

# 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](mailto: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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Worship This Week

February 9 – 15, 2015

#### Monday

7:00 am + David Baggey – *Baggey family*

#### Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. SCHOLASTICA)

2:30 pm - Monthly Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care

7:00 pm + Ruth Hayek – *Ylanda*

#### Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Ron Robinson – *Jeanne*

#### Thursday

3:00 pm - Monthly Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

7:00 am + Lawrence Hartman – *Maria Robas*

#### Friday

7:00 am - Int. of St. Michael – *Evelyn Ward*

#### Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHODIUS)

9:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1; Mark 1:40-45*

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

**Sun. 9:30 am** - Int. of Kelly & Thomas Pfeifer – *B. & M. Lynch*

11:30 am + Angelina Shouftas – *Mom and Dad*

### Offertory Collections

**Jan. 31/Feb. 1, 2015**

Envelope Users ..... \$ 3,837.50

Loose monies ..... \$ 526.15

**TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS ..... \$ 4,363.65**

Mortgage Fund ..... \$ 1,499.00

Seminary Education ..... \$45.00

*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.

- **February 20<sup>th</sup>** ... *How Can I Have Faith?*

- **March 6<sup>th</sup>** ... *Why and How Do I Pray?*

- **March 20<sup>th</sup>** ... *Why and How Do I Read the Bible?*

Sign-up at the Spirit Crew bulletin board in the narthex. For more information visit [www.alphacanada.org](http://www.alphacanada.org) or contact Andrea Laughlin at [andreaappelman@hotmail.com](mailto:andreaappelman@hotmail.com) or 519-577-8553.

ANNUAL ST. MARK'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & Sausage Supper

**Tues. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. ~ Church Hall**

Tickets on sale after all Masses in the narthex:

Adults \$7 • Kids (3-6yrs.) \$2 • Youth (7-16yrs.) \$5

Under 3 yrs. FREE • Family Rate \$25



### LITURGICAL ROLES

Feb. 14 & 15	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	R./K. Ertel O. Dixon	J./A. Arruda A. Paz
Commentator:	K. Friesen	T. Angel	M. Devine
Lector:	N. Higgins	J. Flanigan	K. Phillips
Ushers:		B. Cutting J. Detzler	C. Dignam F. Sawaya
Gift Bearers:		Rye	McCullough
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis L. Macedo R./P. Masbad K. Smith	A. Bendia P./B. Enticott M./L. Fernando	L. McCullough M.E. McCullough J./P. McCullough



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.

How do I cope when I lose status in life?  
How do I cope with humiliation?

### Lenten Twilight Retreat

FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Begins with Supper at 5:00 p.m.  
followed by Stations of the Cross

R.S.V.P. to [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com) or 519-571-9200

*Watch next week's bulletin for more details!*

### Confirmation Preparation Sessions

**for Grade 7 students and parents:**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS 12:45 – 1:30 PM** (after 11:30 Mass)

All Grade 7 students and their parent(s) are requested to attend in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2015. These 6 short sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about our faith, so that Confirmation itself will be a truly meaningful celebration of the sacrament.

#### Remaining dates and topics:

**Feb. 15** - The Sacrament of Confirmation

**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

Those with questions may contact Fr. Don or Pam at 519-571-9200.

### Gr. 2 Catechism Classes starting Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate will begin an excellent 12-week First Communion & First Reconciliation program at St. Mark's Parish on Tuesday evenings starting **Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** **Parents of grade 2 students preparing to make their First Holy Communion in May 2015 are reminded to sign up a.s.a.p. if you have not already done so, especially for children attending non-Catholic schools** (i.e. public, private, homeschooled, etc.). For a complete list of class dates and times, see the schedule on our parish website at [www.stmarkcatholicparish.org](http://www.stmarkcatholicparish.org) and click on "Gr. 2 First Communion" under Parish News in the right-hand column. Please call the parish office with any questions.

## 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. There are two ways that you may submit your responses:

**1. Fill in the questionnaire** which can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The questionnaire seeks information from the faithful on the content of the *Lineamenta*, which is the working document for the upcoming Synod. It can be completed online, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. **Deadline for submission is Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**2. Attend one of two focus group gatherings** where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected to include in the final report. **Both gatherings will occur from 7:00 - 9:00 pm** and you are asked to RSVP by phone (905-528-7988 ext. 2249) or e-mail ([familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com)) if you plan to attend. You may join in a focus group at **St. Michael Parish** (240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo) on **Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** ... OR ... at the **Chancery Office** (700 King Street West, Hamilton) on **Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.**

The information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod. Please consider engaging in this process in one or both of the ways provided. For further information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com).

## 23rd Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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:** reserve your bus seat today – space is limited! 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.



### Congratulations, Mr. Woodcroft!

Resurrection C.S.S. principal, Chris Woodcroft, has been named one of Canada's 40 most outstanding school principals by The Learning Partnership -- a national charitable organization dedicated to building stakeholder partnerships to support, promote and advance publicly funded education in Canada. The award will be presented in Toronto on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

*Canada's Outstanding Principals* is both a nationally recognized award and an executive leadership training program. Launched in 2005, the executive leadership program was created in partnership with *Rotman School of Management* to strengthen the education system in Canada by developing its leaders in publicly funded schools across Canada.

The program offers principals from across Canada who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in their schools and community the opportunity to be brought to Toronto to be recognized nationally as innovative educators at an annual gala awards evening for 500 guests; to experience a five-day executive leadership training program at the Rotman School of Management; and to become part of a National Academy of Principals -- a pan-Canadian learning community of 500 of Canada's Outstanding Principals alumni.

Along with the students, staff and trustees of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools, St. Mark's Parish would like to congratulate Mr. Woodcroft on this major accomplishment.

On the web visit: [www.thelearningpartnership.ca](http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca)

## C.W.L. CORNER ...

### • Membership in the Catholic Women's League

Attention ALL ladies of the parish:

For existing members, it is time to pay your C.W.L. 2015 membership fee. For all other ladies, (16 and over) please consider joining our spiritual league! For a small annual fee of \$25, join women from across Canada in an organization that can foster and celebrate your Catholic faith. Helping other people in your community allows you to live your Christian values and be a positive role model to your families. A blue envelope is provided in your box of collection envelopes, and can be placed in the collection at any Mass. For additional information please contact the C.W.L. by email at: [stmark@cwlgmail.com](mailto:stmark@cwlgmail.com). **Congratulations to Michelle Oram, winner of the 2015 C.W.L. Free Membership Draw!**



## Feb. 8, 2015 is the First International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

For more information, please visit: [www.crc-canada.org/en/node/468](http://www.crc-canada.org/en/node/468)

*In honour of this day, we pray...*

O God, when we hear of children and adults deceived and taken to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labour, and organ 'harvesting', our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are ignored through threats, lies, and force.

We cry out against the evil practice of this modern slavery, and pray with Saint Bakhita for it to end.

Give us wisdom and courage to reach out and stand with those whose bodies, hearts and spirits have been so wounded, so that together we may make real your promises to fill these sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good.

Send the exploiters away empty-handed to be converted from this wickedness, and help us all to claim the freedom that is your gift to your children. Amen.

### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2015? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 7, 2015** 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 on the bulletin in the church lobby for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.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](http://cursillohamilton.org), or contact:

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