

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship This Week:

Feb. 29 – March 6, 2016

Monday (FEAST – CHAIR OF ST. PETER)

7:00 am + Joan Clutchee, Tony Martucci, Jim Copland, Oscar Delgado

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Rudy Appelman – *Peter & Sandra*

Wednesday

7:00 am + Baby Fernandes – *Peter & Sandra Appelman*

Thursday

7:00 am + Souls in Purgatory

Friday

★ 6:30 PM + Mary & Louise Theriault & families – *L. Connell*

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Mary Greaney – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sat. 5:00 pm + Jack Soares – *Maria*

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

11:30 am - Int. of Izydor & Leokadia Poznanska – *H. & A. Constantinou*

★ **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

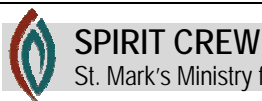
Feb. 20/21, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,775.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,350.81
Loose monies	<u>\$ 513.55</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,639.36

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 365.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	<u>\$ 301.15</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 666.15

TOTAL REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP **\$ 1,644.30**

Thank you for your generosity!!



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ **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.

■ **NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, March 11th (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.

Today is White Box Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Feb. 27/28) for anyone wishing to make a donation.

LITURGICAL ROLES

MAR. 5 & 6	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	R./J. Henri	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	P. Enticott	K. Phillips
Lector:	M. Serschen	D. Bristol	L. Masbad
Ushers:	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Cerantola	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers	F./Y. Tully K. Friesen	H. Kress J. McCullough D. Henri	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

Attention Altar Servers (and parents): Please pick up an Altar Server "Update Form" from the sacristy, fill it out, and place it in the box on the sacristy counter. Thank you for helping us to update our records!

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

For Grade 7 students and parents, Sunday from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

Remaining dates and topics:

FEB. 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

World Day of Prayer – This annual event is approaching quickly and Donna would appreciate some participants to join her on **Friday, March 4th** at 12:30pm at **Westheights Community Church**. We need 2 people to participate in our parish's role in the ceremony, but many more are welcome to gather to participate in this amazing event. Please contact Donna Henri at 519-579-9492 or s_henri@yahoo.com A.S.A.P. to confirm your attendance. Ceremony starts at 1:00pm followed by a reception. All parishioners are welcome.

Lenten Mission Retreat for Men

Attention all men of St. Mark's! Join us for a special Lenten Mission Retreat on **Saturday, March 19th** from **5:00-9:00 pm:**

5:00 pm - Mass

6:00 pm - Dinner in the hall

7:00 pm - Conference/Discussion presented by a guest priest

No advance registration necessary. Freewill offering. Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

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.

"KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS" is a 10-week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. **Tuesday evenings, March 22-May 24 from 7-9:30 p.m.** here at **St. Mark's Parish**. Cost is \$45. For more information or to register, contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

S.M.Y.C.A.

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

► **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.

St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship update...

★ **Our application is in!** This week, we submitted our refugee sponsorship application to the Diocese. This is the first step of a multi-step sponsorship process.

★ **Translators needed!** St. Mark's Refugee Settlement 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.

★ **Temporary housing required!** Do you know of a vacant apartment or residence in our community? St. Mark's Refugee Settlement Committee is reaching out to members of our parish for temporary housing in Kitchener-Waterloo to accommodate our sponsored family. Whether it's a basement apartment, an in-law suite or a multi-bedroom or studio layout, we're seeking a place that:

- Will be available for 2 to 4 weeks, upon the family's arrival (until permanent housing arrangements are finalized)
- Can accommodate 6 family members
- Includes a kitchenette/cooking area, a full bath and a separate/private entrance

If you or someone you know can help, please email our committee at stmark@rogers.com.

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 Deacon Larry Oney. High Mass 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 (includes snacks and bus driver gratuities).

CURSILLO 2016 – 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 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend:

Men's Weekend: May 26–29 Women's Weekend: June 9–12

For more information visit www.cursillohamilton.org, or contact:

Betty Enticott bpticott@rogers.com (519) 743-0908
Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. rayreitzelcr@live.com (519) 725-1445

Upcoming Lenten Penitential Services:

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
Tue. March 8	7:30 pm	St. Michael's Church, Waterloo
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. Agnes 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

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. Parts 1 through 10 (entitled "Knowing the Faith") journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church, and parts 11-20 (entitled "Living the Faith") focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and moral life. **Join Fr. Don Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** as we are led through a clear and comprehensive explanation of the Catholic faith. ALL ARE WELCOME.

WATERLOO DEANERY LENTEN SERIES

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

- **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

ANNUAL FISH FRY – Friday, March 4th at St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Hall, Elmira. Two sittings – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Take out at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$15; Children (12 & under) \$8; Take Out \$15. Advanced tickets until March 2nd. available from St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Hosted by K of C Council 8192.

CLIMATE CHANGE: What is our responsibility as Catholics?

St. Michael's Social Justice Committee invites you to attend an evening of education on Climate Change on **Monday, March 7th** at 7:00 p.m. in **St. Michael's Church Hall** (Waterloo). Caterina Lindman will give a presentation about Pope Francis's teaching on climate change, and actions that we can take at both a personal and political level.

Caterina Lindman is the leader of the St. Jerome's Social Justice Committee, and the Waterloo Region Citizens' Climate Lobby. She is a frequent contributor to the Waterloo Region Record on the subject of climate change.

EVENING RETREAT: A RECIPE FOR LENTEN RENEWAL

Wed. March 9th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by retreat from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. led by Father Frank Freitas. Sponsored by St. Francis C.W.L.

MEN'S CONFERENCE – Join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers on **Saturday, March 19th** for Serviam Ministries' 1st annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at **Canada Christian College in Toronto.** The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special father/son rates available. www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron or call 1-888-522-2070 or email info@ServiamMinistries.com.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE FUNDRAISING DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Friday, April 1st at the **Waterloo Knights of Columbus**, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Alex Schadenberg (*Executive Director/International Chair Euthanasia Prevention Coalition*) will speak on **Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Canada.** Social hour at 5pm with bar and a chance to view the Silent Auction and place a bid. Dinner at 6pm (Fish purchased at the club, approx. \$10). Donation boxes at each table; receipts will be issued. Tables of 8 available. Everyone welcome. Great speakers, food and entertainment! Call the K-W R.T.L. Office at 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

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