

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship This Week:

March 14 – 20, 2016

Monday

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

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Gordon Presseau – *Pat & Marg Drohan*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Special Intention

Thursday

7:00 am + David Baggey – *Baggey family*

★ 7:00 PM - **LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE** (with several priests)

Friday

6:30 PM + Gloria Pride – *Brian & Janet Ferrier*

7:00 PM - **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Saturday

(SOLEMNITY – ST. JOSEPH, *Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Principal Patron of Canada*)

9:00 am - Int. of Donovan Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14–23:56

Sat. 5:00 pm + Cimermancic Family

Sun. 9:30 am + Mary Shipp

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

7:00 PM - **BENEDICTION**



Offertory Collections

March 5/6, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,644.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,384.04
Loose monies	\$ 826.30
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,874.34

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 945.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 301.15
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 1,246.15

Thank you for your generosity!!



SPIRIT CREW

St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (*open to Grades 6 -12*)

■ **NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, April 8th (7-9 p.m.)**

Please join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snacks provided. Please let us know if you will be attending ... email Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

For Grade 7 students and parents, Sundays from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

We are currently taking a 3-week break for March Break and Holy Week.

Our final class takes place on Sun. April 3rd. Our topic is *The Sacrament of God's Mercy*.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's ... \$5 each / \$20 for five

Check out all the **BRAND NEW TITLES** in the narthex!

LITURGICAL ROLES

MAR. 19 & 20	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	D. Bristol A. Rye	A. Arruda C. Chacon
Commentator:	K. Friesen	T. Angel	T. Boettger
Lector:	K. Smith	C. Haid	R. Bonilla
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Groothuis	B. Cutting B. Coutinho P. Drohan	B. Voisin M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Germann	DaSilva
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Smith K./N. Higgins	P./B. Enticott B. Seaward	R./P. Masbad B. Starr

Attention Altar Servers (and parents): Please pick up an Altar Server "Update Form" from the sacristy, fill it out, and place it in the box on the sacristy counter. Thank you for helping us to update our records!

All available ministers are asked to please sign-up for your roles on the **Easter weekend**. Sheets are posted on the glass in the narthex.

Upcoming Lenten Penitential Services:

(COMMUNAL SERVICES WITH SEVERAL PRIESTS AVAILABLE)

Sun. March 13 3:00 pm Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener

Mon. March 14 7:00 pm St. Mary's Church, Kitchener

Tue. March 15 7:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira

★ **Thu. March 17 7:00 pm St. Mark's Church, Kitchener**

Extra Confession Times during Holy Week:

(INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION IN THE CHAPEL)

Tue. March 22: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Wed. March 23: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 24: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Calling All Men

LENTEN MISSION RETREAT: Saturday, March 19th

5 pm – Mass / 6 pm – Dinner in the hall / 7 pm – Holy Hour

On the feast of the great man of God, St. Joseph, our Knights of Columbus will host an evening of prayer and reflection on the theme:

"How to Be Catholic Men." The Catholic man must be a man for Christ, with Christ and in Christ. Only in Christ can he love his bride as he should and take on his role to be a true lover of all that is good, as protector, guardian, comforter and healer. Men must step up to the plate and be all they can be – before God and others.

Come join us as we begin with Mass at 5pm and continue with dinner in the hall at 6pm, followed by a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. The talk will be taken from an exhortation by Bishop Thomas Olmstead, entitled "Into the Breach." Fr. Don will be our presenter, but the teaching will come from the Gospels, our popes and the saints, through the words of Bishop Olmstead. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. No advance registration necessary. Free will offering. Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

Passion Play ... Saint Mark's drama group invites you to participate in the play **"The Passion of Christ"** on **Good Friday, March 25th**.

Please contact Sonia & Julio Chacon at 519-954-2062 for details and practice times. **** Friday, March 18 practice in the Hall from 10am to 12 noon.**

Wishing all of our students and teachers a safe and relaxing March Break!

St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship update...

★ **Our sponsorship application is with the Diocese.** They'll be matching us with a potential family. This will take several weeks, maybe more. We'll keep you posted of our progress!

★ **Translators needed!** St. Mark's Refugee Settlement Committee is now seeking translators. While professional and volunteer translation services are available, we'd like to engage members of our parish. The official language of Syria is modern Arabic; there's also a possibility that the family may be more comfortable with other dialects. If you're fluent in Arabic, Levantine, Mesopotamian, Kurdish, Armenian or Azeri (or know someone who is), we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Mike Serres at 519-744-8780 or michael.serres@bell.net.

