

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

Jan. 18 – 24, 2016

Monday

7:00 am + Robinson Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

Tuesday

7:00 PM - Intentions of Maria

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Darren & Marcy Depratto – *J. Robinson*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. AGNES)

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

7:00 PM - WEDDING REHEARSAL

Friday

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

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of the Gonsalves Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

2:00 PM - WEDDING

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10+; 1 Cor. 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Mary Dalton – *Gerry & Judy Kraft*

11:30 am + Maria Da Silva – *Isabel Rodrigues & family*

Offertory Collections

Jan. 9/10, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,857.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,255.96
Loose monies	\$ 382.50
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,495.46
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 470.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 294.23
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 764.23

Thank you for your generosity!!



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, January 29th (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 (open to 19-35 yrs.)

New friends always welcome! Join us for some or all of the following events:

► Next Meeting: Saturday, January 23rd at 7pm in the basement

Our evening will begin with praise and worship, followed by a trip to the Victoria Park Pavillion for their monthly Ceili event! For details please email us at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com or visit us at [facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults). We hope to see you there!

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

Hosted by SMYCA on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Registration will begin January 23rd ... mark your calendars and watch for upcoming details!

► Perpetual Adoration: Thursdays 9-10 p.m. in the Chapel

All are welcome.

LITURGICAL ROLES

JAN. 23 & 24	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	E. Chang R. Vezensyi	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	P. Enticott	K. Phillips
Lector:	M. Serschen	D. Bristol	L. Masbad
Ushers:	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>	B. Cutting B. Coutinho P. Drohan	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis F./Y. Tully K. Friesen	P./B. Enticott M./L. Fernando S. Cerantola	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss D. Weber B. Denomme

Movie Mondays ... Monday, January 18th at 10 a.m.

join us as we learn more about **St. André Bessette** (rescheduled from Mon. Jan. 11).



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 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.



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 call Edwina at 519-954-5669.

Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, February 9th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Proudly hosted once again by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Tickets now on sale after all Masses in the narthex (NO price increase 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.



Family Valentine's Day Dance

Hosted by St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults on **Sunday, February 14th** in the Parish Hall. Tickets go on sale January 23rd!

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

Symbolon - A DVD series about the Church

A number of people have been asking me about a follow up to the catechism sessions which we have done over the past two years. During the Lent and Easter seasons we will have a program called "Symbolon" which is a beautiful synthesis of the Catholic faith as lived and experienced throughout the 2000-year history of the Church. It will help to deepen our understanding of Christianity and how the Church (The Mystical Body of Christ) is a living organism, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our fundamental beliefs founded on Christ (The Truth) never change, yet they are deepened and developed through the life experience of believers themselves. Eucharistic Adoration (so treasured in our parish) developed as a central devotion by way of the early version of RCIA – those under instruction could not receive the Eucharist, so they were given the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, that they might 'hunger' for The Bread of Life. Naturally (or supernaturally) Adoration became a devotion deserved by all the faithful – a development (not change) in the Church's understanding of the Master's words, "This is My Body ... This is My Blood," "I will be with you always," etc. etc. *Symbolon* will also deal with some of the things that need to be understood in proper context, i.e. the Crusades, the Protestant Reformation, etc. Mostly, it will give us an appreciation of the Church as best experienced in her holy men and women throughout the ages – that we may be inspired to be the best sons and daughters of God that we can be. Join us as we begin on **Tuesday, February 16th** after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. More to follow... *Fr. Don*

St. Mark's Men's Group ... All gentlemen of the parish are welcome to join this on-going early morning men's group. Gather with other Christian men who want to grow their faith. Although the focus of the discussion is usually a book – chosen from Sacred Scripture or a Spiritual Classic – the priority is prayer and building relationships as we grow closer to Christ. Currently we are discussing the Book of Revelation, and will soon be moving on to Bishop Fulton Sheen's book, titled "Life of Christ." Join us on our journey ... **Friday mornings at 6:00 a.m.** Please contact Ian Kangaloo at ian@dynamic-approach.com for details and current meeting location. Join us!

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

24th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Be inspired, encouraged and healed: **Saturday, March 5th** from 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.** Don't be disappointed, book your seats early, seats are limited. 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).

C.W.L. CORNER ...

• Upcoming C.W.L. Events

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



CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

– K-W Couples for Christ invite EVERYONE, married or single, to come to our Christian Life Program on Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 pm **starting on February 4th** at **St. Anne's Church** (268 East Ave., Kitchener). This 8-week program will help you grow in your relationship with our Lord. Come live a fuller life in the Holy Spirit through inspiring talks, discussion, fellowship and song. A separate children's program is offered at the same time. There is no cost, and refreshments will be provided. Please contact Scott Piggott or Rita Rudolph at 519-581-1389 with any questions.

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

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT END-OF-LIFE CONSULTATIONS

Below is important information regarding government consultations on end-of-life issues. This information is being sent out very late, but we believe we need to get as many people as possible to respond so the government hears the voices and opinions of all those who respect life from conception until natural death.

The Ontario government is hosting end-of-life consultations (<http://www.ontario.ca/page/doctor-assisted-dying-and-end-life-decisions-consultation>). Consultations can be done by email, by filling out the on-line survey, or by attending a consultation in person. **We cannot let the government make these vital decisions without hearing our voices.**

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has published **three articles** on the one-sided, pro-euthanasia consultation:

1. Consultation seeks death on demand (even for children) (<http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2015/12/provincial-territorial-group-seeks.html>)
2. Panel recommends a dangerous approach to assisted dying (<http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2015/12/panel-recommends-dangerous-approach-to.html>)
3. Panel report seeks to protect physicians not patients (<http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2015/12/ontario-government-euthanasia-report.html>)

Email the consultation your thoughts

at: www.endoflifedecisions@ontario.ca

Complete the online survey at:

www.ipsosresearch.com/endoflifedecisionsurvey

To attend the consultation in person you must pre-register online

at: <https://ipsospasurveys.com/s/endoflifeconsultations>

REMAINING CONSULTATION DATES:

January 18 **Kingston:** Holiday Inn Waterfront - 2 Princess St (6:00pm)
 January 19 **London:** Four Points by Sheraton - 1150 Wellington Rd S. (6:00pm)
 January 20 **Thunder Bay:** Valhalla Inn - 1 Valhalla Inn Rd (6:00 pm)
 January 21 **Windsor:** Holiday Inn & Suites - 1855 Huron Church Rd (6:00pm)

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