

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

# ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## Worship This Week:

May 9 – 15, 2016

### Monday

9:00 am + Mr. Teodulo Estrada, Sr. – *Corazon Reyes*  
9:30 am - **Gr. 7 Confessions at St. Mark School**

### Tuesday

9:30 am - **Gr. 7 Confessions at St. Dominic School**  
2:30 PM - **Mass at Lanark Heights**  
7:00 PM + Phyllis Agius – *the Cutting family*

### Wednesday

7:00 am + Jerry Mazik – *Janet Ferrier*

### Thursday \* NO MORNING MASS

6:30 PM - **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL**

### Friday

\* 12 noon + Jim Collins – *Helen Kress*  
7:00 PM - **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** with Bishop Ustrzycki

### Saturday (FEAST – ST. MATTHIAS)

9:00 am + Fern Mainguy – *Barbara & Ronald Dokis*

### SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23*

**SAT. 5:00 PM** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

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

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista*

### Offertory Collections

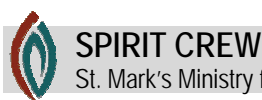
April 30/May 1, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,805.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,388.65
Loose monies .....	<u>\$ 841.30</u>
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,034.95</b>

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 675.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	<u>\$ 301.15</u>
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 976.15</b>

**Refugee Sponsorship.....** \$ 20.00

Pope's Pastoral Works.....\$ 423.00  
*Thank you for your generosity!!*



### SPIRIT CREW

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

### ■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> & May 27<sup>th</sup> (7-9 p.m.)

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 by emailing Christine Cutting at stmarkspiritcrew@gmail.com.



### Attention Grade 7's ...

Don't forget **Confirmation Rehearsal** is this Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

**Confirmation Day** is the following evening, Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with Bishop Ustrzycki. Please arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. to sign-in and put on your gown in the Hall.

### LITURGICAL ROLES

MAY 14 & 15	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	T./G. Johnston K. Buchanan	D. Bristol A. Rye	Vacant: Can you help?
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	J. Germann	K. Phillips
Lector:	M. Serschen	V. DeVries	O. Sirju
Ushers:	K./T. Friesen	B. Cutting B. Coutinho P. Drohan	C. Dignam M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Archambault	Morgan	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis G. Balm A. Bendia L. Macedo R. Landgraff	T./Angel C. Haid B. Seaward M. Walser S. Sawchuk	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss D. Weber B. Denomme



**ALTAR SERVERS** are invited to consider serving at our First Communions on May 22 and 29 at 2:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on the glass in the narthex. Two more servers are still needed for each Mass. Thank you for your service!

*Coming soon to St. Mark's Parish...*

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BAR-B-Q

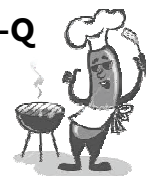
**FREE FOR ALL WHO VOLUNTEER IN ANY MINISTRY AT ST. MARK'S PARISH**

**WED. JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 6 to 9 p.m.**

FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, REFRESHMENTS

**Please sign-up in the narthex if you plan to attend!**

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me."* MATTHEW 25:40



### Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place

St. Mark's is proud to participate once again in the baby bottle campaign in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on donations from our community to keep its doors open. **Bottles are available for pick up in the narthex.** Please consider supporting this important cause by filling a bottle with your spare change and **returning it to the church on Father's Day weekend (June 18/19).** For more info please visit [www.marillacplace.ca](http://www.marillacplace.ca). Thank you for your support.

### R.C.I.A. – Are you considering joining the Catholic Church?

Classes begin in the Fall and continue until Easter. If you are interested in finding out more about the process of conversion (R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) please contact Father Don at 519-571-9200.

### \* Important Dates for

#### Grade 2's receiving First Communion:

Tue. May 10	6:00 PM	<b>second-last catechism class</b>
Tue. May 17	6:00 PM	<b>last catechism class</b>
Sat. May 21	12:30 PM	<b>Catechism Retreat **</b>
Sun. May 22	2:00 PM	<b>First Holy Communion (St. Dominic's)</b>
Sun. May 29	2:00 PM	<b>First Holy Communion (St. Mark's)</b>

\*\* Please note that the Catechism Retreat on May 21 is **ONLY** for those children who have been attending Tuesday night catechism classes.

## Refugee Sponsorship Update

**St. Mark's is now FIRST in line to be matched with a Syrian family.** The Diocese is working hard and is keeping us updated – but we're still likely several weeks away from any news. In the meantime, we're preparing for their arrival and hope you can help.

One of our top priorities is finding temporary accommodation (for up to 6 people) for when the family first arrives – a place they can call home for up to 2 months. Affordability is important as is easy access to public transit, cooking facilities and, ideally, a private entrance. By having up to 2 months, the family will have a chance to get to know our community and help us know where they'd like to settle down. If you know of a suitable apartment or residence, please contact the parish office.

