

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship This Week:

March 6 – 12, 2017

* TENTATIVE SCHEDULE *

Please note this week's schedule may change according to Father's mobility, due to his sprained ankle.

Monday

7:00 am + Souls in Purgatory – *Leonor Fonseca*

Tuesday

7:00 PM - Int. of Brendan Flood – *the Flood family*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Lisa Reitzel – *Catherine Mackid*

Thursday

7:00 am - Int. of Brian Flood – *the Flood family*

Friday

* 6:30 PM - Int. of Angela, Nick & Austin Gallagher – *M.J.F.*

7:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday

9:00 am + Brendan Flood – *the Flood family*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7+;; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Sat. 5:00 pm + George & Isabel Beckner – *Paul & Angela*

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

11:30 am + Jack Soares – *Maria*

* 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 led by Father Don at 7:00 p.m. (tentative).

Thank you to Fr. Tim Higgins for his generous assistance in covering Masses for Fr. Don while he recuperates.

Offertory Collections

Feb. 25/26, 2017

Sunday envelopes \$ 2,772.00
 Sunday loose \$ 444.40
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) \$ 1,234.62
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 4,451.02

Mortgage envelopes \$ 215.00
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) .. \$ 242.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS \$ 457.88

Thank you for your generosity!

RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST – Sat., March 11th at Bethel Christian Reform Church, 345 Elizabeth Street East, Listowel. 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. \$8 per person (free for kids 5 and under). Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, jam, coffee, tea, juice.

ST. AGATHA PARISH C.W.L. ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY

Door Prizes, Draws, Beef Stew luncheon. \$10 includes stew, rolls, drink and dessert. St. Agatha Church Hall on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00pm. Cash Draw & Raffle Draws during Luncheon at 4:30pm. stagathacwl@gmail.com

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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Mar. 11 & 12	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G./S./T. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	L. Rye	I. Kangaloo
Lector:	M. Serschen	G. Rye	O. Sirju
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Phillips	T./J. Germann J. De Sousa	<i>Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>	<i>Can you help?</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Y./F. Tully C. Dokis	L. Reidel S. Sawchuk B. Seaward	B./S. Markides F. Kangaloo

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.

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

Thursday evenings during Lent

This series has been **CANCELLED** for the time being, due to Father Don's sprained ankle. Please watch the bulletin for a possible new start date.

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



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)

LENTE RETREAT – All are invited to St. Francis Parish for a Lenten Retreat on **Wed. March 8th** led by Pastoral Associate, Ms. Ruthann Fisher. Drawing from 26 years of ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Certificates in Pastoral and Youth Ministry, as well as a three-month sabbatical at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, Ruthann will lead us in a retreat entitled "The Word Became Flesh, and Dwelt Among Us." This Lent, explore how you allow the Word of God to influence your life. We begin with the Stations of the Cross at 7pm, followed by retreat. Hosted by St. Francis C.W.L. PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE.

THE JOY OF LOVE LENTEN SERIES – Pope Francis wrote a beautiful and rich Exhortation called *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love. This document evolved from the Synods on the Family of the past few years, and offers a clear description of the challenges for families today, as well as a wealth of suggestions for how we can find and enjoy the love in our own families. 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 you can access it online at: www.vatican.va



BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2017

March 1, 2017
Ash Wednesday

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The season of Lent is now upon us. It is an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught. In fact, if we take seriously the Lenten program, it offers us the opportunity to renew our whole life!

Traditionally, Lent is a privileged time for *prayer, fasting* and *almsgiving*.

During Lent, we seek time *to pray more* – alone and with others. We might choose to read something that will nourish our spiritual life and lead us to more focused personal prayer. We might join our Parish community on Friday evenings for the Stations of the Cross; or we might decide to pray the Rosary as a family on certain evenings during the Lenten season. Many choose to attend Mass during the week with other parishioners.

When we *fast*, we usually cut back on what we eat and drink. Not only will this benefit us in a physical way, but it will also help us in our spiritual life. Fasting often leads us to understand that we depend on God to nourish us in every way. We will recognize the blessings we receive every day, which leads us to be ever more grateful and generous.

As a child, it was a practice in our family to “give up” something during Lent. One year I was courageous enough to give up watching television! It proved to be too difficult, and I confess that I cheated by watching one or two special television programs – in the mirror!!! The only person I cheated, in fact, was myself – knowing that I had failed in my Lenten resolve. The experience taught me that Lent is not about “my” tenacity, rather it is about God calling me always forward, always nearer!

“Giving up” something gives us time to “take up” something of greater value. Giving up social media for two hours each day in Lent could give time to read a book or two, or to write long-overdue letters to distant family members or long-forgotten friends. “Giving up” something might save us money to offer to a local food bank or other charitable cause. Even more, it might give us time to volunteer our talent to make life easier for others in some helpful way. That is *almsgiving*.

It has always amazed me what can be done when everyone contributes even a little. One generous offering of time, talent, or treasure is something; many generous offerings can make a great difference in the lives of those who live on the margins. For 50 years our own Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) has made an incredible difference for people in developing countries the world over by supporting projects that changed lives. Perhaps during this 50th anniversary year, we can increase our Share Lent offering to allow them to do even more!

By prayer, fasting and almsgiving, our spiritual life is nurtured, our personal life is purified, and our outreach to brothers and sisters on the margins is encouraged. It is an effective Lenten program leading us to a deeper personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

I wish you a blessed Lenten season during which you learn how to live freely and fully in Him!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

C.W.L. News

Election Results are official! Here is your new Executive for the next 2 years: **Kim Friesen, President; Anna Joseph, President Elect; Diane Bendia, 1st Vice-President; Carmel**

Schade, Treasurer; Betty Enticott, Corresponding Secretary; Tanya Martin, Recording Secretary; Marilyn Dufresne, Standing Committee Lead; Mary Collins, Standing Committee Lead. We will happily embrace any member who wishes to join the group as we still have roles we can fill! Many hands make light work and many hearts and minds make a vibrant, healthy and active organization! Please contact Kim Friesen at 519-749-8250 to inquire.



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. *Retrouvaille* can help. For confidential info or to register for the **March 24th weekend**, contact 905-664-5212 or hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

“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) mfautoux@uwaterloo.ca

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

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

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.

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