

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. 21 – 27, 2016

Monday (MEMORIAL – PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

7:00 am + Ted Zmija – *Janet Ferrier*

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. CECILIA)

★ 6:30 PM + Maria Carma DaSilva – *Maria Soares*

Wednesday

7:00 am + Fern Mainguy – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS)

7:00 am - Int. of Brian Flood – *Flood family*

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Brendan Flood – *Flood family*

Saturday

9:00 am + Izuthayanathan Family – *Francis Maziampillai*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

SAT. 5:00 PM + Relatives of Jude Whittle – *Jude Whittle*

SUN. 9:30 am + Ursula Frances Attewell – *Nick & Julie Muza*

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

Offertory Collections	Nov. 12/13, 2016
Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,361.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,321.73
Loose monies	<u>\$ 318.10</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,000.83
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 130.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	<u>\$ 267.69</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 397.69
<i>Thank you for your generous support!</i>	

2017 Offertory Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Debits

ENVELOPES: Envelopes will be ready for pick up at the beginning of December. If your address or phone needs updating or if you currently do not use envelopes and wish to start, please contact Pam at the parish office a.s.a.p. at stmark@rogers.com or 519-571-9200.

P.A.D. PLAN: If you are enrolled in our pre-authorized debit plan, you will still receive a box of envelopes in order to donate toward special causes (Christmas, Good Friday, World Missions, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.) so please look for your box in the lobby in December.

If you are not currently enrolled in the P.A.D. plan and would like to start (or wish more information) please pick up a form from the information wall in the narthex, or contact Pam at the office.

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 2017.

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. The Knights will take all items to the Salvation Army to aid them in their Coat Drive.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes ... Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church THIS WEEKEND (Nov. 19/20). Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

LITURGICAL ROLES

	Nov. 19 & 20	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G. Johnston K. Buchanan		A./J. Rye	N./B./B. Starr
Commentator:	B. Burns		J. Flanigan	T. Lee
Lector:	K. Friesen		V. DeVries	C. Mackid
Ushers:	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>		F./B. Seaward P. Drohan	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan		Cerantola	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith D. S.-Weber C. Dokis		L. Reidel S. Sawchuk B. Seaward	B. Denomme C. Dignam K. Dignam

USHERS NEEDED: The 5:00 and 11:30 Masses are short on ushers. If you would like to join the rotation, please contact Colm Dignam at 519-570-3973 or the parish office at 519-571-9200.

"The Euthanasia Deception" Tues. Nov. 22nd after the 6:30pm Mass Please join the Catholic Women's League while we share *"The Euthanasia Deception,"* a 1-hour documentary featuring testimonies of lives devastated by the false ideology of "mercy killing" and issues related to euthanasia and assisted suicide such as safeguards, autonomy and compassionate healthcare. The documentary will be shown after Mass (approx. 7pm). Refreshments will be served, followed by a brief C.W.L. General Meeting to discuss our upcoming elections.

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. 11th**. 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! - *St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

Toasty Toes Campaign ... Thank you to all who dropped off new socks for our first Toasty Toes campaign. Socks are the most requested item at shelters, and the LEAST donated. We collected 438 pairs of socks. Thank you for helping to fulfill a great need in our community!

Monthly Children's Mass... Children from First Communion age (Gr.2) to Confirmation age (Gr. 7) are invited to fully participate in the Holy Mass by doing the readings, prayers of the faithful, and bearing gifts to the altar. **If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the blackboard in the narthex, or contact Jessica Heine (519-496-2328).** When signing up, please include your phone number so the leader can contact you. **Next Children's Mass will be Dec. 4th at 9:30 a.m. Practice Friday, Dec. 2nd from 5-6pm.**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! I regret not yet having advertised the EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) to you. It is a Catholic network worth having for all households. Some of the things you will see on EWTN are : great Catholic speakers, marriage programs, shows for youth of all ages, retreats, Masses, prayer events and devotions, Catholics news and reflections on global events. Anything and everything you would want to help develop and enhance your Catholic life. Depending on your TV service provider, it costs approx. \$3 to \$4 per month. As one lady put it, "is your Eternal Salvation worth \$0.15 cents a day?" Of course I'm sure it is. Let me just say you'll have the Church at her best at the tip of your fingers. Below are two popular providers and how to order this channel. It would also be a wonderful Christmas gift to others! -- *Fr. Don*

BELL www.bell.ca/tv 1-888-759-3474 \$4.00/month

ROGERS www.rogers.com/consumer/tv 519-741-1099 \$3.00/month

For more info visit www.EWTN.com

Instrumentalists Wanted: If you would be willing to play for the 11:30 a.m. choir, please call the parish office or contact choir leader, Susie Roma at susanne.m.roma@hotmail.com. Practices take place every other Tuesday in the Church.

PARISH MISSION: Nov. 26–30 with Fr. Carlos A. Martins

St. Mark's invites all to partake in an opportunity for spiritual renewal as we lead into the holy season of Advent! Throughout the years, missions have served as a kind of parish retreat. A mission helps us to regroup in the Lord, to rejuvenate us, to give us a spiritual "shot in the arm," so to speak. This year's mission will be conducted by a fine young priest, Fr. Carlos Martins. As well as having a great sense of humour, Fr. Martins has a most interesting personal conversion story to tell us about and he is one of the world's foremost experts on relics and their importance in the life of the Church. His focus, of course, will be on the Lord, how He is working in our lives and how we can be His disciples in this troubled world. Fr. Martins will undoubtedly bring us many important messages – but always in the context of Christ's victory over sin, evil and death. The basic structure of our mission is as follows:

(CONFESSIONS will be heard before and after all Masses)

- Nov. 26: 5:00 pm Fr. Carlos preaching
 - Nov. 27: 9:30 am Fr. Carlos preaching
 - 11:30 am Fr. Carlos preaching
 - Nov. 28: 10:30 am Mass & Talk
 - 7:00 pm Mass & Talk
 - Nov. 29: 10:30 am Mass & Talk
 - 7:00 pm Mass & Talk
 - Nov. 30: 10:30 am Mass & Talk
 - 7:00 pm Talk & Exposition of Sacred Relics in the Hall
- (*NO MASS)*

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS: TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

Wed. Nov. 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

*(*Please note there will be NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday (as was advertised in error in a previous bulletin insert).)*

Fr. Martins invites you to join him in the parish hall for a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry.

