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 $9:30-10:30\,\mathrm{AM}\ \&\ 3:45-4:45\,\mathrm{PM}$ 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 2^{nd} 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 $11:30\,\mathrm{AM}$ 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.

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I would like to have $\frac{1}{1000 \text{ MANY?}}$ Mass(es) celebrated for				
\square the intentions of (living) OR \square 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: ☐ 7:00 AM on a Weekday ☐ 5:00 PM on a Saturday ☐ 7:00 PM on a Tuesday ☐ 9:30 AM on a Sunday ☐ 9:00 AM on a Saturday ☐ 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.

Worship This Week:

Jan. 11 - 17, 2016

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of the Gonsalves family - Jeanne Robinson

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS)

2:30 PM - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care

7:00 PM + Carol Schlegel - Marie & Brian Lynch

Wednesday

7:00 am + Ernest McCullough Sr. – P. & S. Appelman

Thursday

7:00 am + Kathleen Higgins – P. & S. Appelman

3:00 PM - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

Friday

7:00 am + Mary Ellen Griffin - Mark & Eleanor Lawlor

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Bill Heron - Jennifer Arruda

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Eileen Heaney - Thomas & Barbara Mahony

11:30 am + Alphonsus Lambe – Legion of Mary

Offertory Collections ... Thank you for your generosity!!

NEW YEAR'S 2015-16	
New Year's/Sunday Envelopes & loose monies	\$ 2,906.65
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 410.00
January 2/3, 2015	
Sunday envelopes	\$ 3,190.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 1,255.96
Loose monies	<u>\$ 565.85</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 5,011.81
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 735.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	<u>\$ 294.23</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 1,029.23

CORRECTION: The "Total Christmas Offerings" and "Total Mortgage Offerings" published in last week's bulletin should not have included preauthorized debits. Therefore the correct totals for Dec. 24/25 are \$13,111.95 for Christmas Offerings, and \$5,170.00 for Mortgage Offerings.



St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (Grade 6 and Up)

■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, January 15th (7-9 p.m.)

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

S.M.Y.C.A. ~ St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35) St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults have adopted a weekly hour in our

Perpetual Adoration Chapel, from 9pm to 10pm on Thursday nights. All are welcome to come! Our next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, January 23rd from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. when we will be learning about the life of St. John Paul II.

 $RSVP\ at:\ \texttt{facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults}$

or email us at: StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com

LITURGICAL ROLES			
JAN. 16 & 17	Sat. 5:00 _{PM}	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	T./G. Johnston K. Buchanan	D. Bristol A. Rye	A. Arruda C. Chacon
Commentator:	K. Friesen	L. Rye	T. Boettger
Lector:	P. Archambault	G. Rye	M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Groothuis	F./B. Seaward	B. Voisin M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Morgan	DaSilva
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis K./N. Higgins G./G. Jans K. Smith	T. Angel / C. Haid B. Cutting S. Sawchuk M. Walser	C./K. Dignam R./P. Masbad B. Starr

Today is Coffee Sunday ... Join us after Mass in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refresments.



Grade 7 Confirmation Preparation Sessions Sunday afternoons from 12:45 to 1:30 pm in the church:

JAN. 24: Who is Jesus Christ?

FEB. 7: 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

★Parents: Attendance at the above-mentioned sessions is required for all Grade 7 students preparing to be confirmed at St. Mark's Parish, regardless of school affiliation (i.e. catholic, public, homeschooled). Sessions are for students and their parents. Sponsors are also encouraged to attend if possible. These sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about our faith so that Confirmation itself will be a truly meaningful celebration of the sacrament. If you have not yet registered your child for Confirmation at St. Mark's Parish, please be sure to do so as soon as possible. Registration forms and handouts from missed meetings can be found on the information wall in the narthex, or call the parish office with your questions (519-571-9200).

Winter Games Night!

Wed. Feb. 3rd in the Church Hall. Hosted by St. Mark's Parish Fundraising Committee. Join us for an evening of cards or bring your favourite board game! Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Admission \$8 (includes sandwiches, desserts, drinks). To volunteer or donate a prize please call Edwina at 519-954-5669.

Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 9th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Proudly hosted once again by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Tickets go on sale after all Masses in the narthex starting next weekend, January 16/17. NO increase in prices over last year: Adults \$7 • Youth (7-16) \$5 • Kids (3-6) \$2 • Family \$25 Children under 3 admitted FREE. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the night of the supper. Mark your calendar!

Family Valentine's Day Dance

Hosted by St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults on Sunday, February 14th in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars, and watch the bulletin for ticket details!



Vocations: As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus, a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.



