

# 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.

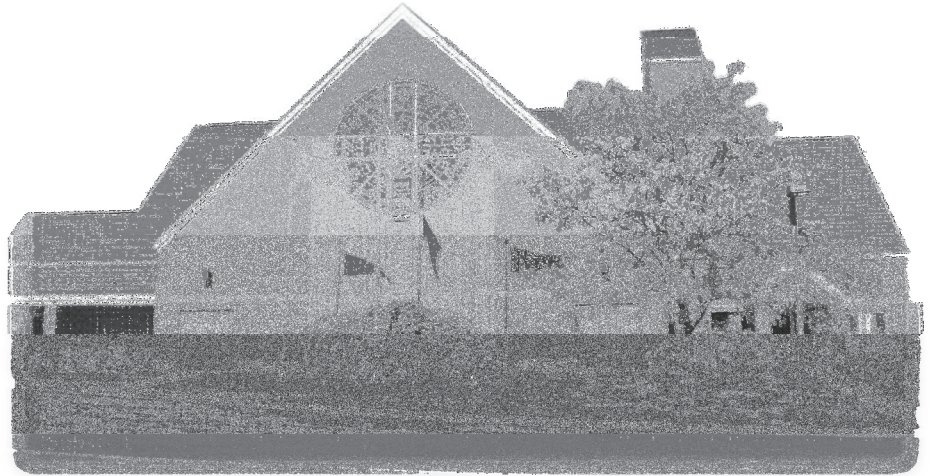
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass. Two separate drop-in programs for K-1 & Gr. 2-3. No need to register.

**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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Worship This Week:**

**Feb. 6 – 12, 2017**

**Monday** (MEMORIAL – ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS)  
7:00 am - Int. of Tibor Kerekes – *Viorica Kerekes*

**Tuesday**  
7:00 PM + Fiorenzo Iantorno – *the Bryson family*

**Wednesday**  
7:00 am + Helen Thomas – *the Bryson family*

**Thursday**  
7:00 am - Int. of Brie Flood – *the Flood family*  
3:00 pm - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

**Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. SCHOLASTICA)  
7:00 am + Helen Lynch – *John & Joanne Lynch*

**Saturday**  
9:00 am - Int. of Fran & Bryan De Rosse – *Gayle Cunningham*

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37*  
**SAT. 5:00 PM** + Lane Graves – *Frank & Yvette Tully*  
**SUN. 9:30 am** + Mark Byrne – *Rose & Derek Byrne*  
**11:30 am** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

**Offertory Collections**

**Jan. 28/29, 2017**

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 1,971.50  
Sunday loose .....\$ 461.35  
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... \$ 1,280.19  
**TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS ..... \$ 3,713.04**

Mortgage envelopes.....\$ 385.00  
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... \$ 251.54  
**TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS ..... \$ 636.54**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

St. Vincent de Paul White Box collection (January)..... \$ 812.85  
Thank you for your very generous donations. We operate solely on the generosity of our St. Mark parishioners and our parish schools. We are very blessed to share with our community the fruits of your gifts.  
- St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society

**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.

**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.

<b>LITURGICAL ROLES</b>			
Feb. 11 & 12	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	G./S./T. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
<b>Commentator:</b>	M. Dufresne	L. Rye	T. Lee
<b>Lector:</b>	J. Deneau	G. Rye	C. Mackid
<b>Ushers:</b>	K./S./T. Friesen	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	B. Voisin M. Monte
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	F./Y. Tully C. Dokis	B. Cutting P./B. Enticott	K./T. Boettger A. Monte



**Gr. 7's ... Mark your calendars!**  
**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS**  
**12:45 to 1:30 pm on these six Sundays:**

- Feb. 5
- Mar. 5
- April 2
- Feb. 19
- Mar. 19
- April 23

**Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)**

Join us for this small group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. We'll meet **Wednesdays in the St. John's Room starting February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm to begin a 14-week course.** Our evening includes a DVD and discussion time. Reading is done at home. Books are limited so please register soon. Please email Kathy Smith at [kathysmith219@gmail.com](mailto:kathysmith219@gmail.com) to reserve your books!

**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 Colun. sale after all Masses starting Feb. 11/12 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!*



**Dear Parishioners,**

I am pleased to say that the Legion of Mary has started up again in our parish. We now have 8 committed and faith-filled Legionaries actively working within the parish and in our community.

One of the services that the Legion of Mary would like to offer is prayerful support to our parishioners who may desire it. This could mean lending a listening ear, helping with the Mass, listening to questions you may have about God and religion, etc...

Let me say that each Legion member has a strong faith, but not an imposing and forceful one. They just want to help, knowing full well that our pastor cannot be in touch with all parishioners who reach out to him. Actually it is the work of all Catholics to reach out to others in need of a listening ear, seeking spiritual council or prayer. To be sure, our Legion members will neither be pushy nor intrusive and most certainly they are bound to confidentiality. They only want to serve the Lord and bring His love to others under the guidance of Our Lady.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Legion of Mary is invited to attend one of the weekly meetings held each Thursday from 6:15 to 7:30pm or contact Colette @ 519-576-7490.

-- Father Don



**EUCCHARISTIC VIDEO SERIES by FR. ROBERT BARRON**

Christ is alive and fully present in the Eucharist. Join us as we delve into the "source and summit" of our Faith with Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based program: ***Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence***. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass. **Six sessions beginning - TOMORROW, Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., St. Louis Parish** (53 Allen St. East, Waterloo) and continuing until Mar. 27.) The program is free, but there is a cost for optional materials. For more info or to register, please contact Anna at St. Louis Parish office at 519-743-4101 or stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com.

**ANNUAL VALENTINE CARD PARTY** – Hosted by the C.W.L. at **Blessed Sacrament Parish**, Kitchener in the Parish Centre. **Monday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** - doors open at 5:45pm. We'll have a supper of salad and buns, selection of chili's and chowders, and other "comfort foods," desserts, coffee/tea and treats served throughout the evening. Door prizes, raffles and a 50/50 draw. Tickets \$10 - available at the office 519-742-5061. Bring your own cards or other games.

**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)**. Thank you on behalf of all the children this fundraiser supports!

**ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY!**  
**33 Days to Merciful Love**, a group retreat preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6-week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place **Saturdays at 10 am at St. Mary's Church**, Kitchener, in the Lower Hall, **beginning Sat. March 4<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, contact Vicky [atvmdvorak@gmail.com](mailto:atvmdvorak@gmail.com).

**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).

**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.

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
 Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2017? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the narthex for information on how to register for this celebration.



**CHANGES TO KITCHENER'S GARBAGE COLLECTION PROGRAM**

***How this will affect St. Mark's Church...***

As most of you know, starting in March, homes will be limited in the amount of garbage they can place at the curb for regional pickup.

While blue boxes and green boxes will continue to be picked up weekly, free garbage pick-up will now be limited to 4 bags every two weeks, with additional bags being charged a \$2 fee per bag. St. Mark's – even though we are a large facility and not a private residence – will be bound by these SAME restrictions.

Presumably this will present a challenge, especially when we are faced with larger events (like funerals, pancake suppers, etc.) where the amount of garbage produced is greatly increased.

**Please watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for information and education on changes we will be making as a parish in order to step up to this challenge.**

For the most part this change will affect ALL of us, but with a little careful organization and everyone's co-operation, we can rewire the way we think about and deal with waste! *Stay tuned!*



**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**.

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