

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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

Nov. 16 – 22, 2015

Monday (FEAST – DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA)

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

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. LEO THE GREAT)

7:00 pm + Laura Passin – *Terry & Gerry Gerth*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. MARTIN OF TOURS)

2:45 PM - School Mass at St. Dominic School

* 7:00 PM - Mass at the Carmelite Monastery
+ Kathleen Higgins – *Staff at John Sweeney School*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOSAPHAT)

7:00 am + Robinson Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

Friday

* 6:30 PM + Carolyn Lue – *Lisa & Ernie McCullough*

Saturday

9:00 am + Molly Fernando – *Marius & Lalitha*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Culpeper Family – *Glenn & Coleen Manuel*

11:30 am - Int. of the Gonsalves Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

Offertory Collections

Nov. 14/15, 2015

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 1,648.75
Sunday pre-authorized debits (<i>monthly amounts ÷ 4.33</i>)	1,137.99
Loose monies	1,701.15
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,487.89
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 342.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (<i>monthly amounts ÷ 4.33</i>)	269.05
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 611.05

Thank you for your generosity!!



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ MASS & FAITH-SHARING: Friday, Nov. 20th (6:30-9 p.m.)

For this week we will start with Mass at 6:30 p.m. (which will include an explanation of it's meaning and symbolic signs) and then continue with our regular Faith Sharing afterwards. Please remember to bring your bible, a pencil/pen and a donation for the snack that will be provided. Please RSVP to Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

■ CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PROCESSING:

Friday, Nov. 27th from 6:20 - 10:00 p.m. (approx.)

All High School Youth are invited to volunteer at our annual event to help at the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Processing Centre in Kitchener. Those interested are asked to please pick up permission forms located on the Spirit Crew bulletin board, complete them and return them to the Spirit Crew Mailbox no later than Friday, Nov. 20th.

S.M.Y.C.A. ~ St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35)

The St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults invite anyone ages 19-35 to join them for a **PUB NIGHT** on **Saturday, November 21st** at 7:00pm at the **Williamsburg Arms** (1187 Fischer-Hallman Rd., Kitchener). RSVP online at [facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults), or email us at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

LITURGICAL ROLES

NOV. 21 & 22	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	T./G./ Johnston K. Buchanan	D. Bristol A. Rye	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	J. Germann	K. Phillips
Lector:	M. Serschen	V. De Vries	O. Sirju
Ushers:	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>	G./T. MacNeil	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	MacNeil	Morgan	Da Silva
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis G./T. MacNeil F./Y. Tully K. Friesen	T. Angel / C. Haid B. Cutting B. Seaward M. Walser	B./C. Voisin L. McCullough D. S.-Weber B. Denomme

To the parishioners of St. Mark's and all C.W.L. members:

A big thank you to let you know how much your help, of any kind, made our Card Party on Nov. 4th a success. Thank you for your generosity. - *St. Mark's Catholic Women's League*



Knights of Columbus

ST. MARK'S COUNCIL #9276

Are you interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?

St Mark's Council will be holding a **Membership Drive**

THIS WEEKEND and NEXT (**Nov. 14/15** and **21/22**) following all the Masses. We are a friendly group, dedicated to serving our Parish and our community in the spirit of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. All Catholic men are invited to learn more and join.

Remembering Our Dead during the Month of November



All are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in our Book of the Dead, so that they may be remembered at all the Masses throughout November. You will find the book at the front of the church to the left of the altar. *Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Winter Coat Drive! St. Mark's Knights of Columbus invites you to donate your **clean, gently used winter outerwear** (coats, snowpants, hats, mitts, scarves, boots) to the bin in the church lobby **before Nov. 22nd**. They will transfer all donations to the Salvation Army on Nov. 23rd for their Coat Drive.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for returning filled shoeboxes has now been extended to NEXT Sunday, November 22nd. Please help bring joy and the message

of God's love to children in the Ukraine, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Chile and Uruguay. *"What goes in the box is fun – what comes out is eternal."* Thank you.



