

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship This Week

December 1 – 7, 2014

Monday

7:00 am + Georgina Bojarzin – Irene & Ross Hoffman

Tuesday

7:00 pm - Int. of Magda Gergis – Rosemary

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER)

7:00 am + Kathleen Blanchard – Carl & Agnes Santoni

Thursday

★ 6:30 pm - Int. of Eric Kubica

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Irene Bitschy

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Patricia Martel – Eliseo Martel

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:105, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Sat. 5:00 pm + Jack Soares – Maria

Sun. 9:30 am + John Chircoski – Pat

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

★ Please note change in Mass Time

Offertory Collections

Nov. 22/23, 2014

Envelope Users.....	\$3,785.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 474.90
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,259.90
Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity!



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX WAREHOUSE

VOLUNTEERING: Friday, December 5th 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 30th.

■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING NIGHT

Friday, December 12th 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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

DEC. 6 - 7	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	D. Bristol E. Chang R. Vezsenyi	A./R. Maenpaa M. McCullough P. Mortens
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	L. Rye	T. Boettger
Lector:	J. Robinson	G. Rye	K. Phillips
Ushers:	L. Macedo K. Friesen	T./J. Germann	M. Schimus M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Seaward	McCullough
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis G. Balm C. Baumtrog A. Bendia	T. Angel / C. Haid S. Cerantola B. Coutinho B. Cutting	C./K. Dignam R./P. Masbad

Penitential Services during Advent:

Wed. Dec. 10 1:00 pm St. Francis Church, Kitchener
Wed. Dec. 10 7:00 pm St. Patrick Church, Cambridge

Thur. Dec. 11 7:00 pm St. Mark's Church, Kitchener

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

The Legion of Mary Annual General Reunion is coming up!

All Active and Auxiliary Members of the St. Mark's Legion of Mary Praesidium are invited, with their families, to attend this potluck event! Come on out to **St. Aloysius Parish** (11 Traynor Avenue, Kitchener) at 3:00pm on **Sunday, December 7th**. Don't forget to bring your favorite food to share!

Meeting for Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

Tuesday, December 9th at 6:15 p.m.

A brief meeting for **all existing ushers** and **all who would like to join this ministry**. We will review current procedures, and listen to your feedback on a few new thoughts. A training session will follow at a later date, led by two of our current experienced ushers.

Our Knights of Columbus are collecting **Canadian Tire Money** in the white box in the narthex, to use toward the purchase of toys for the children on our Angel Tree. Any amount you wish to contribute is greatly appreciated.



We offer our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of **Luz Elena Frumkin**, wife of Ron and mother of Stephanie.

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



Angel Tree... There are still some tags left on our 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. 14th. 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*

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. 4th** 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 or Cathy Voisin at 519-742-8592 or sign up in the Narthex after Mass this weekend.

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2015

Available for purchase in the narthex - \$5 each

Christmas Cakes – on sale in the narthex Nov. 29/30 & Dec. 6/7 \$15 bar cake / \$25 deluxe in round tin. *Proceeds to Campaign Life Coalition.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church Compendium

CORRECTION: Resumes on Friday, Dec. 5th 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.

★ Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines

The church bulletins for **Dec. 21, Dec. 28** and **Jan. 4** must go to print much earlier than usual, to accommodate holidays and an increased volume of printing. **If you plan on submitting an item for any of these bulletins, please note the following deadlines:**

Please email articles to the parish office no later than:	For inclusion in the bulletin that will be distributed on:
Wednesday, Dec. 10	Sunday, December 21
Wednesday, Dec. 17	Sunday, December 28
Tuesday, Dec. 23	Sunday, January 4, 2015

36th 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 5th to Saturday, December 13th** (note exception: *Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7th 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! ([see poster on narthex bulletin board](#))

C.W.L. CORNER ...

UPCOMING EVENTS – Mark your calendars!

- **Thur. Dec. 4** – Advent Retreat
- **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



Today is White Box Sunday...

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed their White Box in the narthex this weekend (Nov. 29/30) to accept your monetary donations in support of those less fortunate in our community.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SALE AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY

Begins First Sunday of Advent until Dec. 23rd ... Daily 8AM – 8PM. Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Cards, Knitwear, etc.

WATERLOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY DINNER

and evening of traditional Advent music and Christmas Carols featuring the St. Louis Parish Choir led by John Miller, **Friday, December 5th** at **Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall**, 145 Dearborn Place – doors open at 5:30 p.m.; dinner and show start at 6:00. \$10 for 1-pc. fish n' chip dinner and plated dessert (\$12.50 for 2-pc. and dessert). Free will offering will be taken up for St. Louis Parish community. Tickets are available from members of the Knights of Columbus and at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall. 519-884-2060 for more info.

ADVENT RETREAT – *Are you waiting on God? Do you find it hard to wait for something?* Many of us are waiting for something most of the time – whether it is for a special occasion, for a loved one to recover from an illness or for a storm to pass over. *What is the purpose or value in waiting?* In the Catholic tradition, waiting is emphasized during the Advent season. Join us and discover the richness of waiting for the greatest gift of all, hosted by Branches Catholic Ministries on **Saturday, December 6th** at St. Denis Parish in **St. Catharines**, at St. Joseph Parish in **Grimsby**, and an evening concert and talk at St. Ann Parish in **Niagara Falls**. Speakers: Vinny Flynn, Fr. Richard Kowalchuk, Fr. Paul McDonald, Mother Olga, and Dr. Edward Sri. Music by Marian Grace. Lunch included. Evening concert with Marian Grace and talk at St. Ann Parish is open to the public (freewill offering). For more information or to register pick up a flyer/reg.form in the narthex.

ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL ... His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby invites you to join him at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** on **Sunday, December 7th** at 7 p.m. for an Advent Hymn Festival for Peace. A freewill collection will be taken for the Good Shepherd's Annual Christmas Dinner. Come and sing for joy!

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, December 12th at **St. Anne's Church**, 268 East Ave., Kitchener 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Mass at 8:00 a.m.). Bring a bag lunch – tea and coffee provided. To register call or e-mail St. Anne's at 519-745-5302 or stannesfamily@gmail.com.

THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM: AN EVENING OF SEASONAL SONG

Sunday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish**, 16 Cooper St., **Cambridge**. Join us for an evening of Seasonal Music by the Black Family of Markdale – this family of 10 children range in age from 4 to 21 years. They sing, they dance, they play fiddles, keyboard, guitars and ukulele. Tickets are \$15 Adults; \$5 Children, or \$40 Family, available at St. Mary's welcome desk after each Mass, in person at the parish office (no phone reservations) or via their website: www.stmaryhospeler.ca. Tickets are limited due to seating – no tickets at the door.

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