You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

Please do not miss this opportunity.

EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC ... Performed by the 11:30 Mass Choir of St. Louis Church and John Miller. **Friday, Dec. 2nd** at 6:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door. 1 pc fish and chip dinner \$10; 2-pc dinner \$12. **145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo.**

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DINNER ... **Friday, Dec. 2nd** at **St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, Elmira.** Meal at 6:00 p.m. Order tickets through the Parish Office Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 519-669-3387. Adults \$16; Children 6-12yrs. \$8 and Children 5 & under FREE. Tickets available only until Nov. 30th. Funds raised will go towards the new roof.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SING ... an evening of Advent and Christmas Music presented by Elmira area churches on **Sunday, Dec. 4th** at 7 p.m. at **St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira.** Free admission. Free-will offering to support the Woolwich Counseling Centre. Reception to follow in church hall.

Bishop's Message for the Solemnity of Christ The King (Nov. 20, 2016)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* draws to a close, I am struck by what a gift it was to have experienced this period of special reflection on the inexhaustible mercy of God. In calling the Church into this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has shown himself to be greatly attuned to a profound need of the Church and the world. How deeply the People of God long to encounter God's mercy anew! And how desperately our world needs an outpouring of God's mercy for all!

Of particular significance during this Jubilee Year were the various Holy Doors, thresholds through which the faithful were called to pass, symbolic of their desire to enter into the heart of God – the source of all mercy and compassion. The Holy Doors were a special gift of this Jubilee Year, and they give us a way to reflect on this year of God's great mercy.

As part of my duties as President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I was in Rome on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica and inaugurated the Jubilee Year of Mercy. I was deeply moved to witness Pope Francis pass through the Holy Door, followed by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. As I passed through the Holy Door moments later with brother bishops from around the world, the intentions of our Diocese passed through with me, as I prayed that the Year of Mercy would be for all of us a special time of encounter with the tenderness and compassion of God.

In addition to St. Peter's and the other Papal Basilicas, Pope Francis called for Holy Doors at every Cathedral and other designated churches around the world. When I returned to the Diocese, I had the privilege of blessing and opening our own Holy Door in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. I was astonished by the number of the faithful who joined in this celebration, standing shoulder to shoulder in McNally Hall, then passing through the Holy Door in waves until the entire church was full. It was a tremendous experience of God's mercy for all. Many busloads of Parishioners from across the Diocese made pilgrimages throughout the year to pass through the Holy Door, and many more visited the Sacred Heart Parishes designated as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year. What a testament to the deep desire for mercy that exists among the People of God!

In his letter outlining the jubilee indulgence associated with passing through a Holy Door, Pope Francis took the extraordinary step of naming the threshold of each jail cell a Holy Door of Mercy. Pause for a moment to consider what this must have signified to prisoners - those confined not only by their physical surroundings but also by the circumstances that brought them to prison. God's mercy is truly endless, available to each and every one of us, without exception, condition, or limit. As Pope Francis often expresses, God never tires of forgiving; it is we who tire of asking for God's mercy. What a beautiful testament this is to the liberating force of divine mercy!

God's merciful compassion extends also in a special way to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the vulnerable and those on the margins. In Hamilton's downtown core, a special ministry of mercy was realized this year, when St. Patrick Parish and neighbouring St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School partnered to open the *De Mazenod Door*. This outreach effort, named for St. Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, extends compassion and welcome to the needy through meals, conversation, and friendship – it is a door through which the corporal works of mercy flow! *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* (Matthew 25:35) The *De Mazenod Door* itself was declared a Holy Door of Mercy for the balance of the Jubilee Year, and I pray that God's graces will continue to bless all of those who seek his mercy there.

I was also very impressed to see students in the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board who created their own doors of mercy – old wooden doors, taken and painted with various themes, scripture verses and other expressions of God's mercy. These doors were featured in our Year of Mercy youth rally, the school board's Bishop's Dinner, and various other events – constant reminders that God's mercy is open to all who seek it.

The Church provides us with so many rich and beautiful symbols through which the mystery of God can be encountered, but this image of the door endures. Our world is too often filled with doors that are closed. But we know by faith that no door is closed so tightly that Christ cannot open it. *"Knock, and the door will be opened for you."* (Matthew 7:7)

At Pentecost, fear led the disciples to lock the door to the upper room. Nevertheless, Christ entered and stood among them, offering the gift of his peace – his first gift to the Church. As the apostles were sent forth to evangelize the world, let us also go out bringing God's mercy to all! Let us continually enter more fully into the mystery of Christ, *who is himself the door of the Father's mercy* - the way we all must travel to enter into the saving mystery of God.

At the close of this extraordinary year, we turn to Mary, the Mother of Mercy. Through her intercession may we be led to ever closer union with her Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's gift of mercy to the world.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
 Bishop of Hamilton

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