★ **Temporary housing required!** Do you know of a vacant apartment or residence in our community? St. Mark's Refugee Settlement Committee is reaching out to members of our parish for temporary housing in Kitchener-Waterloo to accommodate our sponsored family. Whether it's a basement apartment, an in-law suite or a multi-bedroom or studio layout, we're seeking a place that:

- Will be available for 2 to 4 weeks, upon the family's arrival (until permanent housing arrangements are finalized)
- Can accommodate 6 family members
- Includes a kitchenette/cooking area, a full bath and a separate/private entrance

If you or someone you know can help, please email our committee at stmark@rogers.com.

Important Information on Assisted Suicide/Dying

As you are likely aware, Canada's Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying released its report to the government with its recommendations on how to proceed with legislation on this issue. Many groups and organizations are alarmed at the recommendations (as they go far beyond what the Supreme Court mandated for the new law) and have produced excellent statements in response. Cardinal Thomas Collins has released a video on the topic to help educate people as well. Both the video and many of the statements can be found on the website of the Hamilton Diocese: www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/assisted-suicide-2016. You are encouraged to watch Cardinal Collins' video and read the documents. **For your convenience, a statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is inserted in today's bulletin, with an article written by Cardinal Thomas Collins printed on the back.** Once the legislation is written and passed into law, changing it will not be easy since it will require a constitutional challenge. Now is the time for us to react and speak to our Members of Parliament about the new law. Praying for all those in a decision making position is essential, but so is having our voices heard.

"KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS" is a 10-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. **Tuesday evenings, March 22-May 24 from 7-9:30 p.m.** here at **St. Mark's Parish**. Cost is \$45. For more information or to register, contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

SPRING CARD PARTY – Wed. March 30th at St. Clement's Parish Hall, 3619 Lobsinger Line, St. Clements. Doors open at 6 p.m. Lunch at 6:30 p.m. Lots of prizes, share the wealth and quilt raffle. Admission \$8.00. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by St. Clement's Christian Mothers' Society. Everyone is welcome!

A note from the Catholic Cemeteries...

Families are kindly reminded to remove all winter wreaths on stands and other winter decorations from their plots by April 1st to facilitate the springtime clean-up. Any wreaths and decorations remaining after April 1st will be removed and discarded. For further information, please contact the cemetery office at 1-800-661-5985.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

C.W.L. will be selling **HE IS RISEN** car magnets in the Narthex after each Mass this weekend.

\$5 each. A limited quantity is available so please come and see us after Mass.

• Upcoming C.W.L. Events:

- April: "Days for Girls"
- May: Mother-Daughter celebration
- June: Kneeler cushion repair

• Next Monthly Meeting: April 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Member meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. All members are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!



HOLY DOOR – On **Saturday, March 19th** the Double Door into the entrance of the Carmelite Chapel will be another **Holy Door** during this year of Mercy. Everyone is welcome to come to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence during the day anytime between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm. There will also be a special Mass in honour of St. Joseph at 10:30 a.m.

MEN'S CONFERENCE – Join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers on **Saturday, March 19th** for Serviam Ministries' 1st annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at **Canada Christian College in Toronto**. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special father/son rates available. www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron or call 1-888-522-2070 or email info@ServiamMinistries.com.

TAIZE SERVICE – Join us for an evening of song and prayer on **Palm Sunday, March 20th** at 7:30 p.m. at **St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha**.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2016

"Merciful Like the Father" with Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB **March 21-23, 2016** on the following dates and channels:

PART 1: The Jubilee of Mercy

PART 2: The Prodigal Father and his Two Wayward Sons

VISION TV: 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

PART 1: Mon. March 21 PART 2: Tues. March 22

SALT + LIGHT TV: 8:00 PM & 12 Midnight

PART 1: Tues. March 22 PART 2: Wed. March 23

To support the Mission or to get more information please call the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's toll-free number: 1-888- 383-6277.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE FUNDRAISING DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Friday, April 1st at the **Waterloo Knights of Columbus**, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Alex Schadenberg (*Executive Director/International Chair Euthanasia Prevention Coalition*) will speak on **Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Canada**. Social hour at 5pm with bar and a chance to view the Silent Auction and place a bid. Dinner at 6pm (Fish purchased at the club, approx. \$10). Donation boxes at each table; receipts will be issued. Tables of 8 available. Everyone welcome. Great speakers, food and entertainment! Call the K-W R.T.L. Office at 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

CURSILLO 2016 – 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 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend:

Men's Weekend: May 26–29 **Women's Weekend: June 9–12**

For more information visit www.cursillohamilton.org, or contact:

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