We would like to thank everyone for their support of our Christmas hamper program. This year we assisted 71 families with Christmas

hampers, and were able to give gifts to 141 children up to the age of 15. We thank everyone for their financial support and the many gifts donated at the Angel Tree. A special thanks to our schools, Resurrection C.S.S., St. Dominic Savio and St. Mark's. Thank you to all our volunteers for their assistance. We thank Fr. Don and Pam for their support. We could not continue this program without your assistance. We wish you many blessings for the coming year.

-- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Mark's Conference



Movie Mondays

Join us tomorrow as we again enjoy learning about one of the church triumphant: A doorkeeper (not even a priest who can say mass) with no formal education was denied

entry into seminary due to frail health, was allowed by his order to be a doorman, a porter and sacristan ... but performed miracles while still alive. One million people flocked to attend his funeral for 7 days ... the wonder worker of Montreal ... **St. André Bessette, C.S.C.** His feast day was January 7th, so we will start our New Year of movies with this Canadian saint. Join us on **Monday, January 11th at 10:00 a.m.** as we learn more about this first Canadian-born male saint.

All envelope users are reminded to PLEASE DISCARD any unused 2015 envelopes!

Your I.D. number changes every year, so the number on last year's envelopes now belongs to someone else, and they could get credit for your donation. Thank you for your assistance.

Pre-Authorized Debit Plan

New enrollments are always welcome! Enrollment forms are available year-round on the mail table in the narthex. Withdrawals take place once per month on the 15th day (or next business day) of every month. Thank you to all who have signed up for this new plan so far (58 families)! Don't forget to continue using the special (coloured) envelopes in your offertory box, for donating toward special collections (i.e. diocesan, Christmas, Easter, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.) – these collections are not covered by your automatic withdrawals.

White Sunday envelopes and green Mortgage envelopes can also still be used for those times when you may wish to augment your automatic monthly contribution.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Pam at the parish office, by phone 519-571-9200 or email, stmark@rogers.com.

Prayer Network

Are you in need of prayer? If you are experiencing loss, sadness, illness or grief, if you are struggling with questions of faith or have a particular concern, please let us know. We have a dedicated group of people who will pray for your request. You can email your request to stmarkprayers@gmail.com. Your request for prayer can be anonymous if you prefer. We are looking for faith-filled intercessors... If you have a heart for prayer and would like to pray for the confidential needs of others, please send an email to stmarkprayers@gmail.com.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

• Friday, January 15th – General Meeting & Social We will start the evening at 7pm with our guest speaker Brenda Porter, who represents "Days for Girls." Bring your favorite finger food and wine, and reveal your Secret Sisters.

• Upcoming C.W.L. Events

FEBRUARY - Helping with Games Night MARCH - Lift Jesus Higher Rally APRIL - Movie Night

MULTICULTURAL MASS 2016

All are welcome to join Bishop Crosby in celebrating the upcoming Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, January 17, 2016** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Mass will commence at 1PM** and all are invited to attend a social reception in the Cathedral Hall afterwards, where light refreshments will be served, alongside a number of entertaining performances by various communities from across the Diocese. The 2016 Multicultural Mass falls on the same day as the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, an annual commemoration of the Church that raises awareness of international migration. This is particularly fitting given the current nature of today's refugee crisis. The day of note represents an opportune moment in which to reflect upon recent events across the globe, events that appeal to our humanitarian compassion and our Christian values to serve our displaced brothers and sisters through prayer and action.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE CANDLE-LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, January 28th at 6:00pm in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink). Walk a short distance to St. Mary's Church (Duke St.) at 7:00pm for refreshments in the Lower Hall. Speaker Tim Runstedler, K-W Right to Life Board Member will speak about Euthanasia and the new proposed law for Canada and its implications. All are welcome. 28 YEARS WITHOUT A LAW - On January 28, 1988 the Supreme Court of Canada struck down all legal abortion restrictions leaving more victims than the unborn. Perpetual Adoration 24 hours January 28th at St. Teresa Parish Chapel, 44 Leonard St. Kitchener beginning Thursday, January 28th 9:00pm until 9:00pm Friday, January 29th. Call 519-746-5433 to sign up or email: jane@kwrtl.ca

MARCH BREAK HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Join us for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, from March 11-20, 2016. Co-ordinated by Kitty McGilly and with spiritual leader Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R., we will visit Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Cost is approximately \$3,350 which includes airfare, accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, and full biblical, sacramental and music program. Deposit is required, for more information please contact Kitty at Connaissance Travel, Toronto at kmcgilly@rogers.com.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

On **Saturday, March 19th** join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers 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. Find all info and tickets at:

www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron 1-888-522-2070 or info@ServiamMinistries.com

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