

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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

Oct. 19 – 25, 2015

Monday

7:00 am + Bianca Grogan – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

Tuesday

★ 7:00 AM + John Bauer – *Trudy Dallosch*

Wed., Thur., Friday, Sat.

★ NO MASSES

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; mark 10:46-52

Sat. 5:00 pm + Herman & Emma Skidd – *Joe & Helen*

Sun. 9:30 am + Joe & John Coelho – *family*

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

★ Please note there will be no morning Masses on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday this week. A special thank-you to Fr. Jason Catania who will be celebrating Mass with us next weekend (Oct. 24/25) while Fr. Don is away. Fr. Don returns on Friday, Oct. 30th for an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Offertory Collections

OCT. 10/11, 2015

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,662.95
Loose monies	\$ 411.30
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,074.25
Mortgage Fund	\$ 405.00

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT PLAN: Thank you to all who signed up so far for this new plan. Withdrawals take place on the 15th day (or closest business day) of every month. Don't forget you can still use your box of envelopes for donating toward special collections (i.e. diocesan, Christmas, Easter, etc.) and for those times when you may wish to augment your Sunday contribution. Any questions can be directed to Pam at the parish office, 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com).



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

■ **FIRST FAITH-SHARING NIGHT**

Friday, October 23rd 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.

SMYCA: St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35)

Join us **Saturday, October 24th** at 7:00pm for an evening of baking and learning to pray with St. Ignatius! RSVP at [facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults), or email us at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

All Souls Day Mass (Waterloo Region): Join Bishop Daniel Miehm on **Monday, November 2, at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**, 173 Lourdes St, Waterloo, for a Mass in remembrance of the deceased faithful in the Waterloo Region. Refreshments and a presentation on Catholic Funeral Planning given by The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton will follow. All are welcome.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Oct. 24 & 25	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	T./G. Johnston K. Buchanan	D. Bristol A. Rye	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	K. Friesen	B. Sawarna	T. Boettger
Lector:	P. Archambault	J. Flanigan	M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Groothuis	G./T. MacNeil	B. Voisin M. Schimus
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Germann	DaSilva

Thank you to all who signed up for these ministries, either as new or returning members! Full "October to June" schedules are now ready for pick-up in the narthex.

R.C.I.A. Are you considering joining the Catholic Church?

Would you like to find out more about becoming a Catholic? **Our first session begins Wed. Nov. 4th at 7:30 p.m.** For more information please contact the parish office at 519-571-9200 or speak to Fr. Don.

St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian Supper & Salad Bar

**Sunday, November 8, 2015
5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall**



Now an annual tradition here at St. Mark's! Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Join us, your family and friends for superb Italian food, a delicious multi-item salad bar, a wine bar and plenty of fun. **Tickets are on sale after all Masses in the Narthex until Oct. 31/Nov. 1.** To reserve tickets please call John Deneau @ 519-741-0434. There will be no tickets sold after Nov. 1
Adults: \$12 | Children 2-12 yrs.: \$6 | under 2 yrs.: FREE



Confirmation Information Meeting

For parents of children in Grade 7

Thursday, Nov. 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

⬅ Please note the date change!

Registration Forms for Confirmation will soon be distributed to students in Grade 7 at St. Mark's and St. Dominic's Schools. Please check your child's backpack, fill out the form and bring it with you to the information meeting. **If your child attends another school,** please obtain a form in the church lobby and bring it to the meeting.

**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** during the weekends of **Nov. 14/15** and **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.



Baseball and Religion?

Baseball is not a bulletin topic, but so many are talking it up due in large part to the Blue Jays playoffs run – now might be the time to bring the game into the sphere of religion. The following may be stretching it a bit, but baseball has some inbuilt religious dimensions to it. Here are some “for instances...”

- The sacrifice bunt is intended to “give oneself up” for the team. Certainly, this is at the heart of gospel living – self sacrifice.
- In baseball there are clear lines between fair and foul, safe and out. We want clarity as to our eternal destiny, what makes us safe, what keeps us out. Clarity isn’t always easy to take – but better that we know even if it makes us uncomfortable.
- The objective of baseball is to get home safe. This is not accomplished by running carelessly or in a haphazard way. One has to go to first, then second, then third base before getting home. The fundamental bases we must touch to get home safely, i.e. to heaven, are faith, hope and charity. One cannot avoid touching these bases.
- Bullpen specialists come in to ‘save’ a game, and they dare not blow a ‘save.’ We do not want to blow an opportunity to assist in the work of the church, which is to save souls.
- Baseball is the only major sport not governed by a time clock, like hockey, football, soccer, basketball, etc. It goes on indefinitely until the ‘last out’ is recorded. The Lord gave us no time clock as to when it will all be over. “You’ll know not the hour, nor the day.” Just be ready when the last play is recorded.
- Of course, the Good Book declares the magnanimous work of the Creator that took place, “in-the-big-inning.” We need big innings in our lives and new beginnings when God calls us to do great things in His name. Big-innings go a long way in securing victory.
- Baseball claims as its greatest hero a man named George Herman Ruth, dubbed the “babe” or the “bambino.” Well, George found his way back to The Bambino who came to save us. Ruth’s good friend, Paul Carey, didn’t blow a save opportunity. He got Ruth to see a priest, confess and be reconciled to the Lord before he died.

