

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 OF LENT

Worship This Week: March 13 – 19, 2017

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of Jenny, Faith & Dave

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Van Hung Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*

Wednesday

7:00 am + Larry Voisin – *Mark & Kelly Skrt & family*

Thursday

7:00 am + Ginny Jans – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Friday

6:30 PM - Int. of Jo & Brie Flood – *the Flood family*

7:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Mary Joe & Brian Flood – *Diane Blanchette*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Sat. 5:00 pm + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Van Hung Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*

Please note Lenten changes to the liturgical schedule:

Friday morning Mass is replaced with **evening Mass** at 6:30 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Offertory Collections

March 4/5, 2017

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,432.00
Sunday loose	\$ 668.15
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) ..	\$ 1,234.62
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,334.77

Mortgage envelopes	\$ 721.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) ..	\$ 242.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 963.88

Thank you for your generosity!

2016 Tax Receipts that were not picked up from the narthex have now been mailed.

Reminder for Parents of Children in Gr. 2

First Communion Catechism Classes begin **Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00 p.m. here in the St. John room.** Attendance is optional but highly recommended, especially for children in public schools who are not currently receiving any religious instruction. These classes are led by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate over an 8-week program for First Communion & First Reconciliation. The program also includes one Saturday afternoon retreat. 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.** If you have not yet registered your child for these classes, or for the Sacrament of First Communion, please call Pam at the parish office this week (519-571-9200). Forms can be found on the information wall in the narthex.

Other important dates for Grade 2's:

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

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

LITURGICAL ROLES			
Mar. 18 & 19	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	T./T. Morgan E. Chang	C. Chacon N. D'Souza
Commentator:	K. Friesen	B. Sawarna	T. Lee
Lector:	B. Burns	P. Enticott	C. Mackid
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	C. Dignam F. Sawaya M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	Montag	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia G. Jans C. Dokis	M. Walser R. Groothuis J. Detzler	K./T. Boettger A. Monte

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parishioners,

VISITING THE SICK

I am sorry that I cannot get around to visit our sick at home and in the hospitals at this time. Hopefully, I'll be able to walk or at least stand up soon. Thank you for your understanding.

PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In the popular Irish song 'O Danny Boy,' old Danny is reminded that 'the pipes, the pipes are calling...' Well, OUR pipes will be FALLING soon. Experts in the plumbing business have confirmed that our pipes are in bad shape. They shouldn't be, but they are. Several leaks in different areas of the rectory and church have made it clear that this is going to continue. One veteran plumber commented that he has never seen a situation like ours – many factors could have contributed to this rare occurrence – rather unfavourable factors. So, all the pipes will be replaced from copper to the less risky plastic piping. The work will be done the week of March 27-31. A crew chosen by the diocese will do the replacing of the pipes and the fixing of the ceilings and walls that will be opened to access the pipes. We will cancel any meetings in the rectory that week. Remember us ... O Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are falling...

MARCH FOR LIFE

We are now in the month of March, but the actual "March for Life" isn't until May 11th. This is an early notice ... more to come. I'd like many to come to the March. It will cost a few bucks – a worthwhile sacrifice. Perhaps giving up some things in Lent could provide for the \$40 trip. So think about making this 'mission' trip to Ottawa. The tide is beginning to change. Hearts are being converted. People who once supported this insane acceptance of abortion are now actively involved in reversing the culture of death. Plan to come to the March if you can. It's a long day ... six hours to Ottawa and six hours back, and a healthy walk through the heart of Ottawa with thousands of others. One officer of the law policing the event remarked to me, "It's the most peaceful, polite and sensible 'protest' [not really a protest, per se] that we ever see in Ottawa." Sure it's peaceful, and we smile a lot, and we meet other good people from all over the place, but we are determined to pray and witness to the sanctity of human life. Another person remarked to me, "Marches aren't my thing." I've been going to the March since day one ... it's not my thing either. Make plans to come anyway, if you can. If my sad corpus lends to the size of the crowd, and makes an impression that Canada is moving toward life, then count me in on this one. Give it some prayerful thought. More to come.

-- Fr. Don

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 take place on Sunday afternoons. No speaking is required. If you would like to participate, please contact Sonia & Julio Chacon at 519-954-2062 for details and practice times.

Book Borrow Donations

The Legion of Mary is requesting donations of **Christian books, in good condition**, to replenish their Book Borrow shelves. Please drop off your books in the St. Matthews Room. If you have any questions please call Colette at 519-576-7490.



An invitation to pray to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help

The Legion of Mary of St. Mark's community is inviting all to join them in prayers to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help for their families, friends, for the sick, in thanksgiving, for those who have fallen away from the faith ... for whatever is on your heart. Please join the Legionaries on Friday's from 11am to 12noon in the Chapel.

