

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

Jan. 30 – Feb. 5, 2017

Monday

7:00 am - Special Intention – *Kathy Smith*

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN BOSCO)

7:00 PM + Evelyn & John Blanchette – *Dianne Blanchette*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Justin Smith

Thursday (FEAST – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD)

7:00 am + Nora Byrnes – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Tibor Kerekes – *Viorica Kerekes*

Saturday

9:00 am + Theo D'Souza – *Gene Furtado*

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58:6-10+; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

SAT. 5:00 PM + Ginny Jans – *John & Linda Deneau*

SUN. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Parish Office Closed: Tuesday, Jan. 31

Offertory Collections

Jan. 21/22, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,720.00
Sunday loose	\$ 444.45
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,298.65
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,463.10

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 240.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 256.15
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 491.54

Thank you for your generosity!



2ND ANNUAL

Family Valentine's Day Dance

Saturday, Feb. 11th at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall

Tickets on sale at all weekend Masses throughout the month of January. Hosted by St. Mark's Young

Catholic Adults. This event is open to all parishioners – we hope to see you there! Adults \$15; Students \$10; Kids under 10yrs. \$7.50. To purchase tickets, visit our table in the narthex after Mass or email StMarksYoungCatholicAdults.com



ST. MARK'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Membership Drive: January 28/29

All Catholic men aged 18 years and older are encouraged to consider joining this long-standing Catholic organization committed to charity, unity, and fraternity. **Visit the Knights in the narthex today for more information!**



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.



LITURGICAL ROLES

	Feb. 4 & 5	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	B./C. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>	N./A. Gallagher	
Commentator:	K. Friesen	J. Germann	I. kangaloo	
Lector:	B. Burns	D. Bristol	O. Sirju	
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	M. Walser J./K. Culley-Snyder	C. Dignam F. Sawaya M. Schimus	
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Rye	<i>Can you help?</i>	
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith L. Macedo C. Dokis	T. Angel S. Cerantola B. Coutinho	B./S. Markides F. Kangaloo	

FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Attention Parents of students in Gr. 2 or Gr. 7

If you have not yet registered your child for **First Communion (gr. 2)** or **Confirmation (gr. 7)** 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).

Gr. 2 FIRST COMMUNION Catechism Program

Optional but highly recommended for all Grade 2 students preparing to receive First Holy Communion at St. Mark's Parish in 2017 (for all schools but especially for public school students).

The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate will lead an excellent 8-week program for First Communion & First Reconciliation here at St. Mark's Parish on Tuesday evenings starting in March. The program also includes one Saturday afternoon retreat. If you have not yet registered your child for these classes, please call the parish office or pick up a First Communion handout from the information wall in the narthex.

Classes take place from 6:00 to 7:30 pm on the following Tuesday evenings: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 25, May 2, 9, 16.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRADE 2's:

Tue. April 18: Sacrament of First Reconciliation (6:30pm)

Sat. May 27: Retreat Day for catechism students only (12:30 – 4:30 p.m.)

FIRST COMMUNIONS will take place on:

- **Sunday, May 28th at 2:00pm** (with St. Dominic School and others)

- **Sunday, June 4th at 2:00pm** (with St. Mark School and others)

Starting Next Sunday!...

Gr. 7 CONFIRMATION Preparation Sessions

Required for all Grade 7 students preparing to be confirmed at St. Mark's Parish in 2017 (regardless of school affiliation)

As part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Fr. Don will hold 6 Sunday sessions for candidates, sponsors (if possible) and parents following the 11:30 Masses (take a 10-minute break after Mass and reassemble in the church for 12:45 p.m. – this way, you can come to Mass without having to return to the church during the week for these sessions). Remember to be present at Mass each and every Sunday as well as for these sessions. These mandatory sessions provide an opportunity to learn more about our faith so that Confirmation itself will be a truly meaningful celebration of the sacrament.

Sessions take place on Sunday Afternoons from 12:45 to 1:30 pm on these dates: Feb. 5, 19, Mar. 5, 19, April 2, 23.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Friday, May 5th at 7:00pm with Bishop Daniel Miehm

World Day of Prayer 2017

This year's World Day of Prayer is **Friday, March 3rd** and will be held at **Highland Baptist Church** (135 Highland Road). For those participating in the service there will be a practice at 9:30 a.m., followed by Refreshments from 10-10:30, and the Service from 10:30 to 11:30. St. Mark's parish will be responsible for the "Prayer of Intercession" portion of the service. If you would like to represent our parish by participating in this way, please contact Donna at 519-579-9492.

