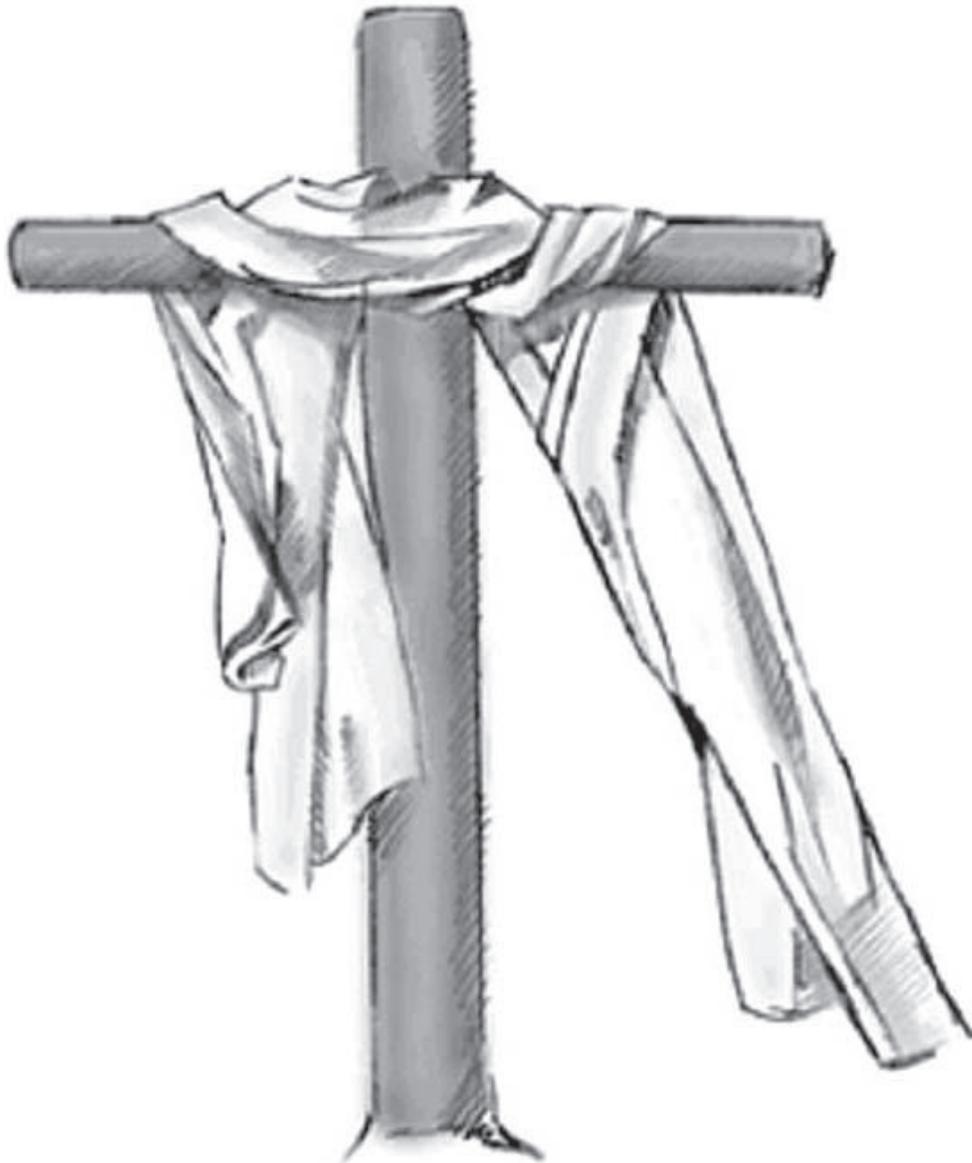


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*Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!*

EASTER SUNDAY

Worship This Week:

March 28 – April 3, 2016

Easter Monday

* NO MASS

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Adella Zmija – Brian & Janet Ferrier

Wednesday

7:00 am + Joanne Winthrop – Brian & Janet Ferrier

9:30 am - EASTER MASS at St. Dominic School

Thursday

7:00 am + Cyril Vilandre – Colette Vilandre

Friday

7:00 am + Mary & Louise Theriault & families – L. Connell

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – Jeanne Robinson

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

5:00 PM - Int. of Veronica Dean – Helen Kania

9:30 am + Baby Fernandes – Peter & Sandra Appelman

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

Offertory Collections	March 19/20, 2016
Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 3,206.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,384.04
Loose monies	\$ 659.85
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 5,249.89
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 0
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 301.15
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 301.15
Refugee Sponsorship	\$ 211.72
Share Lent	\$ 161.00
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	\$ 12.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i>	



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.

