

# 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.*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **Worship This Week:** **Nov. 30 – Dec. 6, 2015**

**Monday** (FEAST – ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE)

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

**Tuesday**

7:00 PM - Int. of Family Tamayo Ledesma – *Saida*

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER)

7:00 am + Carol McKinley – *Eleanor & Mark & Family*

**Friday**

7:00 am + Macedo Family – *Luiz Macedo*

**Saturday**

9:00 am + Patrick Doherty – *the McCullough Family*

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO confessions on Saturday morning, as Father Don will be hearing confessions at St. Anne's Church from 10am until 12 noon.**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6*

**Sat. 5:00 pm** + Gerald & Mary Lou Montag – *Theresa & Al*

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Jose Medeiros – *Maria*

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

### **Offertory Collections**

**Nov. 21/22, 2015**

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,388.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,255.96
Loose monies .....	<u>\$ 354.65</u>
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,998.61</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 290.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	<u>\$ 294.23</u>
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 584.23</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



**SPIRIT CREW**

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

■ **NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:cutting_abcd@rogers.com).

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

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults invite anyone ages 19-35 to join us on **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** for **Christmas carolling** with the residents of Lanark Heights Longterm Care. We will meet at Lanark Place (46 Lanark Crescent, Kitchener) and begin with singing from 2:00-3:00pm, followed by visiting with the residents until 4:00pm. RSVP on Facebook, or email us at [StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com](mailto:StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com). Merry Christmas, and we hope to see you there!

**Today is White Box Sunday**

St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed its white box in the narthex this weekend (Nov. 28/29) to accept your donations.

### **LITURGICAL ROLES**

DEC. 5 & 6	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	C./B./T./G. Morgan	M. Haid M. McCullough	A. Arruda C. Chacon
Commentator:	K. Friesen	t. Angel	T. Boettger
Lector:	P. Archambault	C. Haid	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Groothuis	M. Waiser L. Koehler J. McCullough	B. Voisin M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	Archambault	Germann	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis K./N. Higgins G./G. Jans K. Smith	L. Reidel P./M.E. McCullough A. Joseph S. Sawchuk B. Coutinho	C./K. Dignam R./P. Masbad B. Starr

### **Prayer**

One important way to ready ourselves for Christ's coming is through prayer and thoughtful reflection as to what the Incarnation means. How do we pray, and how do we know what to ask for, and how do we know how God is speaking to us? 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*

**Polish Mass with Fr. Dobromil Beker, O.F.M.**

**Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. (with translator)**

Join us for Mass with Fr. Beker as he promotes awareness of the importance of praying the Rosary for the conversion of sinners; prayer to make amends for the sins of genocide committed on this land, and highlights the impact of the media on our spiritual lives.



**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. 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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*

**Blessing and Opening of the Door of Mercy**

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.



## 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. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All are welcome ... coffee will be provided.

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

**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.

## THE ANGELUS

**We will pray this at every Mass during Advent leading up to the feast of Christmas. Hang on to this prayer if you do not know it by heart.** – Fr. Don

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary .  
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

*'Hail Mary'*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

*'Hail Mary'*

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

*'Hail Mary'*

V. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Lord fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an Angel, the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through His suffering and death to the glory of His resurrection, for He lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

**Refugees ...** We have begun to assemble a team to address this issue. Thank you to those who have come forward to volunteer. Please pray that God will guide us. We will keep the parish informed. Your generosity and charity will be once again called upon in time.

**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!

## Save the Date! Wed. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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.

**37<sup>th</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> to Sat. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** (note exception: Mass on Sun. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 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)

## C.W.L. Executive Meeting

**Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew's Room.

## Penitential Services during Advent:

Sat. Dec. 5	10:00 am	St. Anne's Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 8	7:00 pm	St. Louis Church, <i>Waterloo</i>
Wed. Dec. 9	1:00 pm	St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener
	7:00 pm	St. Agatha Church, <i>St. Agatha</i>
Thur. Dec. 10	8:00 am	St. Mary's Church, <i>Cambridge</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, <i>St. Clements</i>
Fri. Dec. 11	5:30 pm	St. John's Church, Kitchener
Sun. Dec. 13	1:00 pm	St. Jerome's (Siegfried Hall), <i>Waterloo</i>
Mon. Dec. 14	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 15	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener
	7:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila Church, <i>Elmira</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, <i>Cambridge</i>
	7:30 pm	St. Agnes Church, <i>Waterloo</i>
Wed. Dec. 16	7:30 pm	St. Michael's Church, <i>Waterloo</i>
<b>Thur. Dec. 17</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Mark's Church</b>
	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, <i>Waterloo</i>
Fri. Dec. 18	5:30 pm	St. John's Church, Kitchener
Sat. Dec. 19	3:30 pm	St. John's Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 22	2:00 pm	St. Ambrose Church, <i>Cambridge</i>
	9 am – 12 noon & 1-7pm	St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener

## ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Daily from First Sunday of Advent until Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> (8AM – 8PM). Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Loaves, Christmas cards, knitwear, etc. All Welcome to come and visit our Chapel. *Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St. Agatha, Ont.*

**"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)

**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 5<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Michael's Church** in Waterloo (9am-12noon). [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**O COME LET US ADORE HIM** – You are invited to come celebrate the beginning of The Year of Mercy, the Season of Advent and the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Anne Church**, 268 East Ave., Kitchener. Confessions at 6:00pm; Mass at 7:00pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration. The evening will include a teaching, praise and worship and intercession with Magnificat Ministries. All are welcome.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** – **Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at the Centre in the Square, Kitchener. Soloists: Leslie Ann Bradley, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Marc Molomot and Alexander Dobson. Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, Grand Philharmonic Choir, Mark Vuorinen, conductor. Tickets: \$25 to \$75 / \$14 for students and under-30s / \$5 high school and younger. 519-578-1570 or [www.centreinthesquare.com](http://www.centreinthesquare.com)



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