

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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Worship This Week:

Nov. 23 – 29, 2015

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of Donovan Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC)

7:00 PM + Deceased Legionaries – *Legion of Mary*

Wednesday

* 7:00 PM - Int. of Darren & Marcy Depratto – *J. Robinson*

Thursday

7:00 am + Rosa Maria Clemente – *Leonor Fonseca*

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

Saturday

9:00 am + Kathleen Higgins – *Lisa & Ernie McCullough*

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4.2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Sat. 5:00 pm - In Thanksgiving – *the Tully family*

Sun. 9:30 am + Donzilia Simoes – *Alberto & Artemisia Simoes*

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

Offertory Collections

Nov. 14/15, 2015

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,796.00

Sunday pre-authorized debits (*monthly amounts ÷ 4.33*) 1,137.99

Loose monies 362.75

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS **\$ 4,296.74**

Mortgage envelopes..... \$ 205.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (*monthly amounts ÷ 4.33*) 269.05

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS **\$ 474.05**

Thank you for your generosity!!



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ 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.

■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, Dec. 4th (7-9 p.m.)

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.

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. 28 & 29	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	E. Chang R. Vezensenyi	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Commentator:	J. Deneau	B. Sawarna	M. Oram
Lector:	B. Burns	J. Flanigan	M. Monte
Ushers:	K./T. Friesen	B. Cutting B. Coutinho P. Drohan	C. Dignam M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Cerantola	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis G. Balm A. Bendia L. Macedo R. Landgraff	P./B. Enticott M./L. Fernando S. Cerantola	T./K. Boettger B./S. Markides A. Monte E. Weiss



Angel Tree... If you would like to buy a gift to make Christmas special for a child, please choose an angel, purchase your gifts, and **return them to the church (unwrapped) with the angel attached no later than Sun. Dec. 13th**. Please do not buy clothing, as we

do not know the sizes (winter accessories accepted). Gift certificates are always appreciated, especially for older children. Any donations of extra wrapping paper or gift bags are always appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support! - *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

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 (Nov. 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 in 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.*

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

TODAY is the deadline for returning filled shoeboxes to the church. Thank you for your support and generosity!



"SCARE FOR HUNGER" – A special **thank-you** to the students at St. Mark's School who participated in the "Scare for Hunger" and collected food on Halloween for our St. Vincent de Paul Society ... they collected a total of 500 lbs.!! Thank you kids!!



We offer our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of **Ivan Groleau** (father of Shane (Klaudia) Groleau and family) who passed away on November 10th.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*



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.

It is hoped that you will find these informative as well as entertaining.

Nov. 23: "God's Mighty Servant" – The story of Sister Pascalina, who was the secretary to Eugenio Pacelli from 1918, when he was appointed Papal Nuncio in Munich, until his death in 1958, as Pope Pius XII. This film provides a good deal of insight into Pacelli's knowledge of the Nazis and his response to them during the days of WWII.

Nov. 30: "Under the Roman Sky" – The story of Pius XII.

We will also be screening the stories of John XXIII and all of the Popes through to John Paul II. In addition, there will be 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 advised of upcoming features.

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!

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.

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.

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](#))

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

"SHARING FAIRS" – A unique Gift Sale that makes a world of a difference. Sale of handcrafted goods give honour and dignified employment to women in developing countries. 100% of the profits are returned to the village in which the goods were made, where a \$2 purchase will provide a meal for a family. A variety of these unique, high-quality items will be available for purchase in **St. Joseph's Parish Hall** (148 Madison Ave. S., Kitchener) on these dates:

Sat. Nov. 28 (4 - 6:30 pm); **Sun. Nov. 29** (10 am - 1:00 pm)

Sat. Dec. 5 (4 - 6:30 pm); **Sun. Dec. 6** (10 am - 1:00 pm)

FRIDAY FISH & SING SONG

Featuring : Our Lady of Lourdes Choir, led by Bruce Cameron, **Friday, December 4th**. Tickets available at Hall, Limited Seating. **Waterloo K of C Hall**, 145 Dearborn St. Waterloo. 1 pc Fish Dinner, \$10.00, 2 pc Fish Dinner \$12.50. Dinner and Show start at 6:00 p.m. Contact Martin at 519-884-2060 for bookings.

DISCERNMENT GATHERING – If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on **Saturday, December 5th at St. Michael's Church** in Waterloo (9am-12noon). www.HamiltonVocations.com.

A NOT SO JOLLY CHRISTMAS

– Christmas is a wonderful season – Family and friends gather, homes are decorated, gifts, cards, and greetings are exchanged. The song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" is in the air. But you realize that someone will not 'be home for Christmas' this year. This will be a very different Christmas for you – "A Not So Jolly Christmas." Join us on **Monday, December 14th** from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at **St. Francis Church**, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener, where we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be used along with other materials from our Bereavement Support Program. For more information please call Barbara Diemert at 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com.

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