

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:

<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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Worship This Week:

January 9 – 15, 2017

Monday (FEAST – BAPTISM OF THE LORD)

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

Tuesday

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

7:00 PM + Burchat Family – *Gerry & Terry*

Wednesday

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

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS)

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

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

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Glenn Smith & family

Saturday

9:00 am + Arnaldo Cipriano – *Leonor Fonseca*

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

SAT. 5:00 PM + Veronica & Alfred Broderick – *Gloria Kubisewsky*

SUN. 9:30 am + Florence Dickie – *L. Murphy*

11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Offertory Collections

Dec. 24/25, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 9,299.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,280.19
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 10,579.19

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 747.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 251.54
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 998.54

Dec. 31/Jan. 1, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 3,848.50
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,280.19
Loose monies	577.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 5,705.69

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 570.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 251.54
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 821.54

Thank you for your generosity!

Pre-Authorized Debit Plan

New enrollments are always welcome! Enrollment forms are available year-round on the information wall in the narthex (lobby). Withdrawals take place once per month on the 15th day (or next business day) of every month. We currently have 66 families enrolled in this plan.

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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Jan. 14 & 15	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G./S./T. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
Commentator:	B. Burns	L. Rye	B. Starr
Lector:	K. Friesen	G. Rye	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	<i>Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Y./F. Tully C. Dokis	G./T. MacNeil L. McCullough	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

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 ~ 2017 Catechism Program

Optional but highly recommended for all Grade 2 students preparing to receive First Holy Communion at St. Mark's Parish in 2015 (*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:

Tuesday, April 18: Sacrament of First Reconciliation (6:30pm)

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

Gr. 7 CONFIRMATION ~ 2017 Preparation Sessions

Required for all Grade 7 students preparing to be confirmed at St. Mark's Parish in 2015 (*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 the following Sunday Afternoons from 12:45 to 1:30 pm: Feb. 5, 19, March 5, 19, April 2, 23

Family Valentine's Day Dance

Tickets go on sale at all Masses next weekend (Jan. 14/15) for the second annual Family Valentine's Day Dance, hosted by St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults ... **Saturday, February 11th** in the Parish Hall. This event is open to all parishioners – we hope to see you there! *Listen to the announcements and watch the bulletin for upcoming details!*



Expect the Unexpected ... In God's Peace (A TRUE STORY)

The young couple, family and friends awaited the arrival of Fr. X to witness their wedding ceremony. He never showed up, and repeated attempts to locate another clergyman failed. There would be no wedding that day.

Cool-headed Uncle Charlie took the bull by the horns, "Folks, it's not the end of the world. We should pray for Father, who may be ill," (and a prayer was said). "Let's go to the hall (reception) and make the best of the situation." So all followed Charlie's instructions and, though the crowd was sullen and angry, they proceeded to the hall.

Just as the un-celebration was ready to break up, a priest showed up in response to Charlie's many S.O.S. calls. Since Charlie had the presence of mind to bring the marriage license to the hall, the vows were said, the documents signed and the now newlyweds could honeymoon in peace. The festivities, so I heard, took a definite upswing from then onward. And, from major panic, some faintings and a couple of minor heart attacks the day went remarkably well. And as a huge bonus, think of the great wedding stories that would be told for years to come – much more interesting than, "Wanna see our wedding pictures from Rockway Gardens?"

The hero of the day was old Charlie, who prayed, put things into perspective, and did several sensible and eventually very rewarding things. As a practicing Catholic he would have heard many times over the Lord's "peace be with you." For him, these words were more than mere sentiment or a filler phrase that Jesus used to get his sermons rolling. They are to bless us with the perspective that God is watching over us, an awareness that can help a soul do great good especially when under pressure. – Fr. Don

(P.S. – Father X wasn't late, per se ... he was killed in a car crash on route to the wedding.)

Keys to Loving Relationships

"Keys" is a 9-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. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. starting January 24th here at St. Mark's Parish.** The cost is \$45. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

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.



LAUDATO SI IS A CALL TO CONVERSION

Come and spend an evening exploring Pope Francis' encyclical on The Environment and Human Ecology with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt and Light Television. "Past popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but [Laudato Si] is a major piece of work, and an ardent call from one of our world's major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem. ... To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion." (Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB) Join us **Wed. Jan. 11th at 7pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church**, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener. Sponsored by the C.W.L.



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Ginny Jans**, wife of Graeme, mother of Chris and Gord, and friend to many.

(<http://tinyurl.com/jzcvuv>)



"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace."

STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR sponsored by K-W Right to Life

Saturday, January 14th. *Why Abortion Statistics Matter* featuring Mike Schouten from WeNeedaLaw.ca and John Sikkema, lawyer at ARPA Canada. **Knights of Columbus Centre**, 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo. Social at 4:30pm; Fish & Chip Dinner at 5:00pm (\$10); Speakers at 6:00pm with Silent Auction. All proceeds go the STOP CENSORSHIP Initiative. Call 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca to reserve your place or table.

SEMINAR OF HOPE

How to Pray For Your Sons, Daughters & Loved Ones

Free live seminar by Vernon Robertson, as seen on EWTN. As parents do you suffer because of the spiritual condition of your children? Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you. **Fri. Jan. 20th** from 7-9 p.m. and **Sat. Jan. 21st** from 9am to 4pm at **St. Anthony Daniel Church**, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener. Bring a bag lunch. Freewill offering will be taken. FREE participant manual will be given at the Seminar. View promo video at www.seminarofhope.org. For more info or to register contact Pat or Rita at 519-748-5548 or paddy@golden.net.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Come join some 2000 other high school youth at Canada's largest Catholic youth conference! An amazing weekend to encounter Jesus and your Catholic faith in a whole new way; a time full of fun, music, and inspiring talks. Open to all youth completing grades 8-12. **July 28-30, 2017**, Cost: \$300/youth (pre-fundraising). For more info please visit: www.steubenvillletoronto.com or contact Jonathan Reitzel, Seminarian for Hamilton Diocese at j_reitzel@outlook.com. **Registrations forms available in the narthex.** Anyone 21+ who would be interested in being chaperones for this conference, please contact Jonathan.

Preliminary registration forms are due to the parish office by Sunday, January 22nd. See the poster in the narthex for more details. If you are interested in attending but have not picked up a form, they are available on the table in the narthex.

EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED DYING – with Dr. Moira McQueen

Dr. Moira McQueen of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will offer a presentation and Q&A on the need for conscience rights protection for physicians, healthcare workers and Catholic institutions in light of the legalization of assisted dying and euthanasia. Join us at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** (Hamilton) on **Sunday, January 29th** at 12 Noon (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) for this presentation in McNally Hall – a light lunch will be provided.

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