

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship This Week:

Feb. 15 – 21, 2016

Monday FAMILY DAY

* 9:00 am + Ivan Groleau – *McCullough family*

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Merv Bilyk – *McCullough family*

Wednesday

7:00 am + Holy Souls in Purgatory – *Leonor Fonseca*

Thursday

7:00 am - In Thanksgiving to Good St. Anne – *L. Fonseca*

Friday

* 6:30 PM + Peter & Vendel Nickl and Lena & John Mendler

Saturday

9:00 am - In Thanksgiving – *Luiz Macedo*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

Sat. 5:00 pm + Antonio & Jose Reis – *Henry*

Sun. 9:30 am + Michelle & Mervin Yandernoll – *Y. Family*

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

* **Please note changes to the liturgical schedule during Lent:**

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. 6/7, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,569.50
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,308.12
Loose monies	\$ 593.65
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,471.27
Seminary Education	\$ 470.00
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Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 991.00
Feb. 3 Winter Games Night proceeds.....	\$ 2,108.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 300.00
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 3,399.00
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Refugee Sponsorship donations.....	\$ 1,130.00
Blue Moon Fundraiser (tickets, raffle, etc.)	\$ 1,824.00
TOTAL REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP OFFERINGS.....	\$ 2,954.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i>	



SPIRIT CREW

St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (*open to Grades 6 - 12*)

■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, February 26th (7-9 p.m.)

Please join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snacks provided. Please let us know if you will be attending ... email Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

■ LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY - Youth Event

All youth age 13-18 are invited to attend this event to be held on **Saturday, March 5th** from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**. Bring a friend and be prepared to be uplifted by cool talks, fabulous testimonies, skits, praise & worship music and more! Join over a thousand other youth from across Canada for this amazing day. Check the Spirit Crew Bulletin Board for more info. If you are interested in attending, please pick up a permission form from the Spirit Crew Bulletin Board and return the signed form to the Spirit Crew Mailbox no later than Wed. Feb. 24th.

LITURGICAL ROLES

FEB. 20 & 21	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	E. Chang R. Vezensyi	A. Arruda C. Chacon
Commentator:	J. Deneau	L. Rye	M. Oram
Lector:	B. Burns	G. Rye	M. Monte
Ushers:	K./T. Friesen	B. Cutting B. Coutinho P. Drohan	C. Dignam M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Archambault	Seaward	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis G. Balm A. Bendia	M./L. Fernando S. Cerantola	T./K. Boettger A. Monte

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

For Grade 7 students and parents, Sunday afternoons from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. (after 11:30 Mass). Remaining dates and topics:

* **Please note today's session (Feb. 14) replaces the Feb. 7 session.**

* **FEB. 14:** The Meaning of Baptism

FEB. 21: The Sacrament of Confirmation

MAR. 28: The Mass and the Eucharist

MAR. 6: The Call to Holiness (The 10 Commandments)

(3-week break for March Break and Easter)

APR. 3: The Sacrament of God's Mercy

If you have not yet registered for Confirmation, please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms and handouts can be found on the information wall in the narthex, and submitted to the church office.

Family Valentine's Day Dance: Sunday, February 14th

Hosted by St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults from **6:30**

- 11:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **This is a family-friendly event, open to ALL AGES!** (we will have activities set up for the kids!). **Tickets on sale in the narthex after Mass:** \$5 for Seniors and Kids (ages 6-13), \$10 for Adults (ages 14+), and \$30 for a Family. For more info contact Mary-Emily McCullough at 226-338-5122.



Legion of Mary ... Join us **Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m.** in the St. Matthew Room! *New members Welcome!*

Passion Play ... Saint Mark's drama group invites you to participate in the play "**The Passion of Christ**" on **Good Friday, March 25th**.

Please contact Sonia & Julio Chacon at 519-954-2062 for details and practice times.

S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (*open to ages 19-35*)

► Study of Pope John Paul II: Sat. Feb. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we continue our study of the life of St. John Paul II through the film *Pope John Paul II*. We will meet in the church at 7:00pm for prayer. After the film we will take our discussion questions to the **Williamsburg Arms** for a pub night. RSVP on our Facebook page:

facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults, or email us at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

► Theology of the Body Retreat: March 4th & 5th (Friday/Saturday)

Join us for a retreat on St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, open to anyone ages 19-35, from 6:30 to 9:15pm on Fri. March 4th and continuing from 9:00-3:00 on Sat. March 5th. \$40/person includes workbook, lunch and snacks. Registration after all weekend Masses in the narthex. For more info, please contact Mary-Emily McCullough at 226-338-5122.



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. Let's try to break last year's record of 1,000 pounds!

St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship update...

OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$ 30,000.00 by February 29, 2016
AMOUNT RAISED TO DATE: \$ 27,448.50 as of Feb. 7, 2016

Many thanks for your generosity! To make a donation, please use the white 'Refugee Sponsorship' envelopes, available in the narthex. If donating by cheque, please make payable to St. Mark's Parish (memo: Refugee Fund). Tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

Translators needed! St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship Committee is now seeking translators. While professional and volunteer translation services are available, we'd like to engage members of our parish. The official language of Syria is modern Arabic; there's also a possibility that the family may be more comfortable with other dialects. If you're fluent in **Arabic, Levantine, Mesopotamian, Kurdish, Armenian or Azeri** (or know someone who is), we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Mike Serres at 519-744-8780 or michael.serres@bell.net.

'Marthas' needed! ... We need a couple of 'Marthas' to help tidy up the altar servers' robes. (Some of our dedicated servers are not tall enough to reach the hanger rail!) If you have a few minutes to spare after Mass, please contact Jane Petrovich at 519-886-0725. Help at the 5:00 and 9:00 Masses is particularly welcome!

Broken Spirit (and Song)... Our wonderful *Spirit and Song* hymnals are falling apart, but they can be saved with a bit of glue, tape and goodwill. This will also save St. Mark's the expense of rebinding or replacing them. If you can spare some time to help mend and protect the books please call Jane Petrovich at 519-886-0725.

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE WHOLE PARISH
 Catholicism is an entire way of life. But today it's not known. We might be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic faith, but how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* is a 20-part DVD series that opens up the "big picture" of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us to KNOW our faith, LIVE our faith and ARTICULATE it to others. The first 10 parts (entitled "Knowing the Faith") journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church, and the second 10 parts (entitled "Living the Faith") focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and moral life. Join Fr. Don as we are led through a clear and comprehensive explanation of the Catholic faith. Speak to Fr. Don or contact the office for upcoming dates. ALL ARE WELCOME.

WATERLOO DEANERY LENTEN SERIES

Come and be drawn deeper into the abundance of God's Mercy!

- **Thurs. Feb. 18:** **Mercy in the Liturgy** with Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
- **Thurs. Feb. 25:** **Mercy in Hymnody** with Christina Ronzio
- **Thurs. Mar. 3:** **Mercy in the Scriptures** with Andrea Di Giovanni
- **Thurs. Mar. 10:** **Mercy in Theology** with Rev. Gordon Rixon, S.J.

Each session will be offered twice daily:

- **AFTERNOON** session at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener**
1:00 pm Mass followed by 2:00 - 3:30 pm session
- **EVENING** session at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo**
7:00 pm Mass followed by 7:30 - 9:00 pm session

Thank you!

Special thanks goes out to all who planned and organized recent parish events ... our **Blues Night**, our **Games Night** and the annual Shrove

Tuesday Pancake Supper. Thanks to Paul Goossens and his band (Chuckee and the Crawdaddies) for the great music, and to Bev Finnegan for lending us her facility (The Blue Moon in Petersburg) for the evening; to Edwina Weiss and the members of Scouts Canada (Ventures) for the successful evening of fun and games; and to our Knights of Columbus for another successful pre-Lenten pancake supper. All these events were well-attended. Thanks to all who came out to lend their support. I hope many of you will enjoy the last of this series of events, our **Family Valentine's Day Dance**.

Now, we get down to the business of Lent ... *let's have a good one.*
 -- Fr. Don

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone who came out to their annual Pancake Supper. Congratulations to Scott Weston who won \$83 in the 50/50 draw. The other half of the proceeds will be donated to the Special Olympics.

-- Alan Bendia, Grand Knight

Winter Games Night Update: Over one hundred guests attended our Winter Games Night on February 3rd! Thank you for coming and a very special thank-you to the Ventures and helpers behind the scene. Your help made the event a huge success. St. Mark's Fund Raising Committee collected \$2,108 from this event, which was put toward reducing the church mortgage. Thank you!!

-- Edwina Weiss, Fund Raising Committee

Upcoming Lenten Penitential Services:

Wed. Feb. 17	7:30 pm	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Wed. Feb. 24	7:15 pm	St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener
Wed. March 2	7:00 pm	St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener
Sat. March 5	2:30 pm	St. Anne's Church, Kitchener
Sun. March 6	1:00 pm	St. Jerome's University R.C. Community
Mon. March 7	7:30 pm	St. Louis Church, Waterloo
Tue. March 8	7:00 pm	St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha
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Wed. March 9	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo
Thu. March 10	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener
Thu. March 10	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, St. Clements
Thu. March 10	7:30 pm	St. Michael's Church, Waterloo
Sun. March 13	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener
Mon. March 14	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Tue. March 15	7:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira
Thu. March 17	7:00 pm	St. Mark's Church, Kitchener

24th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 5th, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**. Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Deacon Larry Oney. High Mass (with Sunday readings) Celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Separate youth event (13-18 yrs.) with music, talks and skits. **A BUS has been reserved to take us to the rally.** Seats are limited – book early. We leave St. Mark Church parking lot at 7 AM, and return around 7 PM. For tickets please contact **Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519**. Adult rally tickets \$20 each; Youth rally tickets \$15 each (13- 18 years). Bus \$15 each (this includes snacks and bus driver gratuities).

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