

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship This Week: March 9 – 15, 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 - Intentions of the Santana, Yopez, Castaneda, Ruis and Valentiera Families

Thursday

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

Friday

6:30 pm - Intentions of the Santana, Yopez, Castaneda, Ruis and Valentiera Families

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

Saturday

9:00 am - Intentions of the Santana, Yopez, Castaneda, Ruis and Valentiera Families

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23+; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Sat. 5:00 pm + George & Isabela Beckner
- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Santana, Yopez, Castaneda, Ruis and Valentiera Families

11:30 am + Larry Voisin – *Mark & Kelly Skrt & Family*



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

Feb. 28 / Mar. 1, 2015

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,304.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 472.30
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,776.30
Mortgage Fund	\$ 1009.00
Seminary Education.....	\$ 70.00

Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL ROLES

Mar. 14 & 15	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	R./J. Henri	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	C. Baumtrog	T. Angel	M. Devine
Lector:	N. Higgins	J. Flanigan	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:		B. Cutting J. Detzler	B. Voisin J. McCullough
Gift Bearers:		Rye	Devine
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis L. Macedo R./P. Masbad K. Smith	A. Bendia P./B. Enticott M./L. Fernando	L. McCullough M.E. McCullough J./P. McCullough

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.



This Weekend is Coffee Sunday!

Join us in the Hall after Mass today for fellowship and refreshments.

Live Action Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3rd 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.



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. 1st). Our next class on 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:

- **Saturday, 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*

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: March 11-19

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph from March 11th to 19th. You can participate in the Novena by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

CARMEL OF SAINT JOSEPH
1127 CARMEL-KOCH ROAD, R.R.1.
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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 or 519-577-8553.

Visit WWW.ALPHACANADA.ORG.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES:

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

Who is the Man of the Shroud?

A group of pilgrims viewed an exhibition of the Man of the Shroud of Turin while visiting the Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem Centre in Jerusalem, Israel in 2013. The most interesting part of this experience was seeing the full-sized, 3-dimensional, bronze corpus constructed from the negative image left on the shroud.



The physicist (not poet or theologian) who has vigorously studied the shroud said that it has led him to faith. Most amazing of all was the face that was constructed from the shroud. Our guide said that this is what the 'man' in the shroud would have looked like in real life, minus the severe scarring caused by crucifixion. The young scientist told us to consider the prayerful look on the 'man' in the shroud – not typical of one who has been crucified. Rather, he said, it looks like one who has accomplished something great and the satisfaction that comes from a 'job well done' appears on his countenance. My question is who could be satisfied other than the one whose job it was to redeem the world?

If (and there is no obligation to accept this) the face produced on the shroud was caused by the resurrection of Jesus, then we are looking at the face of Our Lord Himself.

We have reproduced the photo taken of the face of the corpus in Jerusalem – 8" x 10" copies (suitable for framing) have been made for those who want one, and will be available after weekend Masses. No charge, only a donation to our Mortgage Fund if you can. 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.

"NO 2 TRUDEAU" ... sponsored by KW Right to Life

Campaign Life Coalition and the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform are teaming up to lead the biggest pro-life campaign Canada has ever seen and you can be a part of it! Join us **Wednesday, April 8th**, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the **Waterloo Knights of Columbus** (145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo) where CLC's Alissa Golob and CCBR's Jonathon Van Maren will talk about how you can make an impact in this upcoming federal election and say No2Trudeau. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Jane 519-746-5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca. For more information, check out www.no2trudeau.ca.

10th ANNUAL BISHOP'S BANQUET – Thursday, May 14th at the **Catholic Education Centre**, St. Mary's Parish Hall, corner of Weber & Ontario Sts., Kitchener. For tickets please call 519-578-3660 ext. 2373 (\$100/seat, \$800/table). Charitable receipt for portion of ticket price. Proceeds will support Faith Formation Programs within the Catholic Schools of the Waterloo Region. Evening includes a silent auction.

C.W.L. CORNER ...



• **Walking Club:** Ladies interested in forming a walking club (waiting for nicer weather in April) please contact Cathy at 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.

Sponsoring a Refugee Family

*Currently, there are millions of refugees from war looking for a new home – their lives have been decimated. In consultation with the diocese, I would like to propose to our parish the possibility of sponsoring a family to come over to Canada and find a new life. This is a very big commitment that requires a great deal of parish involvement. We especially need people who know about things like housing, transportation, etc. Once we get enough interested and committed helpers, then we can meet with our diocesan refugee consultant to begin organizing ourselves to make this happen. **If there are any who are seriously interested in forming a group to consider this possibility, please email your information to Pam at the parish office (stmark@rogers.com) including your Name, Phone, Email, and any expertise you have that would help a family settle into Canada.***

Thank you. – Fr. Don

THURSDAY LENTEN SERIES – St. Francis and St. Michael parishes are again offering a Lenten Series on Thursday afternoons and evenings about Pope Francis entitled **"Francis: Inspiration and Direction."**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kit.: Mass at 1:00 pm / Talk at 1:30pm
St. Michael Parish, Waterloo: Talk at 7:00 p.m.

March 12 – The Joy of the Gospel – *Speaker: Dr. J. Lombardi, Ph.D.*

March 26 – Eye Witness to the Synod – *Speaker: Rev. T. Rosica, C.S.B.*

LENTEN RETREAT EVENING

The History of Salvation - with Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** (49 Blueridge Ave., 519-745-7301) **this Wednesday, March 11th** beginning with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by the retreat. All are welcome! Sponsored by St. Francis C.W.L.

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

QUESTION: *I'm concerned about the new "sex ed" curriculum that people have been talking about. How will it impact my children in a Catholic school?*

ANSWER: *The new curriculum is a revision of the current Health & Physical Education Curriculum, last updated in 1998 by the Ontario Government. For more than 30 years, all Ontario Catholic schools have successfully provided a family life curriculum within a Catholic framework, guided by the Catholic Bishops of Ontario through the Fully Alive program. Catholic Family Life Education is closely associated with Religious Education. In Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools, it accounts for 20% of the Religious Education program and is usually taught once a week. While we have a responsibility to teach the curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education in education policy, we have always done so in a manner that conveys, respects and models Catholic principles to our students.*

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

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