Today is White Box Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Mar. 26-27) for anyone wishing to make a donation.

LITURGICAL ROLES			
APRIL 2 & 3	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	C./B./T./G. Morgan	M. Haid M. McCullough	T./Shea N. Gallagher
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	P. Enticott	K. Phillips
Lector:	M. Serschen	D. Bristol	O. Sirju
Ushers:	K./T. Friesen	M. Walser L. Koehler J. McCullough	C. Dignam M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis F./Y. Tully K. Friesen	L. Reidel P./M.E. McCullough A. Joseph S. Cerantola B. Coutinho	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss D. Weber B. Denomme

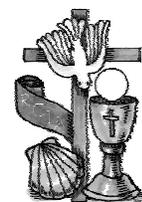
Annual Mass with New Catholics

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.

With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the full communion of the Roman Catholic Church: Nathan, Tyffenie and Kevin.



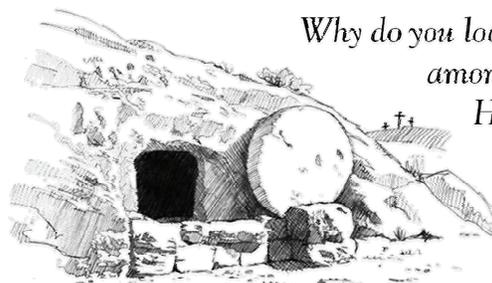
Gr. 2 Catechism Classes

Parents, please be reminded that our March 22nd class was rescheduled for May 10th at the Sisters' request. Please use this updated schedule of remaining class dates:

Tue. March 29	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tue. April 5	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tue. April 12	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tue. April 19	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tue. April 26	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tue. May 3	6:30 p.m. (First Reconciliation in the Church)
Sat. May 7	12:30 – 4:30 p.m. (Retreat Day)
Tue. May 10 **	6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (to make-up for March 22)

Gr. 7 Confirmation Preparation Sessions

For Grade 7 students and parents. Our next and final class takes place **Sunday, April 17th at 12:45 in the Church. Our topic will be *The Sacrament of God's Mercy*. **Please note the change of date.



Why do you look for the living among the dead?
HE is not here,
but HAS
RISEN.

Father's Easter Message...

Dear People of God,

We have now entered the season of Easter. For whatever reason, people pay more attention to Lent than to the season of Easter, which is equally seven weeks in length. Perhaps we are more comfortable with the notion of penance, sacrifice and even suffering. Let's face it, we all experience trials in life. Few of us have experienced 'resurrection,' per se. It's a reality that 'happened' and is yet to 'happen' at some future date.

It is good to be reminded ourselves that Easter is Jesus' victory over sin and death. Certainly we are faced with evil around us and even evil that touches us personally. In the face of evil we have only the power of Jesus who took all the pain and punishment of evil into Himself and offered it to the Father. Our Easter faith affirms that in the face of evil that will be in the world until He comes again, there is only the power of God's love that flows from His cross and Resurrection that is more powerful.

The experience of the Resurrection is not necessarily one that must wait until death. It is one, I suspect, that can only come to the person who has embraced the Lord Jesus in whatever way He comes to us. Christianity seems foolish to the world, especially when we love our enemies or do good to those who harm us. Life most assuredly involves the Cross, but the person who follows Him, no matter where He leads, must assuredly know at least a bit of the joy and triumph that the Apostles knew on that first Easter.

The peace and joy of Easter be with you all!

Father Don



C.W.L. CORNER ...

• Upcoming C.W.L. Events:

- April: to be announced
- May: Mother-Daughter celebration
- June: Chapel seat 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!



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.

May all those who have been buried from our parish since last Easter find eternal peace:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| + Joseph Spiegl | + Ivan Groleau |
| + Kathleen Higgins | + James Collins |
| + Edith Sanvido | + Fernand Mainguy |

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." JOHN 11:25

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**

To help us prepare, the **deadline for registration is Fri. April 22**

For more information visit www.cursillohamilton.org, or contact:

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| Betty Enticott | bpenticott@rogers.com | 519-743-0908 |
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Check out all the **BRAND NEW TITLES** in the narthex!

A note from the Catholic Cemeteries...

Families are kindly reminded to remove all winter wreaths on stands and other winter decorations from their plots by April 1st to facilitate the springtime clean-up. Any wreaths and decorations remaining after April 1st will be removed and discarded. For further information, please contact the cemetery office at 1-800-661-5985.

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!

MERCY & HEALING SEMINAR – Saturday, April 2nd from 9am – 3pm at

St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. To register, or for more info, call 519-893-6763 or text 519-590-7761 or email kathie.borys@gmail.com. See pamphlet at back of church.

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.

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