## 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:  $1^{st}$  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 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.

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I would like to have $\frac{1}{1000 \text{ MANY?}}$ Mass(es) celebrated for				
$\square$ the intentions of (living) <b>OR</b> $\square$ 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.

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Worship This Week:

March 2 -8, 2015

**Monday** 

**7:00 am** + Deborah Karai – *Marj Simon and family* 

**Tuesday** 

7:00 pm + Mary Mansour - Magda & Rosemary

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of William Sheehan - Mark & Eleanor Lawlor

**Thursday** 

7:00 am - Int. of April Morrissey - Elaine & Ellen

Friday WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7:00 am - Special Intention

5:00 pm - Lenten Twilight Retreat with Sr. Elaine Arsenault, SSS

(PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

**Saturday** 

**9:00 am** + David Baggey - Baggey family

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** 

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25++; John 2:13-25

<u>Sat</u>. 5:00 pm + Edward Querin – Yvonne Querin Trakalo & fam.

<u>Sun.</u> 9:30 am + Deceased Members of the Cimermancic Family

11:30 am + Jack Soares - Maria

- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

- Before morning Mass on Mon., Wed., Thu. at 6:30 a.m.

- Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. led by Fr. Don

During Lent <u>Friday Mass</u> moves to the evening at 6:30 p.m. (except on March 6<sup>th</sup> due to the parish retreat, and Good Friday, April 3).

**THANK-YOU to Fr. Jan Michalski, S.Chr** (pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Guelph) for celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

Offertory Collections	Feb. 14/15, 2015
Envelope Users	\$ 3,767.10
Loose monies	<u>\$ 502.70</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,269.80
Mortgage Fund	\$ 890.00

**A special thank you** to our Knights of Columbus for their \$700 donation to the parish Mortgage Fund! These were the proceeds from their Italian Supper hosted for the parish this past November.



## ■ <u>YOUTH ALPHA FILM SERIES</u>: (Grades 6 to 12 welcome) Every other Friday from 7-9 p.m.

Includes video, small group discussion. Snack provided.

- March 6<sup>th</sup> ... Why and How Do I Pray?
- March 20th ... Why and How Do I Read the Bible?

For more information visit <a href="www.alphacanada.org">www.alphacanada.org</a> or contact Andrea Laughlin at <a href="mailto:andreaappelman@hotmail.com">andreaappelman@hotmail.com</a> or 519-577-8553.

LITURGICAL ROLES					
Mar. 7 & 8	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM		
Altar Servers:	K. Buchanan G. Johnston	R./K. Ertel O. Dixon	J./A. Arruda A. Paz		
Commentator:	K. Friesen	B. Sawarna	M. Oram		
Lector:	L. Masbad	D. Bristol	R. DomRey		
Ushers:		M. Walser L. Koehler	C. Dignam F. Sawaya		
Gift Bearers:		Germann	Masbad		
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis N./K. Higgins G./G. Jans K. Friesen	D. Henri H. Kress L. Riedel S. Sawchuk	K./T. Boettger B. Denomme A. Joseph		



CORRECTION! Please note... On every ministry schedule an extra weekend was added in error. Each schedule shows the correct weekend of March 28/29, followed by an extra, incorrect weekend of March 29/30 – the latter shall be ignored.

What better way is there to understand Jesus's last day than by acting it out? Mary is calling you to help her act out her Son's final hours in this year's Stations of the Cross, which will be held on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

There are no speaking roles and no prior acting skills are required. Parishioners of all ages and their families or friends are welcome to participate in this play. Rehearsals take place every Sunday right after the 11:30AM Mass. Please show up to rehearsal, or contact Stephanie Baskerville for more information at 519-897-0067 or sbaskerville@sympatico.ca.

#### **Gr. 7 Confirmation Preparation Sessions**

For all Grade 7 students and parents, Sundays from 12:45 – 1:30 p.m. **Remaining dates and topics:** 

Mar. 1 - The Mass and the Eucharist (led by Deacon Basil)

Mar. 15 - The Call to Holiness (The 10 Commandments)

(3-week break due to Holy Week and Easter) **Apr. 19** - The Sacrament of God's Mercy

Legion of Mary Book Borrow Program
Be sure to check out our Legion of Mary's BOOK
BORROW located in the St. Matthew's Room. Two

black bookshelves hold books on several different spiritual subjects, prayer cards and Rosaries, medals, scapulars, and other items that will help you to further your spiritual journey. Borrow these items for as long as you need them (no signing out required!) and bring them back when you're done with them. It's that simple!

The Legion of Mary will also have a cart in the Narthex every other weekend after the Sunday Masses – stop by to see what we've got to offer.

**DONATIONS** ... The Legion of Mary is also happy to accept any spiritual items that you may wish to donate to our Book Borrow. Please leave your items in a marked box/bag in the St. Matthew's Room for us to shelve. Please note that we do not accept fiction novels, unless they are written by Christian authors with a clear Christian/Catholic theme.



Next Weekend is Coffee Sunday!

