

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

Sept. 12 – 18, 2016

Monday

7:00 am + Marion Gunther – *Terry MacNeil*

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM)

7:00 PM + Reggie Gilroy – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

Wednesday (FEAST – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS)

7:00 am + Robinson family – *Jeanne Robinson*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF SORROWS)

7:00 am - Int. of the Gonsalves family – *Jeanne Robinson*

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. CORNELIUS & ST. CYPRIAN)

7:00 am - Int. of Donovan Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Darren & Marcy Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7+; Luke 16:1-13

SAT. 5:00 PM + Joseph & Lorna Whittle & relatives of Jude Whittle

SUN. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista*

Offertory Collections

Sept. 3/4, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,278.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12+52)	\$ 1,357.50
Loose monies	\$ 639.10
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,274.60

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 765.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12+52)	\$ 276.92
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 1,041.92

Thank you for your generosity!!

S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (*open to ages 19-35*)

► We have made some changes to our program schedule for the Fall! **We now meet weekly on Thursday evenings** for a variety of study, prayer, praise and worship activities, followed by our weekly hour of Adoration. We will also host a couple of social events each month – see our updated board in the narthex for details. RSVP on our Facebook event page ([StMarksYoungCatholicAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults)) or email us at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com. Hope you'll join us!



**Save the date! ... Saturday, October 29th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

*Drop in to the Parish Hall to shop
from over 25 different vendors!*

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO OUR MORTGAGE FUND.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Altar Servers, Readers, Ushers, Gift Bearers, Eucharistic Ministers:
Please continue to use the Sign-Up Sheets posted on the blackboard in the narthex for the month of September, as you are available.

Thank you for your dedication and service to St. Mark's!

Sign-Up Sundays! SEPT. 17/18 and 24/25 in the Narthex!

All current ministers and volunteers, and any NEW and interested parishioners are asked to sign the sheet for your chosen ministry. A reminder to anyone in a **high-risk ministry** to make sure you have submitted a police check to the parish office. If you have not yet done this, be sure to pick up a letter to present to the police station which will give you a volunteer discount. Copies will be available at the sign up tables, or from the parish office.

Monthly Children's Mass



This is a very exciting time for the children and youth of St. Marks Parish! We are creating the very first ever Children's Mass. Children from First Communion age (Gr.2) to Confirmation age (Gr. 7) are encouraged to participate in a Mass that is geared toward our younger generation. Children can sign up for readings, bringing the gifts to the altar, and reading the prayers of intention. Father would like to have the children included and involved in our Holy Mass and this would mean that they would be participating in all aspects of the Mass. This Children's Mass would be held once a month at either the 9:30 or 11:30 Mass. **Please see our sign up sheet in the Narthex** where both Jessica Heine and Mary-Emily McCullough will be to answer any questions you may have.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus (BOOK & DVD SERIES)

Join us for a 10-week group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*. Gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the Saints and Blesseds like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska and Mother Teresa; and have all the tools you'll need to "become a saint, a great saint, and quickly." **We begin this Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 7:00 p.m. sharp in the St. John's Room.** Course runs about 1½ hours weekly until the last session Nov. 16th. Please bring your copy of Consoling the Heart of Jesus. For more information contact: kathysmith219@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING MASS and RALLY...

40 Days for Life will be holding a Campaign beginning on Sept. 28th and ending on Nov. 6th. We will stand and pray and witness in front of Freeport Hospital for all life but especially for the weakest and most defenseless – the child in the womb. Daily hours will be from 6 am until 8 pm, seven days a week. To sign up for hours or more info please visit: www.40daysforlife.com. You are also invited to the **Opening Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 6:30pm here at St. Mark's** with Bishop Crosby as our celebrant. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow; please come to pray for the success of this Campaign and the protection of all life in our Country.

5 Altar Servers are needed for this Mass *If you can serve, please sign up on the sheet posted on the courtyard window in the narthex.*

Thanks!

First Communion & Confirmation PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:



First Communion Info. Meeting: For parents of children in Gr. 2 **Thursday, October 20th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



Confirmation Info. Meeting: For parents of children in Gr. 7 **Thursday, October 13th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Registration Forms for these sacraments will soon be distributed to students in Grades 2 and 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**, forms will soon be available in the church lobby.

"Keys to Loving Relationships"

"Keys" is a 10-week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! **The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. starting Sept. 13th here at St. Mark's.** Cost is \$45. For info please call Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

Syrian Family Sponsorship Update

The Diocese has confirmed that our Syrian family will be arriving in Canada in mid-September! Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we prepare to welcome this family!

