

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. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Parents and godparents are requested to come to the 11:30 AM Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and stay for a brief preparation meeting.

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 24 – 30, 2014

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of Fr. Adrian Lee – *Smith/Blanchard/McCullough*

Tuesday (solemnity – Annunciation of the Lord)

7:00 pm - Int. of Mike & Kathleen Dineen – *M./E. Lawlor*

Wednesday

7:00 am - In Thanksgiving – *Luiz Macedo*

Thursday

7:00 am + Burchat Family – *Gerth Family*

★ 7:00 PM + Angelo Bolzon – *Sandra & Peter Appelman*

Friday

7:00 am + Betty Tait – *Derek & Greta Dunlop*

6:30 pm + Jamie Fitzgerald – *John & Linda Deneau*

Saturday

9:00 am + John (Bo) Denomme – *Jessie & Jim Maher*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Sat. 5:00 pm + Vera Sheehan – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

Sun. 9:30 am + Giulia Donato – *Pietro*

11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

Before all weekday Masses, led by a lay person.

After Friday evening Mass, led by Fr. Don.

Offertory Collections

March 15/16, 2014

Envelope Users..... \$ 3,589.00

Loose monies..... \$410.05

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 3,999.05

Mortgage Fund..... \$ 265.00

Thank you for your generosity!



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ 30-HOUR FAMINE: Friday, March 28th - Saturday, March 29th

All youth from grade 6 to 12 are invited to participate in this fun, annual overnight event. Fundraising and permission forms can be found on the Spirit Crew bulletin board. **Signed permission forms are due by Sun. March 23rd** – please hand them in to the Spirit Crew Mailbox found on the back wall of the narthex. There is limited space so get your permission form in to the Church ASAP to guarantee your spot. For more information please contact Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

■ NEXT FAITH SHARING: Friday, April 11th from 7-9 p.m.

Please come and join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snack that will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending! Email Lisa at lmaenpaa@primus.ca or Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

LITURGICAL ROLES

MAR. 29 & 30	SAT. 5:00 PM	SUN. 9:30 AM	SUN. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	K. Buchanan C. Higgins	W./B. Flitton R. Vezensenyi	J./A. Arruda M. McCullough
Commentator:	K. Friesen K. Smith	B. Sawarna D. Bristol	T. Boettger K. Phillips
Lector:	J. Deneau	B. Cutting	E./V. McCullough
Ushers:	L. Deneau	D. Cutting	J./P. McCullough
Gift Bearers:	Riddell	Coutinho	John
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis K. Friesen L. Macedo F./Y. Tully	S. Cerantola B./A. Cutting H. Kress M. Lynch	K./T. Boettger B./S. Markides C./K. Dignam

Knights of Columbus Lenten Retreat for Men

THIS THURSDAY, March 27th

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus is once again offering a Lenten retreat for the men of the parish beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:00 and a time of quiet meditation after Mass. All men of the Parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Legion of Mary

■ **ACIES & POTLUCK: Sunday, March 30th**

All Active and Auxiliary Legionaries are invited to attend the Acies at **St. Aloysius Church** (11 Tray+ Katnor Avenue, Kitchener). The Procession will begin at 3:00 p.m. sharp. Please be there for 2:45 p.m. to gather and process in with our Praesidium's banner. Families are welcome to attend. Potluck to follow.

Gr. 2 First Reconciliation (Confession)

Parents of grade 2 students preparing to make their First Communion are reminded of the date for First Reconciliation (Confession) on **Monday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Church**. Fr. Don and two more priests will be available to hear your child's confession. The service will begin at 7pm and your family may leave right after your child receives their penance. The whole service will last approximately 40 minutes.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Actors are still needed for 'crowd' people (no speaking). Also needed is a lighting person, and people who would be able to paint sets. Rehearsals are after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays from now until Good Friday. Please email Stephanie Baskerville (sbaskerville@sympatico.ca) if interested in participating.



24 Hours For Mercy

In response to the request of Pope Francis that one parish in every Diocese have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available for a 24 hour period beginning Friday, March 28th, Bishop Crosby announces that this opportunity will be available at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton**. Priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) **beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28th and concluding at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29th**. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this period, as well as Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7:00 p.m., and the celebration of Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 29th. All are welcome!

Famous Catholic Prayers (PART 10)

(The admission of sin and Christian hope go hand in hand...)

There tends to be an overemphasis these days on "affirming" human dispositions no matter what. We may see this in the kind of council that only acknowledges the good qualities one possesses, avoiding altogether the negative ones. This is an understandable approach toward human behavior if one considers life here on earth to be all that we have. In fact, why even talk of right and wrong if what awaits us at death's door is non-existence? – a rather hopeless position to have. "Positivism" as a philosophy of life is not the equivalent of the life lived with hope.