25th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Come celebrate, be inspired, encouraged and healed! **Saturday, March 4th** from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**, 255 Front St. W. Inspired talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. Powerful witnesses of personal and family healing from David Patterson and Gemma MacDonald. The adult high mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins, and Bishop Scott McCaig will celebrate with the youth. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. **St. Mark's C.W.L. has organized a BUS to take us to and from this wonderful event.** Bus will leave St. Mark's Parish at 7AM sharp and return at 7:30 PM. Cost for the bus is \$15 each (light refreshments and driver gratuity is included). Rally Tickets: \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus. Don't be disappointed ... the bus fills up quickly!

Passion Play ... Saint Mark's drama group invites you to participate in the play "**The Passion of Christ**" on **Good Friday, April 14th**. Practices will begin on Sundays in February. No speaking is required. If you would like to participate, please contact Sonia & Julio Chacon at 519-954-2062 for details and practice times.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM – St. John's Church Hall, Thursday evenings, **Feb. 2 to March 23** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm (dinner provided). This program is offered to Christian married couples, singles, widows and widowers and those who are separated or divorced. Come deepen your faith and strengthen your relationship with Christ. Begin to prepare yourself for Easter by living a fuller life in the Holy Spirit through inspiring talks, discussion, food, fellowship and song. We also will be conducting a separate Christian Life program for children, at that same time in the meeting room of the hall. This event is free and sponsored by Couples For Christ. To register or for more info, please contact Len or Marie Solomon at 519-744-5198 or kwclp3@gmail.com.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION – Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend an **Information Session on Sunday, February 5th** at the **Chancery Office** in Hamilton. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, please call Deacon Peter Gittens at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258 or email him at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com.

EUCCHARISTIC VIDEO SERIES by FR. ROBERT BARRON

Christ is alive and fully present in the Eucharist. Join us as we delve into the "source and summit" of our Faith with Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based program: **Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence**. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass. **Six sessions beginning Monday, Feb. 6th at 7:30 p.m., St. Louis Parish** (53 Allen St. East, Waterloo) and continuing until Mar. 27.) The program is free, but there is a cost for optional materials. For more info or to register, please contact Anna at St. Louis Parish office at 519-743-4101 or stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com.

32nd Annual C.Y.O. FUNDRAISER TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP

Thursday, March 2nd. Proceeds from this annual event enable children with special needs and those in financial need to attend our C.Y.O. *Camp Marydale* and *Camp Brébeuf* camping programs. It is an evening of good food, great friends and fun entertainment - all for a great cause. Our evening's presentations include Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, our 2017 Honourary Camper Family, the 2016 Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame inductees presentation and the 2016 Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year Award presentation. **For more info contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca.** Thank you on behalf of all the children this fundraiser supports!

ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY!

33 Days to Merciful Love is a group retreat preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6-week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place **Saturdays at 10 am at St. Mary's Church**, 56 Duke St. W. Kitchener, in the Lower Hall, **beginning Saturday, March 4th**. The retreat book can be ordered on St. Mary's website or by paying at the parish office. To order on the website go to: <http://stmarysrcchurch.ca>, then click the "give online" button in the upper right corner and follow the instructions. When confirming the payment, please write in the comments box that this is to order the 33 Days to Merciful Love retreat book. The cost of the book is \$25. Order deadline is February 3rd. Those wishing to go deeper and order the full participant packet with the book and "Retreat Companion" will need to order individually from the USA at <http://www.shopmercy.org/33-Days-to-Merciful-Love-Participant-Pack-with-Book/MLPSWB/itd/27240002/132/508/AHA>. Orders from the USA will take longer. If you have any questions, contact Vicky atvmdvorak@gmail.com.

ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER

The Serra Club of Hamilton celebrates the 14th Annual Priesthood & Consecrated Life dinner on **Thursday, May 11th** at **Liuna Station Banquet Centre** in Hamilton. For details please visit: www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner, or email celebrationprl@gmail.com or call Margaret at 905-628-5682.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2016? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 25, 2017** 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 in the narthex for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a greater cohesiveness in the family unit and the desire for more time as a family. Try it, you won't regret it!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

The gift of self promised during our wedding vows is essential to put into action during moments of struggle. When a spouse's actions cause anger, sadness or disappointment, we must try to look past the action or words and see the person you love. Instead of responding negatively in the moment, try to understand what has caused this situation and propose a resolution that will work for both of you and for your relationship. In our most vulnerable moments we have a chance to show our greatest love by responding as we should, as opposed to how we feel.

Tips submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250

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