place at our first session. Bring your friends. All are welcome!

World Day of Prayer 2017

This year's World Day of Prayer is **Friday, March 3rd** 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 3rd ...

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

32nd Annual C.Y.O. FUNDRAISER TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP

Thursday, March 2nd. Proceeds enable children with special needs and those in financial need to attend C.Y.O. *Camp Marydale* and *Camp Brébeuf* camping programs. Presenters include Bishop Douglas Crosby, 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. Contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE – St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, Elmira on Sat. March 4th, 8am-2pm. Proceeds to 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, drink and dessert. St. Agatha Church Hall on **Sunday, March 12th at 2:00pm.** Cash Draw & Raffle Draws during Luncheon at 4:30pm. stagathacwl@gmail.com

ANNUAL C.W.L. CARD PARTY - Wed. April 26th at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre, 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 will happily embrace any member who wishes 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.



LENTEN RETREAT – All are invited to **St. Francis Parish** for a Lenten Retreat on **Wed. March 8th** led by Pastoral Associate, Ms. Ruthann Fisher. Drawing from 26 years of ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Certificates in Pastoral and Youth Ministry, as well as a three-month sabbatical at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, Ruthann will lead us in a retreat entitled "The Word Became Flesh, and Dwelt Among Us." This Lent, explore how you allow the Word of God to influence your life. We begin with the Stations of the Cross at 7pm, followed by retreat. Hosted by St. Francis C.W.L. PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE.

THE JOY OF LOVE LENTEN SERIES – Pope Francis wrote a beautiful and rich Exhortation called *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love. This document evolved from the Synods on the Family of the past few years, and offers a clear description of the challenges for families today, as well as a wealth of suggestions for how we can find and enjoy the love in our own families. Join us for a 4-part Lenten Series led by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. on Thursday afternoons: **March 9, 23, 30 and April 6** at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener.** We begin with Mass at 1pm, series talk at 1:30pm. There will be a break with refreshments, group discussion and Q & A. You do not have to read the exhortation before coming to the series, but if you wish to you can access it online at: www.vatican.va

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 24th weekend**, contact 905-664-5212 or hamiltonretrovaille1@cogeco.ca.

"THINE IS THE GLORY" CONCERT - **Sunday, March 26th 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

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH LENTEN MISSION: "From Font to Glory" – Directed by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. All are invited to participate to prepare well to celebrate the feast of Easter! Come and renew your baptismal promises, and experience the joy of the Risen Christ!

- **March 25/26** – Introduction during all weekend Masses
- **March 27 and 28** – 7:00 pm Mass and Talk
- **March 29** – 7:00 pm Talk followed by Penitential service with visiting priests

ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER

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

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