Mass at the Carmelite Monastery

All are invited to join Fr. Don and St. Mark's C.W.L. on **Wednesday, Nov. 18th** for Mass at the Carmelite Monastery at 7:00 p.m. **Car-pooling will be available.** We will gather at St. Mark's at 6:15 and depart by 6:20 sharp. After Mass Father will give a talk on Pope Francis. Coffee and tea is provided by the Sisters – please bring a treat to share. We will be collecting a donation for the Sisters; your contribution is much appreciated. *Carmelite Monastery, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St Agatha, Ont. NOB 2L0 (Ph. 519-884-6700)*

Advent & Christmas

Soon we will begin the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. This is customarily a very hectic time in people's lives. I would encourage us to give serious consideration to cutting down on some of the shopping. By all means, give – for the Lord has lavished his love on us and giving is a good thing – but not to the point of spoiling people to death. As well, it may be a good thing to cut back as much as possible on the Advent parties that take the place of Christmas celebrations. Advent is advent, not Christmas. The proper time to feast is the actual Christmas season itself – December 25 to January 6 (remember the 12 days of Christmas?). Well, do your best to reserve Advent as a holy season in preparation to understand the significance of the coming of the Saviour.

One important, no, THE important way to ready ourselves for Christ's coming – then, today and tomorrow – is through prayer and thoughtful reflection as to what the Incarnation means. So how do we pray, and how do we know what to ask for, and how do we know how God is speaking to us? Well, we will have 3 Friday evenings in Advent to speak on the above:

Friday, Dec. 4 - What is Prayer?

The Lord's Prayer and how to pray for others

Friday, Dec. 11 - The Meaning of Communal Prayer:

Praying together as God's family

Friday, Dec. 18 - Contemplative Prayer:

Being still before the Lord

All sessions will be in the Church from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Let us pray together. All are welcome. – Fr. Don

Movie Mondays

St. Mark's Parish has access to a variety of movies which we will be screening on **Mondays at 10 a.m. starting on Nov. 23rd**. All are welcome ... coffee will be provided.

We will start with a series on our Popes, beginning with "**God's Mighty Servant**" the story of Sister Pascalina, who was Secretary to Pope Pius XII for 40 years, dating from his time as Papal Nuncio in Germany and throughout his Pontificate.

Following this will be "**Under the Roman Sky**" the story of Pius XII, followed by stories of John XXIII and all of the Popes through to John Paul II.

In addition, there are stories of various saints and these will be scheduled close to their feast days. The first two feasts we will celebrate with films are Our Lady of Guadalupe in December and Brother André in January. We will keep you posted on the titles coming up.

Save the Date! Wed. Feb. 3rd – Winter Games Night!

Hosted by St. Mark's Parish Fundraising Committee. Join us for an evening of cards or bring your favourite board game! Mark your calendar. Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Admission \$8 (includes sandwiches, desserts, drinks). To volunteer or donate a prize please call Edwina at 519-954-5669.

Join the Legion of Mary Today! There's still a few weeks left to sign up to become an Active Legionary! Please contact Stephanie Baskerville at 226-868-3282 or skbaskerville@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining. Our meetings are currently held on Thursday nights at 7:30pm in the St. Matthew's Room – everyone's invited to come and see what the Legion is all about!

*St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Italian Supper 50/50 Draw winners were **Larry & Sharon Koehler** (\$193.00). Thanks to all who bought tickets!*

C.W.L. CORNER ...

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Church Bulletin Advertising: At the end of November, Liturgical Publications will begin setting up the advertisements that support the printing of our church bulletin for the coming year. Please lend your support by advertising your product or service regularly on the back page of our bulletin. Call **Liturgical Publications** at 1-800-268-2637. Ads will begin running in February 2016.

St. Mark's Pre-Authorized Debit Plan: Thank you to all who signed up so far for this new plan (58 families)! Withdrawals take place once per month on the 15th day (or next business day) of every month. New members are always welcome! Enrollment forms are available year-round on the mail table in the narthex. Don't forget to use the special (coloured) envelopes in your box of envelopes for donating toward special collections (i.e. diocesan, Christmas, Easter, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.). White Sunday envelopes and green Mortgage envelopes can also still be used for those times when you may wish to augment your automatic monthly contribution. Questions? Please feel free to contact Pam at the parish office, by phone 519-571-9200 or email, stmark@rogers.com.

37th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA – An invitation to prepare well for Christmas: Nine daily Masses at 6:30am at **St. Agnes Church** (75 Bluevale Street N., Waterloo) from **Friday, Dec. 4th to Sat. Dec. 12th** (note exception: Mass on Sun. Dec. 6th is at 9am or 11am, or, you are welcome to attend your own church on this day). Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards! (see poster on narthex bulletin board)

HEALING MASS FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD

Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned for **Sunday, Nov. 29th** at 4:00 p.m. at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS: WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Christina Walton, Grief Counsellor, on **Sunday, Nov. 29th** from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the **Diocese of Hamilton Chancery Office** (700 King St. W, Hamilton). This event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Those who have not registered are still free to attend.

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