

# 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.*

# SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

## Worship This Week

November 24 – 30, 2014

**Monday** (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC)

7:00 am - Int. of the Family of Ramirez Garcia

**Tuesday**

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**Wednesday**

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**Thursday**

7:00 am - Int. of the Family of Ramirez Garcia

**Friday**

7:00 am - Int. of the Catholic Women's League

**Saturday**

9:00 am + Dave Walser – *The Cutting Family*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (NEW MISSAL STARTS - YEAR B)

*Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37*

**Sat. 5:00 pm** + David Baggey – *The Baggey Family*  
- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

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

**11:30 am** + Kenneth England – *Pat Chircoski*

### Offertory Collections

**Nov. 15/16, 2014**

Envelope Users.....	\$ 4,510.35
Loose monies.....	\$ 570.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,080.35</b>
Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 455.00

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



## SPIRIT CREW

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

### ■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING NIGHT

**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m.**

Faith Sharing Meetings are held bi-weekly throughout the school year in the Church Basement. Come expecting to learn more about your faith through discussion and bible teaching along with forming great friendships with other youth. Please remember to bring your bible, a pencil/pen and a donation for the snack that will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending! Email Christine at cutting\_abcd@rogers.com.

### ■ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX WAREHOUSE

**VOLUNTEERING: Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:30 p.m.**

This community service event is for all high school youth. We will be inspecting and sorting shoeboxes. It is a fun way to get more of your hours to put toward your community service requirements. We will leave the Church parking lot at 6:20 p.m. and arrive back at the Church by approximately 10 p.m. If you are interested in attending this event, please e-mail Christine at cutting\_abcd@rogers.com by Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### LITURGICAL ROLES

NOV. 29-30	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	C./B./T. Morgan	R./J. Henri	B./B. Starr K./N. Starr
Commentator:	C. Baumtrog	T. Angel	O. Sirju
Lector:	K. Smith	J. Flanigan	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:		F./B. Seaward	B. Voisin J. McCullough
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Devine
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis F./Y. Tully P. Appelman R. Landgraff	B. Seaward A. Simoes B. Starr M. Walser	A. Monte B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

### Ladies' Advent Retreat

**"Keeping Christ in Christmas" ...** All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Catholic Women's League for our Advent Retreat on **Thursday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. (following 6:30 Mass). Please come prepared to share your favourite Christmas traditions and, if possible, one of your favourite Christmas treats to share (and the recipe!). You'll also need your Rosary, notebook and singing voices. Opportunity for personal intentions and prayer ministry will be available. To help with planning, please RSVP to [stmarkcwl@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkcwl@gmail.com) or Cathy Voisin at 519-742-8592 or sign up in the Narthex after Mass the weekends of Nov. 23 and 30.

### Angel Tree

Christmas is coming, and our Angel Tree is now set up in the narthex. 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. 14<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*



### Penitential Services during Advent:

Wed. Dec. 10	1:00 pm	St. Francis Church, Kitchener
Wed. Dec. 10	7:00 pm	St. Patrick Church, Cambridge
<b>Thur. Dec. 11</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Mark's Church, Kitchener</b>
Fri. Dec. 12	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe (SPANISH), Kit.
Sat. Dec. 13	3:30 pm	St. John's Church, Kitchener
Sun. Dec. 14	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 15	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 15	7:30 pm	St. Louis Church, Waterloo
Tue. Dec. 16	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 16	7:30 pm	St. Agnes Church, Waterloo
Wed. Dec. 17	8:30 am	St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener
Wed. Dec. 17	7:30 pm	St. Michael Church, Waterloo
Thur. Dec. 18	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo
Thur. Dec. 18	7:30 pm	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 22	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you to all parishioners who packed shoeboxes! A total of 193 shoeboxes have been delivered to the warehouse for distribution to children in the Ukraine, Haiti and other parts of the world where there is a need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### ST. MARK'S PARISH MISSION