**We continue to seek translators within 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 or someone you know is fluent in Arabic, Levantine, Mesopotamian, Kurdish, Armenian or Azeri, please contact the parish office or Mike Serres at 519-744-8780 or michael.serres@bell.net.

**Our collection of in-kind donations – appliances, furnishings and other household items –** will begin as soon as we're matched with a family. We'll also be happy to help with the transport of larger items (such as tables and chairs). If you'd like to help with an in-kind donation, please watch the bulletin for details.

Together, our parish family has the opportunity to help a Syrian family find peace, safety, comfort and a new beginning. Thank you for your continued support!

### **K-W RIGHT TO LIFE "MARCH FOR LIFE" Bus trip to Ottawa**

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.** Last year's attendance was 25,000! A bus leaves from behind the Burger King on Fairway Rd. and Wilson Ave. Kit. at 5:30AM. Seats \$60 each. Student seats are sponsored and free. Reserve your seat by calling 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

**PENTECOST VIGIL – Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis of Assisi Parish,** Kitchener, from 7-8:30pm. Like the Apostles, let us gather in a darkened room, and pray that the Holy Spirit come upon us. Listen as salvation history is revealed to us in the Scriptures, celebrate the Eucharist which is the summit of our faith, and pray that we are open to the Spirit's gifts in our lives. Join us for refreshments and fellowship in the hall following Mass. Are we listening for the quiet flame of the Spirit flickering in our daily lives?

**RETREAT DAY FOR PARISH LECTORS: "Proclaiming the Year of Mercy"** will be held at **St. Anne Parish, Kitchener** on **Saturday, May 14** from 9:30 – 12:30. Cost \$5. Advanced registration is required by phone (905) 528-7988 ext. 2243 or e-mail mcarreiro@hamiltondiocese.com.

**RETREAT DAY FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: "Vessels of Mercy: The Minister of Communion in the Body of Christ"** will take place at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph** on **Sat. May 28** from 9:30 – 12:30. Cost \$5. Advanced registration is required to (905) 528-7988 ext. 2243 or e-mail mcarreiro@hamiltondiocese.com.

**Have questions and concerns about Canada's EUTHANASIA and ASSISTED SUICIDE legislation?** Come learn what the new legislation will mean for you and those you love. The Executive Director of the *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition*, Alex Schadenberg, will be speaking at **Holy Family Parish, 329 Huron St., New Hamburg, on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** with refreshments beginning at 7:00 pm and the talk beginning at 7:30 pm. Invite a friend and come to hear about this important issue of concern and find out what we can do about it!

## C.W.L. CORNER ...

### • UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Mon. May 16** - C.W.L. Meeting  
**Sat. June 4** - Cushion Repair  
**Thur. June 23** - Potluck Dinner

### • MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA:

Our Mother Daughter Tea Social and Crowning of Mary was enjoyed by all mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, nieces. To those of you who volunteered, participated in the Crowning of Mary, and attended, thank-you from the C.W.L. executive for making our day so enjoyable!

A special thank-you to our Knights who are always there to lend their helping hands for set up and take down of our tables. Your hard work and continued support does not go unnoticed.

And of course to Father, for his special blessings and engaging personality. -- *Your C.W.L. Executive*



**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY** – The next Pilgrimage Sunday at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** will take place on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Cathedral will open to pilgrims at 2:00 p.m. The Door of Mercy can be accessed through the doors adjacent to the Cathedral Rectory. At 2:30 p.m. prayer in the style of Taizé – Scripture and meditative chants – will be offered. You are welcome to join us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass – Monsignor Earl Talbot will preside and preach. A plenary indulgence may be gained by the faithful who enter through the Door of Mercy. In order to gain the indulgence pilgrims enter the door, make a profession of faith and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. They should also receive Holy Communion and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the pilgrimage.

Join us on **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 A.M in **St. Joseph Comboni Rectory Chapel, (148 Madison Ave S., Kitchener)** as we pray together to adore, **console and do reparation to Our Agonizing Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament for the Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.** Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. in the Chapel. Bring your written petitions. And join us also for **GETHSEMANE HOUR** from 10:00 P.M – 1:00 A.M every Thursday night at St. Mark's Adoration Chapel, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener. Everyone welcome.

**LISTOWEL GARDEN PARTY & BEEF DINNER** – **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Ave. N. Listowel.** A Fun Evening with Cash Draws totalling \$2000, Penny Booth, Silent Auction, & Bingo with Grand Draw at 8 pm. Beef Dinner served from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Adults \$15 in advance by May 29<sup>th</sup> / \$17 at the door. 5-10 year-olds \$7. Pre-Schoolers Free. For tickets please call Gloria (519) 291-3648 or Bev (519)291-4400 ext. 3.

Join *Living with Dignity* and the *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition* for **A RALLY ON PARLIAMENT HILL IN OTTAWA** on **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. Make plans to join us for a peaceful rally opposing euthanasia and assisted suicide. The theme of the rally is *Caring, Not Killing: Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide are not the answer.* Contact us at info@collectifmedecins.org if you are planning to join us.



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