

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.

PALM SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK:

March 21 – 27, 2016

Monday

7:00 am + David Baggey – Baggey family

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Macedo Family – Luiz

Wednesday

7:00 am + Glenn Pride – Brian & Janet Ferrier

NO MORNING MASSES on Thursday, Friday or Saturday

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
+ Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 PM - Living Way of the Cross



HOLY SATURDAY

1:00 PM - Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 PM - Easter Vigil during the Night
- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18++

9:30 am + Giulia Donato - Pietro
11:30 am + Souls in Purgatory

Offertory Collections

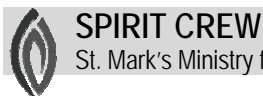
March 12/13, 2016

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,808.25
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52)..... \$ 1,384.04
Loose monies \$ 507.16
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,699.45

Mortgage envelopes..... \$ 355.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12+52) \$ 301.15
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 656.15

SHARE LENT \$ 720.00

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.

■ YEAR OF MERCY YOUTH RALLY: Saturday, May 21st

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the Year of Mercy Youth Rally at the **C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf** in Rockwood, Ontario. If interested in attending, please see the Spirit Crew Bulletin Board for more details. Permission forms must be handed in by March 28th to the Spirit Crew Mailbox located in the narthex.

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*.

LITURGICAL ROLES

EASTER	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Sign up sheets are posted on the glass windows in the narthex, and still have spots open for many roles. Please sign up if you are available. Thank you!		
Commentator:			
Lector:			
Ushers:			
Gift Bearers:			
Eucharistic Ministers			
Attention Altar Servers (and parents): If you have not yet picked up an Altar Server "Update Form" from the sacristy, please do so, fill it out, and place it in the box on the sacristy counter as soon as you can. Thank you for helping us to update our records!			

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.

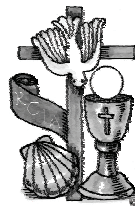


Annual Mass with New Catholics

Sunday, April 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

The bishop invites those who are newly baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body.



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

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

Conscience Rights for Doctors

A Request from Bishop Crosby on "Patient Assisted Dying" (Euthanasia)

Assisted suicide will soon be legal in Canada. The twenty-one recommendations that the parliamentary committee has proposed to the Federal Government go far beyond what the Supreme Court mandated. They include a requirement that doctors who have a moral objection to assisted suicide must, against their wishes, refer their patients to a doctor who will engage in this process. No other country in the world requires this kind of violation of conscience!

As Bishop of the Hamilton Diocese, I encourage you to visit our website (www.hamiltondiocese.com) to get a fuller understanding of this issue. I also ask you to write directly to your Member of Parliament. Voice your concerns that the law be written in such a way that it protects those who are vulnerable, as well as the conscience rights of individuals and Catholic institutions involved in health care. *The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience*, made up of numerous partners (including more than 5,000 Canadian doctors) has all the information you will need to write such a letter on their website at www.CanadiansforConscience.ca. History is being made at this moment – as Catholics we have both the right and obligation to participate in this important process.

– Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton



Newly Baptized... With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God: **Sophia, Ainsley, Ashlynn, Julian, Haleigh, Tiago, Faith, Isabelle, Aubree, Riley, Julia, Lucas, Tiago and Beckett.**



Knights of Columbus
Next monthly meeting of St. Mark's Council 9276:
Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)
www.kofc9276.org

February Spud Blitz (Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus)
EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS of potatoes were collected during the month of February!! Great thanks to all who donated. The House of Friendship deeply appreciates our contribution.

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.

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.

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!

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.**

"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.

SEPARATED and DIVORCED SELF-HELP GROUPS

LEVEL 1 - (*Learning to Cope*), and LEVEL 2 (*Accepting the Situation*) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Course fees: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Levels are held Tuesday evenings for **11 weeks starting March 22nd** (7 – 9pm) at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** in Kitchener. Call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or St. Francis at 519-745-7301 to register.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY – March 26th at the **Maryhill Heritage**

Community Centre, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eat in or take out. No reserved seating. Take-out orders of 4 or more must be reserved by Thursday, March 24th. First come, first served. Haddock with fresh hand cut fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 piece \$13, 2 pieces \$15. Dessert, bar & refreshments available. Cash only. Phone 519-648-2939.

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!

COME HOLY SPIRIT – Beginning **Saturday, April 2nd** at 10:00 a.m., "Come Holy Spirit" is a 7-week DVD program by Dr. Tom Curran that will fan into flame the light of the Holy Spirit you received at Baptism and Confirmation. Prepare for the Feast of Pentecost! Join us Saturday mornings in the **Lower Hall at St. Mary's Church**, 56 Duke St. West, Kitchener. No materials required. All are welcome!

MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY SHOWER (NO MEAT)

Saturday, April 9th from 10.30 am – 1.00 pm at the **Carmelite Monastery**, hosted by The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. The Retreat Master is Rev. Ron Voisin.

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:

- Betty Enticott bpenticott@rogers.com (519) 743-0908
- Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. rayreitzelcr@live.com (519) 725-1445

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