

# 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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### **Worship This Week:** March 16 – 22, 2015

#### **Monday**

7:00 am - Intentions of the Santana, Yopez, Castaneda, Ruis and Valentiera Families

#### **Tuesday**

7:00 PM - Intentions of the Santana, Yopez, Castaneda, Ruis and Valentiera Families

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 am - Int. of the Gonsalves Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

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

7:00 am + Dec. Members of the Robinson Family – *Jeanne*

#### **Friday**

6:30 PM + Gordon Ariss – *Marilyn Dufresne*

7:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### **Saturday**

9:00 am + Hung Van Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34+; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Aundrie Thomson – *Tully Family*

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

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



#### **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

**Please note:** During Lent **Friday Mass** moves to the evening at 6:30 PM, up to and including March 27.

#### **Offertory Collections**

**Mar. 7/8, 2015**

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,266.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 569.75
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 3,835.75</b>
Mortgage Fund .....	\$ 688.10

**Thank you for your generosity!**



### **SPIRIT CREW**

*St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (Grade 6 and Up)*

#### ■ **YOUTH ALPHA FILM SERIES: (Grades 6 to 12 welcome)**

**Every other Friday from 7-9 p.m.**

Includes video, small group discussion. Snack provided.

**March 20** ... *Why and How Do I Read the Bible?*

**March 27-28** ... **Alpha Retreat Weekend**

**April 10** ... *How Can I Resist Evil?*

**April 24** ... *Does God Heal Today?*

**May 8** ... *What About The Church and Telling Others?*

**May 22** ... **Celebration Dinner**

For more information please contact Andrea Laughlin at [andreaappelman@hotmail.com](mailto:andreaappelman@hotmail.com) or 519-577-8553.

Visit [WWW.ALPHACANADA.ORG](http://WWW.ALPHACANADA.ORG).

<b>LITURGICAL ROLES</b>			
Mar. 21 & 22	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	C./B./T. Morgan	D. Bristol E. Chang R. Vezensnyi	A./R. Maenpaa M. McCullough P. Mortens
<b>Commentator:</b>	C. Baumtrog	L. Rye	O. Sirju
<b>Lector:</b>	K. Smith	G. Rye	K. Phillips
<b>Ushers:</b>	L. Macedo K. Friesen	F./B. Seaward	M. Schimus M. Monte
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Buchanan	Cerantola	McCullough
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	C. Dokis F./Y. Tully P. Appelman R. Landgraaf	B. Seaward A. Simoes B. Starr M. Walsler	A. Monte B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

**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.



### **Live Action Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Parishioners of all ages and their families or friends are welcome to participate in this play. There are no speaking roles and no prior acting skills are required.

**REHEARSALS take place every Sunday afternoon**

**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](mailto: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:**

★ *We apologize for having to cancel last week's class (Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>).*

*Our class this weekend (Mar. 15) will cover topics for both weeks, and therefore will run an extra 15 minutes longer:*

**Mar. 15** - The Mass and the Eucharist, and  
The Call to Holiness (The 10 Commandments)  
*(3-week break due to Holy Week and Easter)*

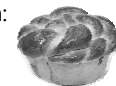
**Apr. 19** - The Sacrament of God's Mercy

### **Baking Easter Bread**

For my family, preparing for Easter has always included the tradition of making Italian Easter Bread! I have set aside two dates during Lent to make this delicious, fragrant sweetbread at the church:

- **Next Sat., March 21 at 8:00 a.m.**

- **Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 a.m.**

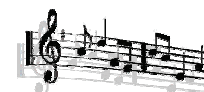


You will learn how to prepare and bake this bread at the church and then take it home to share with your family. If you are interested in participating, please call **Eda Loth** at **519-504-1865**. -- *Eda*

### **Attention YOUTH of St. Mark's Parish!**

**Do you like to SING?**

Would you like to meet some new friends? Then come on out **Monday evenings from 6-7pm** for practice in the church and join our Youth Choir! The choir sings at Mass twice a month and we would love for YOU to join us. If you would like more information, please contact **Sara** at [sarasawaya@hotmail.com](mailto:sarasawaya@hotmail.com).



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



**FEBRUARY SPUD BLITZ** - Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus: ONE THOUSAND POUNDS of potatoes were collected during the month of February – close to **DOUBLE** what we collected last year!! Great thanks to all who contributed to this all-time record. The House of Friendship deeply appreciates our contribution.

