

# 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.

**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:

January 16 – 22, 2017

#### Monday

7:00 am - Int. of Hugh Flood – *Flood family*

#### Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANTHONY)

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

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

7:00 am + Alphonsus Lambe – *St. Mark's Legion of Mary*

#### Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Marcella Tomlinson – *Flood family*

#### Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. AGNES)

9:00 am - Int. of Carlos Fonseca – *Leonor Fonseca*

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18; Matthew 4:12-23*

**SAT. 5:00 PM** + Rebol Family – *Cimernancic Family*

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

**11:30 am** + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista*

### Offertory Collections

Jan. 7/8, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 3,025.00
Sunday loose .....	\$ 528.55
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,280.19
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,833.74</b>
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Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 595.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 251.54
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 846.54</b>

*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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stmark@rogers.com).



### Family Valentine's Day Dance

Tickets are now on sale at all weekend Masses throughout the month of January, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Valentine's Day Dance, hosted by St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults ... **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Hall.

This event is open to all parishioners – we hope to see you there! To purchase tickets, visit our table in the narthex after Mass or email us at [StMarksYoungCatholicAdults.com](mailto:StMarksYoungCatholicAdults.com).

### LITURGICAL ROLES

Jan. 21 & 22	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	V./P./J. Miller	T./T. Morgan E. Chang	C. Chacon N. D'Souza
<b>Commentator:</b>	M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	L. Masbad
<b>Lector:</b>	J. Deneau	P. Enticott	S. Roma
<b>Ushers:</b>	K./S./T. Friesen	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	C. Dignam F. Sawaya M. Schimus
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Montag	Seaward	Masbad
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	A. Bendia G. Jans C. Dokis	L. Riedel S. Sawchuk B. Seaward	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

### 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 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 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, both at 2:00 p.m.**

### Gr. 7 CONFIRMATION ~ 2017 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.**

**Bishop Daniel Miehms will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

## ***Thank-you All!***

We would like to thank the many people that helped make our Christmas hamper program a success. Many thanks to the students and staff of Resurrection, St. Dominic Savio, and St. Mark Schools for their donations of food, gifts and monies. Thank-you also to our wonderful parishioners for the many gifts under the Angel tree and for your monetary donations as well.

This year, you helped us prepare food hampers for 75 families in our area. Each received food plus a gift card to buy their turkey, or ham. 131 children (aged 15 and under) received a gift. Thanks to the assistance of our schools we were also able to provide families with toiletries, hats, scarves and mitts.

Our many volunteers were wonderful. We appreciated the time they gave over 4 very busy days, and the enthusiasm shown as we completed our program.

Thank you to Margaret and Ernie Miller for the delicious dinner they hosted for our parish. Their generosity and kindness is very much appreciated. Thank you also to the volunteers that helped cook and serve the meal, and thank you to everyone that made a donation at that time.

We are able to help the families in our area thanks to your continuing support ... thanks for being there for us! We wish everyone many blessings for the coming year.

- St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mark's Parish

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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. 20<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9 p.m. and **Sat. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>** 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](http://www.seminarofhope.org). For more info or to register contact Pat or Rita at 519-748-5548 or [paddy@golden.net](mailto:paddy@golden.net).

**K-W RIGHT TO LIFE – CANDLE-LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL** – January 28, 1988 was the year Canada's abortion law was struck down leaving no protection for the preborn child up until delivery. There will be a Candle-light Prayer Vigil in front of **Kitchener City Hall** (skating rink) on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m.** We pray for the spiritual adoption of all preborn babies in danger of abortion. Call K-W Right to Life 519-746-5433. Thank you for helping us to save babies.



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Hilda Gutscher**, wife of Ken.

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

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

## **NEW TO WATERLOO: BINGO ON THURSDAY NIGHTS**

7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Licensed, food and beverages.

**STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE** – Come join some 2000 other high school youth at Canada's largest Catholic youth conference, to encounter Jesus and your Catholic faith in a whole new way. 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 visit: [www.steubenvilletoronto.com](http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com) or contact Jonathan Reitzel, Seminarian for Hamilton Diocese at [j\\_reitzel@outlook.com](mailto:j_reitzel@outlook.com).

**Registrations forms available in the narthex.** Anyone 21+ who would like to chaperone for this conference, please contact Jonathan. **Preliminary registration forms are due to the parish office by Sun. January 22<sup>nd</sup>.** See the poster in the narthex for more details.

**St. Jerome's University welcomes two volumes of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible.** From childhood, Donald Jackson (official calligrapher to Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II) dreamed of creating a handwritten, illuminated Bible. An international team of calligraphers and artists created the original 1,165-page manuscript with its 160 major illuminations that reflect biblical themes of hospitality, conversion of life, and justice for God's people. **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** beginning with an Ecumenical Service in honour of Christian Unity Week at **4:30 p.m. St. Jerome's University, Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), Waterloo.** Free of charge, free parking, wheelchair accessible. Refreshments served.

## **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 29<sup>th</sup>** at 12 Noon (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) for this presentation in McNally Hall – a light lunch will be provided.

**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](mailto:kwclp3@gmail.com).

## **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual C.Y.O. FUNDRAISER TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP**

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 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](mailto:mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca).** Thank you on behalf of all the children this fundraiser supports!



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