What I have written is not good theology, per se, and for sure I’m stretching things. However, in some ways the game, like many things in life, can reflect heavenly realities. Hey, we can watch ball and think of God, too.

Yogi Berra was a great ball player, a practicing Catholic and famous for his sayings like “it ain’t over till it’s over.” Supposedly he used to pray to God that the Yankees would win, and they usually did when Yogi played for the Yanks. Knowing this fact, a reporter asked Yogi one time when they lost a big game, “Yogi, where was God today, did He forget about you?” Yogi, defending the Lord, sharply remarked, “Come on, Mac, nobody’s perfect.” Yogi was a good man – not a theologian.

– Fr. Don

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The death of someone we love is one the most difficult experiences of life. At **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** (49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener) we offer a Bereavement Support Group, made up of people who have experienced the pain of loss and understand the struggles of finding a new way of life. Open to anyone, the program begins **Monday, Nov. 9th** from 1:00-2:30pm and runs for approximately **12 weeks**. We invite you to our first meeting to see if this program can help you on your grief journey. For more information or to register call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

CALLING ALL C.W.L. MEMBERS! Our CWL is looking for volunteers for our upcoming November 4th Card Party. We need sandwiches, desserts, preparation and clean up assistance. Any type of assistance from all parishioners is appreciated. Please see the CWL representative in the Narthex after Mass.



- **CARD PARTY – Wed. Nov. 4th** at 7:00 p.m. St. Mark’s C.W.L. is planning a Card Party in the parish hall. A key to the success of this event is having sufficient door prizes to generate high attendance. Any new item or gift certificate would be appreciated – no value is too small. Donors will receive recognition at the event. If you are able to assist us, please leave your donation with Pam at the parish during office hours, or contact Carmel at 519-208-4952. We would like to receive all prizes by October 23rd. Prizes can also be dropped off to the parish hall between 10:30 and 12 noon on Mon. Oct. 26. Larger items, suitable for raffle are also welcomed, and pick-up of the item can be arranged by calling Carmel. At the last card party the C.W.L. was able to donate \$1000 of the proceeds to St. Mark’s Parish. Thank you for your consideration.

The Legion of Mary Needs You!

With our President moving on to another city, and a decline in our member numbers, the St. Mark’s Our Lady Queen of Heaven Praesidium is in danger of folding!

Why join the Legion of Mary? Learn more about your Catholic faith and our Divine Mother! The Legion of Mary is founded in the Rosary, is formed by Legion prayers, has a spiritual reading and discussion each week and weekly talks given by the President or Spiritual Director on ways we can grow in our faith.

Save Souls! The Legion of Mary works to bring Catholics who have fallen away back to the Sacraments, and to bring new people to understand the many blessings that the Catholic faith offers them. We do so by friendly, non-threatening outreach to our community through various ways.

Become a Saint! Frank Duff, the Founder of the Legion of Mary, once said, “*The Legion makes saints, and makes them by the bushel.*” Mary, Our Mother, needs your support in continuing this worthy lay movement within St. Mark’s. **Our current works include:** praying the Rosary at Forest Heights Long Term Care facility on alternating Wednesday nights, helping Fr. Don with Masses at the surrounding Retirement Residences at the beginning of the month and running the St. Mark’s Book Barrow. **We will be holding a Columban Drive next Saturday & Sunday, October 24th and 25th after all three Masses. Please drop by to ask questions and to sign up!**

PRAY TO END ABORTION: Abortion is a major problem all over the world, with millions of lives being terminated every year. This is especially a tragic problem in Canada, as there are no abortion laws whatsoever, which means a child’s life can be taken away even days before birth! **From Sept. 23rd to Nov. 1st** we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America who will simultaneously participate in **40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion**. *40 Days for Life™* saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. **St. Mark’s Parish has chosen Monday, October 19th as our day to sign-up**, and together we are committing to filling all the hours for this day. We need at least 2 people to sign-up for each hour. At the back of the church, there is a sign-up sheet on the 40 Days for Life™ table. Please consider signing up for one or more hours that day. There is also online sign-up at 40daysforlife.com/kitchener, or call Patrick (519-748-5548) or Ewelina (519-589-2919).

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