For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (MATTHEW 18:20)



THE DIOCESAN CHOIR IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS – the ability to read music and previous choral experience is an asset. The choir rehearses weekly on **Monday evenings in Hamilton** in preparation for major liturgies at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. If you are interested in singing in this choir, contact Sharan Fazari at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

THE JOY OF LOVE LENTEN SERIES – Join us for a 4-part Lenten Series led by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. on Thursday afternoons: **March 9, 23, 30 and April 6** at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener**. We begin with Mass at 1pm, series talk at 1:30pm. There will be a break with refreshments, group discussion and Q & A. You do not have to read the exhortation before coming to the series, but if you wish to you can access it online at: www.vatican.va

COME AND SEE RETREAT – Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at **St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto** on the weekend of **March 17 - 19**. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com.

RETROUVAILLE – Stress in Your Marriage? *Retrouvaille* is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, conflicted, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. For confidential info or to register for the **March 24th weekend**, contact 905-664-5212 or hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH GUILD MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY SHOWER (No Meat) **Saturday, March 25th** from 10.30 am – 2.00 pm at the **Carmelite Monastery** in St. Agatha. Mass will be celebrated, preceded by the Rosary. The Retreat Master will be Rev. Ron Voisin.

"THINE IS THE GLORY" CONCERT – **Sunday, March 26th at 2:00pm** celebrate the power and glory of Easter with the Wayne Gilpin Singers, **Notre Dame Chapel at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo**. This concert will feature the performance of sacred music of the season. Parking is available. Freewill offering. All proceeds for the Notre Dame Chapel renovations. For more info contact Martha Fauteux (519-884-8110 x28220) mfautuex@uwaterloo.ca

C.W.L. News

ALL ladies of the parish are warmly invited to attend the first **General Meeting & Appetizer Potluck and Social** on **Thursday, March 23, 2017**. What better way to begin the term of the new executive with Mass at 6 p.m. for the intentions of the members of the C.W.L. followed by an 'Appetizer' potluck? Please bring a favourite finger food or bottle of wine to share but leave your plates and cutlery at home! For those who missed participating in the 'Secret Prayer Sister' name exchange, there will be an opportunity to take part in this popular activity. Most importantly socialize with other ladies of the parish and provide your input for upcoming events and meetings to get the most from the League.



ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH LENTEN MISSION: "From Font to Glory"

Directed by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. All are invited to participate to prepare well to celebrate the feast of Easter! Come and renew your baptismal promises, and experience the joy of the Risen Christ!

- **March 25/26** – Introduction during all weekend Masses
- **March 27 and 28** – 7:00 pm Mass and Talk
- **March 29** – 7:00 pm Talk followed by Penitential service with visiting priests

C.W.L. ANNUAL TWILIGHT RETREAT

Tuesday, March 28th at **St. Teresa Church, Kitchener** (44 Leonard Street). Speaker will be Fr. Brian Quigley, MCCJ at 5:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (ticket is required for dinner). Memorial Mass for C.W.L. Members and families starting at 8:00 p.m. \$15 per person. For tickets call Mary Helen at 519-570-4375.

COME AND CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF GRACES

Guelph Spiritan Group is hosting a retreat that welcomes everyone to a day of celebrating the work of the Holy Spirit in our Dioceses with a time of Praise and worship, powerful witness talks, insightful teaching based in Sacred Scripture and a healing service before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Pierre Ingram will be the guest speaker. Father grew up in Guelph and is currently a professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. **Saturday, April 8th** from 8:00am to 3:00pm at **St. Joseph Church, Guelph**. Mass at 9:00am. Registration fee \$10. Bring your own bagged lunch. For more information or to register please contact Ana Percic at 519-824-8456.

ANNUAL C.W.L. CARD PARTY

Wed. April 26th at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre, Kitchener**. Tickets \$15 available at the parish office or call Joan Schurter at 519-893-7429.

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.celebrationpri.wixsite.com/dinner, or email celebrationpri@gmail.com or call Margaret at 905-628-5682.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Nov. 13 to 22, 2017

Led by Fr. Ted Slaman and Fr. Robert Hetu it includes four days in the Galilee area, and four days in Jerusalem, with Mass and/or other prayer and reflection times every day. Fr. Ted and Fr. Robert would LOVE to have our parishioners participate with them, experiencing this wonderful spiritual opportunity to get more connected with Jesus and His times. You can pick up an information brochure, with details and pricing, at the back of the church, or at the parish office, or you can contact Fr. Ted at 905-334-9869 or tedslaman@rogers.com, or contact Fr. Robert at 519-853-8579 or rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com.

Wishing all of our students, parents and school staff a safe and relaxing March Break!

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