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES:**

- Mon. March 16 7:30 pm St. Louis Church, Waterloo
- Wed. March 18 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener
- Thur. March 19 11:00 am St. Anne’s Parish, Kitchener
- Thur. March 19 7:30 pm St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
- 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
- Sat. March 28 2-5 pm St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener
- Thur. March 26 7:00 pm St. Mark’s Church, Kitchener**

The following is another excerpt from “Frequently Asked Questions” about the 2015 revisions to the provincial Health & Physical Education Curriculum, taken from the Hamilton Diocesan website:

**QUESTION:** *Can you tell me more about Family Life Education?*

**ANSWER:** *In Catholic elementary schools, Family Life Education is presented through the lens of Fully Alive. The program goal is to present a distinctively Catholic view of human life, sexuality, marriage and family. Fully Alive complements the efforts of families and to support what parents are doing at home. The entire program, from Grades 1 through Grade 8, is designed to encourage students to become the people God wants them to be – to be fully alive.*

For more Q&A, as well as statements from Bishop Douglas Crosby and Cardinal Thomas Collins on this new curriculum, please visit: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/bishops-statement-curriculum-2015](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/bishops-statement-curriculum-2015)

**Who is the Man of the Shroud?**

**NOW AVAILABLE:** **8” X 10” photo reproduction of the face of “The Man of the Shroud” corpus**, currently on exhibit at the *Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem Centre* in Jerusalem, Israel. Copies (suitable for framing) have been made for those who may want one, and are available after weekend Masses. **No charge, but a donation to our Mortgage Fund would be appreciated.**

Each photo includes a short, written history. For more information please contact Laurie Brookes at 519-576-1488 or Edwina Weiss at 519-954-5669.



**Thanks to...**

- I thank Sister Elaine, S.S.S. and Rita for coming to our parish last Friday to give the **Lenten Twilight Retreat**. I enjoyed having a religious nun talk, and very much appreciate all that Sister has done throughout the years as a Sister of Social Service. Thank you all for coming out, and thank you to Anna and Carmel for getting everything ready for the fish and chip dinner.
- Due to R.C.I.A. and other things, I was unable to make the **Life In The Spirit** series. I appreciate the efforts of Kathy and the organizers who arranged this series. My understanding is that there were over fifty participants in the series. I certainly hope and pray that the Holy Spirit guides you, enlightens you and enlivens you so that you may ever increasingly be humble, joyful and effective instruments of the Lord. It has been my understanding (subject to correction, for sure) that the Son reveals the Father, the Spirit reveals the Son and the Holy Spirit manifests His divinity and holiness through the gifts and charisma that he bestows upon His Church. Besides the gifts and fruits of the Spirit a sure sign of His power and presence is when we bring our Catholic faith to others in the manner of John the Baptist – “He [Jesus] must increase, I must decrease.”

God bless you! – *Father Don*

**C.W.L. CORNER ...**

**MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mothers’ Appreciation Brunch:**

*Save the date!* Please watch upcoming bulletins for details and ticket information.

- **Walking Club:** Ladies interested in forming a walking club (waiting for nicer weather in April) please contact Cathy at [cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca](mailto:cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca). One evening during the week, to be determined.
- **Suggestion Box:** 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.



**“Keys to Loving Relationships”**

“Keys” is a **10-week program** meant for anyone (married, dating 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 7-9 p.m. **starting March 24<sup>th</sup> here at St. Mark’s**. Cost is \$45.

For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249, or Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519, or visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/relationship-development.php>.

**STROKE RECOVERY K-W** – Have you or someone you know been affected by stroke? Reconnect, meet stroke survivors, caregivers, and others interested in recovering from stroke. Come share your stories of hope! **Third Wed. of every month** at 7:00 p.m. at **The Village of Winston Park**, 695 Block Line Rd. (lower-level, Tillsley Dr. entrance). For info call 1-800-263-3463 ext.7702 or Rick Guzik at 519-745-2597.

**POPE FRANCIS: INSPIRATION AND DIRECTION** (final session)

**Thur. March 26:** *Eye Witness to the Synod*, with Fr. Rosica, C.S.B.  
**St. Francis of Assisi Church** – Mass at 1:00 p.m. Talk at 1:30 p.m.  
**St. Michael’s Church, Waterloo** – Talk at 7:00 p.m.

**Annual Mass with New Catholics**

On **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** at the **11:00 a.m. Mass**, the bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ’s Body.

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