

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship This Week:

March 7 – 13, 2016

Monday

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

Tuesday

2:30 PM - MASS AT LANARK HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

7:00 PM + Fatima Costa – *Justina D'Costa family*

Wednesday

7:00 am + Anastasia MacLean – *In gratitude*

Thursday

7:00 am - Int. of William Sheehan – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

3:00 PM - MASS AT FOREST HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

Friday

* 6:30 PM + Robinson Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Darren & Marcy Deprattor – *J. Robinson*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ** (with Fr. Larry Parent)

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philipians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Sat. 5:00 pm + Larry Voisin – *Mark & Kelly Skrt & family*

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

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

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 18th.

** **Next Sunday (March 12/13)** Fr. Larry Parent from Blessed Sacrament Parish will be celebrating our 3 Sunday Masses here at St. Mark's, and I will be celebrating the Masses at Blessed Sacrament. Father Parent and I thought it might be a nice idea to switch for one weekend, firstly, to give everyone a break and secondly, to show that we are united in our common faith (in other words, priests of the same faith, and parishes united with the universal church). I know you will welcome Fr. Parent warmly. I will return Sunday afternoon to celebrate our monthly baptisms. -- *Fr. Don*

Offertory Collections

Feb. 27/28, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,347.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,350.81
Loose monies	<u>\$ 533.80</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,231.61

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 320.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	<u>\$ 301.15</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 621.15

TOTAL REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP **\$ 495.00**

Thank you for your generosity!!



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ **NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, March 11th (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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

MAR. 12 & 13	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	T./G. Johnston K. Buchanan	E. Chang R. Vezensyi	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Commentator:	J. Deneau	B. Sawarna	M. Oram
Lector:	B. Burns	J. Flanigan	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	K./T. Friesen	F./B. Seaward	C. Dignam M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Archambault	Rye	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis L. Macedo R. Landgraff	T. Angel C. Haid B. Cutting	B./S. Markides A. Monte

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!

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

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

Remaining dates and topics:

MAR. 6: The Call to Holiness (The 10 Commandments)

(3-week break for March Break and Easter)

APR. 3: The Sacrament of God's Mercy

Benediction

**Sundays, March 6th and 20th
7:00 p.m.**

Lenten Mission Retreat for Men

Attention all men of St. Mark's! Join us for a special Lenten Mission Retreat on **Saturday, March 19th** from **5:00-9:00 pm:**

5:00 pm - Mass

6:00 pm - Dinner in the hall

7:00 pm - Conference/Discussion presented by a guest priest

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.

"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.

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE WHOLE PARISH. Catholicism is an entire way of life. But today it's not known. We might be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic faith, but how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* is a 20-part DVD series that opens up the "big picture" of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us to KNOW our faith, LIVE our faith and ARTICULATE it to others. Parts 1 through 10 (entitled "Knowing the Faith") journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church, and parts 11-20 (entitled "Living the Faith") focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and moral life. **Join Fr. Don Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** as we are led through a clear and comprehensive explanation of the Catholic faith. ALL ARE WELCOME.

St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship update...

★ **Our application's official!** This week, the Diocese confirmed they've received St. Mark's sponsorship application. The next step involves the Diocese 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.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

● **Upcoming C.W.L. Events**

- March - Lift Jesus Higher Rally
- 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!



EVENING RETREAT: A RECIPE FOR LENTEN RENEWAL

Wed. March 9th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by retreat from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. led by Father Frank Freitas. Sponsored by St. Francis C.W.L.

WATERLOO DEANERY LENTEN SERIES

Come and be drawn deeper into the abundance of God's Mercy!

Thurs. Mar. 10: Mercy in Theology with Rev. Gordon Rixon, S.J.

Two session times available:

➤ **AFTERNOON** session at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener**

1:00 pm Mass followed by 2:00 - 3:30 pm session

➤ **EVENING** session at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo**

7:00 pm Mass followed by 7:30 - 9:00 pm session

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY – Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 p.m.

at **St. Agatha Church Hall.** Door Prizes, Draws and a delicious Beef Stew Luncheon. Admission \$10/person includes stew, beverage & dessert. Quilt draw & raffle draws during luncheon at 4:30pm. Hosted by St. Agatha C.W.L.

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.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's ... \$5 each / \$20 for five
Check out all the **BRAND NEW TITLES** in the narthex!

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

Upcoming Lenten Penitential Services:

Mon. March 7	7:30 pm	St. Louis Church, Waterloo
Tue. March 8	7:00 pm	St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha
Tue. March 8	7:30 pm	St. Michael's Church, Waterloo
Wed. March 9	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo
Thu. March 10	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener
Thu. March 10	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, St. Clements
Thu. March 10	7:30 pm	St. Agnes Church, Waterloo
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



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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip # 89 – The best way to assist your children to thrive is to give them a good sense of security and self-worth. These feelings are best accomplished when parents understand their role as leaders of their families: they set the rules, make sure the rules are followed and discipline when necessary. In order to assure good balance in their family role as leaders, parents need to spend quality time with their children, which helps their children know they are loved, valued and important. Parents need to be an authoritative figure in their children's lives, which means they can't always be the fun friend, but they can love their children enough to help them become healthy and well-functioning adults!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip # 69 – No marriage or relationship remains stagnant – life changes and experiences that occur on a day-to-day basis mold and shape us and, therefore, our relationships. Now and then it is good to stop and check the new you and see how you have changed: how have these changes impacted your relationship with those you love, especially your spouse? Are you communicating well with your spouse, continuing to be open and honest about your needs and wants and to finding out what theirs might be? Marriage is a work in progress which thrives when we remember to do a checkup now and then!

Tip submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250

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