R.C.I.A. ... Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Would you like to find out more about becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to grow in your own faith journey by helping others explore the love of God? Classes will begin in November for all who are interested in becoming Catholic or considering the Catholic faith. Please call the parish office or speak to Fr. Don after Mass soon to inform us of your interest.

Please don't stop! Please don't stop collecting **POP CAN TABS** and dropping them off in the blue bin near the coat racks across from the washrooms. To the people who are regularly doing this – a big thank-you! If you've been forgetting to collect them, please remember that the aluminum in the tabs (not the whole can) is used to make **custom wheelchairs**. We're in partnership with the *Canadian Veterans War Amps* (and other volunteers) in this project. Please help if you can. Thanks!

Interested in writing?

Several St. Mark's parishioners have formed a writers' critique group for the purposes of improving our writing, encouraging one another, and publishing our work. If you write – or aspire to write – fiction or non-fiction that is compatible with Catholic ideals, and would be interested in participating, please contact Jane Petrovich at 519-886-0725. We meet alternate Fridays in the St. Luke Room.



ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? LET US HELP ...

LEVEL 1 - (**Learning to Cope**), and LEVEL 2 (**Accepting the Situation**) are self-help programs to help separated / divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Fees are **\$35** (Level 1), and **\$45** (Level 2). Levels 1 and 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, **starting Sept. 13th** from 7 to 9pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Kitchener. To register contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

• **NEXT MEETING: Mon. Sept. 12 @ 7:00 p.m.**



HOSPICE OF WATERLOO REGION COMFORT CARE SUPPORT

Wed. Sept. 14th at **St. Francis Church Hall, Kitchener**. Prayer Service at 7:00 P.M., Speaker at 7:30 P.M. All are welcome! How can WE help in this Year of Mercy? Sponsored by St. Francis C.W.L.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS – Thursday, Sept. 15th

Join **St. Mary (Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows) Parish**, 56 Duke St. W., Kit., as they celebrate their Feast Day! Devotions begin at 3 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Confessions from 4 - 6 pm. At 5 pm, Ania Krysiak will speak about "*The Church: The Mystical Body of Christ*", followed by Benediction and the Seven Sorrows Rosary. Mass at 7:15 pm followed by light refreshments in the Lower Hall. Mass and all devotions this day will be offered for persecuted Christians. Please offer your time, prayers, penances and sacrifices to Our Lady of Sorrows for this cause. St. Mary's Gift Shop will be relocated to the Lower Hall for the day, so be sure to stop by. Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board for a complete list of details.

15TH ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS – All are invited to join in the celebration of vocations in the Diocese of Hamilton on **Sunday, Sept. 18th** at 2:00 p.m. at **St. Matthews Parish in Oakville**. For more details please visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

Wed. Sept. 21st at **St. Anthony Daniel Church Hall**, 29 Midland Dr. Kitchener, 12 – 4 p.m. Doors open at 11.30 a.m. Admission \$12. Lunch & Door Prizes. **Advanced tickets only!** Call Angie Bateman at 519-569-7493. For more info contact Sheila at 519-743-6069.

St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener is celebrating the **FEAST OF ST. ANNE** and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Sunday, Sept. 25th**. All are welcome to come and enjoy the Marian Procession, Holy Eucharist, followed by lunch. Advance tickets for the lunch must be purchased by Monday, Sept. 19th by calling the Parish Office 519-745-5302.

THE PARABLES OF MERCY: A SENIOR ADULT WORKSHOP SERIES

Six (6) Wednesday afternoons, starting **Sept. 28th** from 1:30 – 3:30pm at the **Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton**. Facilitated by David Dayler. Cost: \$25 includes text. Study many of the parables familiar to us, and look at them in a new way, recognizing ourselves in the stories. In our personal reflections we will see the powerful force that is God's mercy, his fierce love for us and how God fills our hearts with unbridled pardon. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office by Sept. 21 at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 to register, or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential info or to register for the **October 14th** weekend, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit retrouvaille.org.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WORKSHOP/RETREAT DAY

Saturday, October 15th from 10:00am - 2:30pm at the **Chancery Office**, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. Cost: \$30 includes lunch & patterns. Are you involved or would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry in your parish? Consider joining us for this day of sharing, reflection & prayer while we knit and crochet! Please bring a pair of 8mm knitting needles or a crochet hook & some yarn. Please register by Oct. 11. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 or check the website www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

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