Join us in the Hall after Mass on March 7 or 8.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES:				
Tues. March 3	7:00 pm	St. Agnes Church, Waterloo		
Mon. March 16	7:30 pm	St. Louis Church, Waterloo		
Wed. March 18	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener		
Wed. March 18	7:30 pm	St. Michael Church, Waterloo		
Thur. March 19	11:00 am	St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener		
Thur. March 19	7:30 pm	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener		
Thur. March 19	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo		
Sat. March 21	2 - 5 pm	St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener		
Sun. March 22	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener		
Mon. March 23	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener		
Tues. March 24	7:00 pm	St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha		
Tues. March 24	7:30 pm	St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener		
Wed. March 25	7:00 pm	St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener		
Thur. March 26	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, St. Clements		
Sat. March 28	2 - 5 pm	St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener		
Thur. March 26	7:00 pm	St. Mark's Church, Kitchener		
Tues. March 31	7:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira		

<u>THURSDAY LENTEN SERIES</u> – St. Francis and St. Michael parishes are again offering a Lenten Series on Thursday afternoons and evenings about Pope Francis entitled "Francis: Inspiration and Direction."

<u>St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kit.</u>: Mass at 1:00 pm / Talk at 1:30pm <u>St. Michael Parish, Waterloo</u>: Talk at 7:00 p.m.

March 5 – Major Themes of Francis – Speaker: Rev. C. O'Mahony

March 12 – The Joy of the Gospel – Speaker: Dr. J. Lombardi, Ph.D.

March 26 – Eye Witness to the Synod – Speaker: Rev. T. Rosica, C.S.B.

#### MONDAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER! ...

#### LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREAT

## "Meaning in the Cross ~ Hope in the Resurrection" Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Begins at 5:00 p.m. with a **Fish & Chip Supper**, followed by the **Stations of the Cross**. Our guest speaker, **Sr. Elaine Arsenault, S.S.S.** will draw on scripture, life experiences, and prayer as sources to shed light on some of today's problems: "How do I cope when I lose status in life?" "How do I cope with children not going to church?" "Why do I have to go to church every Sunday?" "Are we too accepting of divorce?" Please consider giving yourself a spiritual gift at this time of grace where you will live deeply your journey from the cross to the resurrection. Meal is \$10 per person, provided by The Fish Hut (includes 2 fish, fries and coleslaw).

**If you wish to attend**, please sign-up using the form below, enclose in a plain envelope with \$10 per person, and deposit at the parish office.

Registrations must be received by Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Registration for Lenten Twilight Retreat - Fri. Mar. 6

"Meaning in the Cross ~ Hope in the Resurrection"

Name(s):	
Phone:	
E-mail:	
# attending: (x \$10 ea.)	Amount enclosed: \$

#### C.W.L. CORNER ...

• <u>Walking Club</u>: Ladies interested in forming a walking club (waiting for nicer weather in April) please contact Cathy at <u>cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca</u>. One evening during the week, to be determined.



• <u>Suggestion Box</u>: We are interested to hear your suggestions. Please place your comments in the box on the C.W.L. table in the narthex. We will review all suggestions monthly, and get back to you if you leave your contact information.

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Please mark your calender and plan to join our area's World Day of Prayer **this Friday, March 6**<sup>th</sup> at **St. George Anglican Church** (Fisher Hallman and McGarry) at **1:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. We are looking for a couple more people to participate in a small reading part in the ceremony. If you are able to join us, please contact Donna Henri 519-579-9492 or s henri@yahoo.com.

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre** (255 Front St. W., Toronto). Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck, Guest Speaker: Al Kresta. High Mass celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Separate Youth Event (13-18 yrs.), music, skits, power-packed talks. Rally Tickets: \$20 adults; \$10 youth. **BUS TRANSPORTATION:** only a few seats left! Bus Tickets are \$15 per person. Bus leaves from St. Mark's Church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. Call Anna Joseph to reserve your tickets at 519-577-8519.

GURSILLO 2015 – We all know God, but how many of us truly know God on a personal and intimate level? A 3-day Cursillo weekend, which is a short review of Christianity, is designed to help you on that journey. If you are over 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend:

Men's Weekend: April 23-26 Women's Weekend: April 30 - May 3

For more information, see the church bulletin board, speak with a "Cursillista" in your parish, Google cursillohamilton.org, or contact:

Betty Enticott: bpenticott@rogers.com 519-743-0908

Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R.: rayreitzelcr@live.com 519-725-1445

#### **Sponsoring a Refugee Family**

Currently, there are millions of refugees from war looking for a new home – their lives have been decimated. In consultation with the diocese, I would like to propose to our parish the possibility of sponsoring a family to come over to Canada and find a new life. This is a very big commitment that requires a great deal of parish involvement. If there are any who are seriously interested in forming a group to consider this possibility, please fill in the form below and drop it into the collection basket during Mass, or email your information to Pam at the parish office (stmark@rogers.com). We especially need people who know about things like housing, transportation, etc. Once we get enough interested and committed helpers, then we can meet with our diocesan refugee consultant to begin organizing ourselves to make this happen. Thank you. – Fr. Don

Name:	
Phone:	
E-mail:	
Any expertise you have that would help a family settle into Canada:	

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