On the other hand, Christians and other believers to a greater or lesser extent, readily point out human frailty and sinfulness (not exclusively of course) out of a conviction that life goes on after death. Through Jesus, we learn of the love the Heavenly Father has for us and the freedom He gives us to reject or accept His offer of heaven and eternal life beyond death. The fact that we admit our sin means we have a goal to strive for, a reason to be good, a reason to resist sin and repent. Essentially those of good will desire to please God who wills to save us for a better life and deliver us from eternal misery. A repentant heart is a sign of a hopeful heart. So whenever anyone tells you that you Christians focus on sin too much (such negativity!), remind them that we only want to be more pleasing to our loving God who really exists, and who really died for us, and who really offers us a glorious afterlife. The following is a prayer said between the decades of the rosary (or any other time) that reflects what was said in the above...

The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell,
and lead all souls to heaven,
especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

– Fr. Don

Lenten Series on Vatican II

Morning Sessions at: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener
9:00am Mass; 9:30am Refreshments; 10-11:30am Session

Evening Sessions at: St. Michael Parish, Waterloo
6pm Mass; 6:30pm Simple Soup Meal; 7:30-9pm Session

- Thur. March 27:** Decree on the Mass Media
Rev. Dr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B.
- Thur. April 3:** Decree on Ecumenism & Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions
Dr. Cathy Clifford
- Thur. April 10:** Declaration on Religious Liberty
Rev. Dr. Darren Dias, O.P.

"MARY OF NAZARETH" – Saturday, March 29th at 10:00 a.m.
Branches Catholic Ministries will once again be hosting this PG-rated film at the **Landmark Cinema Gateway Park** (formerly Empire Studios) in Kitchener. This new, epic motion picture on the remarkable life of the mother of Christ from her childhood through to the Resurrection of Jesus vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God, as well as her compassion and concern for others and her desire for all to come to know and grow in a deeper relationship with her Son. **Tickets (\$12) are not available at the box office – they must be purchased online at www.go2branches.com.** Advance purchase recommended. All proceeds from this event support the mission of Branches Catholic Ministries – bringing Catholic faith to modern culture through conferences, special events, and the facilitation of adult faith formation programs and youth ministry. For further info contact B.C.M. at 905-685-7000 or info@go2branches.com.

C.W.L. Corner ...



■ **GENERAL MEETING & SOCIAL: Tues. April 8**
St. Mark C.W.L. invites all ladies of the parish to join us on Tuesday, April 8 for a fun and informative evening. We will start with Mass at 7 p.m., followed by a general meeting and social in the hall. This event will provide a great opportunity to learn more about current C.W.L. initiatives and to get to know your C.W.L. sisters. New members are always welcome. Please RSVP to stmarkcwl@gmail.com or to Michelle Oram at 519-579-2695.

■ **MOTHERS' APPRECIATION BRUNCH: Sunday, May 4th**
Mark your calendars and join us following the 11:30 Mass.

Mission to Mexico: April 26th – May 4th

A group of your fellow parishioners are paying their own way to travel to Mexico to participate in building a school for a community in need. Some have made this trip for the last 4 years, and have seen first-hand the impact of these efforts on families and the community.

The area is made up of large fruit farms, and people have travelled there from other parts of Mexico to find work. There is great poverty in the area, as families struggle for low wages and try to provide for basic needs. Providing a school is the first step in helping to break out of the poverty cycle. Education is key.

Your support, if you feel you are able, can be offered in two ways:
• **The purchase of building and school supplies:** Basics are provided, but you can help to provide extras such as windows and ventilation, classroom supplies for the teachers and students. Monetary donations would help with the purchase of what is most needed locally.

• **Drivers to provide airport transportation to and from Toronto:** This would mean early departure on Saturday, April 26th and/or pick-up in the afternoon or evening of Sunday, May 4th.

Please consider helping in their efforts to build and better this community. **To offer your assistance, please contact Kate and Tom Boettger at 519-745-6065 or the.boettgers@sympatico.ca.**

CURSILLO WEEKEND – A mini-course on the review of your Catholic faith in a retreat atmosphere; a series of talks; an opportunity for worship, study, shared prayer, fellowship, laughter; a help to grow spiritually and closer to Jesus Christ. **MEN'S WEEKEND: April 24-27.** **WOMEN'S WEEKEND: May 1-4.** Both in **Deemerton, Ontario.** \$200 offering (more or less, according to your means), for lodging and meals. For details call:

Betty Enticott:	519-743-0908	bpenticott@rogers.com
Marg & Doug Weber:	519-747-5937	marg.weber@sympatico.ca
Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R.	519-725-1445	rayreitzelcr@live.com

GOOD FRIDAY FISH & CHIPS: Friday, April 18th

Eat-in or Take-out, 11am to 6pm at the **Maryhill Community Centre**. Unreserved seats 11am to 3pm / Reservations only from 4-6 pm / Take-out window open all day. Haddock Fish with Fresh Cut Fries served with coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1-piece Dinner \$11 or 2-piece dinner \$13. Dessert and refreshments also available. **CASH ONLY.** Reservations for hall seating or take-out orders of 5 or more must be made by Thursday, April 17th at 519-648-2939 or maryhillfishfry@outlook.com.

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