Nightly - November 24, 25 & 26

6:30pm – 8:30pm

*"Nurturing Families Through Faith, Prayer and Love"*

St. Mark's will be having a mission to help us get ready for the Advent/Christmas season. **The theme of the mission will be centered on the family and the call to holiness.** I am pleased to have with us for these days **Fr. Alex Joseph Saurianthadathil, C.Ss.R.**, henceforth known to us as "Fr. Alex." He will conduct the mission for us. Fr. Alex is a young priest from Sault Ste. Marie diocese and has given numerous missions in the past. We welcome Fr. Alex to our parish and invite all of you to attend these mission days. They can be for us a kind of retreat and when entered into in a spirit of openness and prayerfulness, a great source of blessing. All from our parish, our city and beyond are most cordially invited to attend. **Here is a brief outline of the mission schedule:**

★ Fr. Alex will preach at all the weekend Masses on Nov. 22/23

<b>Mon., Nov. 24:</b>	<b>2 – 4 PM</b>	Confessions
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Mass followed by Mission
<b>Tues., Nov. 25:</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Visit the Schools with Fr. Don
	<b>2 – 4 PM</b>	Confessions
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Mass followed by Mission
<b>Wed., Nov. 26:</b>	<b>2 – 4 PM</b>	Confessions
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Mission
	<b>8:00 PM</b>	Mass

As well Fr. Alex will speak to us about, and arrange times for: **adoration** (in the church), the **anointing of the sick**, and the  **blessing of individual families**. On Tuesday we will visit our schools. A huge welcome to Fr. Alex and a big welcome to all who wish to attend our mission!

### 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.

**Please pray for Rex ...** To many of you these words may not mean anything, but for any who have made "Cor" weekends or have gone to a Mount Mary retreat in Ancaster (especially before the year 2000), it will mean a great deal... Rex was a gentleman with an incredibly interesting life story, much of it you can read about here: [www.lifenews.ca/announcement/5030642-barger-rex](http://www.lifenews.ca/announcement/5030642-barger-rex). He was a bit of a mystery man – few of us ever knew Rex's last name. He did touch the lives of many in a very positive way. Frank Sinatra has nothing on Rex – he really did it 'his way' – but in a way that reached out to the poor, the unfortunate and the often ignored people of the world. He is known most especially for his work with youth. He passed away earlier this month. Rex, may your soul rest in peace with God!

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

**DONATIONS** – Each month at our general meeting we have a voluntary collection for a charitable organization. This past year we have made donations to Big Brothers, Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha, World Day of Prayer and Sister Elaine Arseneault's charity work. At our November general meeting members decided to make donations of \$200 to each of the following charitable organizations: St. Vincent de Paul, Lisaard House, Canadian Mental Health Association.

### UPCOMING EVENTS – Mark your calendars!

- **Thur. Dec. 4** – Advent Retreat: Keep Christ in Christmas
- **Wed. Jan. 14** – C.W.L. Potluck – Secret prayer sisters are revealed!
- **Tue. Feb. 3** – Guest Speaker for Heart Month: Susan Dusick from St. Mary's Foundation



**Sessions on the Catechism of the Catholic Church ...** will resume on **Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew Room. We will pick up where we left off last year. Though you may have missed the first half, come anyway – each session has an independent theme, so you won't seem lost. We'll do the first half of the catechism later for all who wish it. We'll make sure you get a catechism if you do not have one already.

### FUNDRAISING CONCERT

**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Mary's Church** (56 Duke St. W.) Kitchener. This concert is presented by the Kitchener Knights of Columbus Council 1504, featuring the voices of the renowned **St. Michael's Choir School** in concert with the **Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus**. It is with immense pride that Council 1504 invites you to enjoy a memorable presentation and financially help support both the preservation of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Choir School's distinguished program. This is a great start to Christmas celebrations with family and friends. **Tickets are \$45**, available at St. Mary's Parish office, 519-893-1504, or buy online at [www.kofc1504.com](http://www.kofc1504.com). All proceeds to St. Mary's Church and the St. Michael's Choir School.

### 36<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, December 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** (note exception: Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7<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 by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall**, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Meal begins at 6:00 p.m. Take-out orders can be picked up at 5:30 p.m. Limited number of tickets available until Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> after Masses or through the parish office Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Adults \$16; children 6-12 yrs. \$8; children 5 & under Free. Door prizes! All are welcome! Don't miss out on this delicious Christmas dinner.

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