

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:

September 14 – 20, 2015

Monday

* NO MASS

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF SORROWS)

7:00 pm + Mary Dalton – *Frank & Yvette Tully*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. CORNELIUS AND ST. CYPRIAN)

7:00 am + Charles Rafferty – *Ann Doyle*

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Donovan Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16–4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Louise Illerbrun – *Donna Leinhardt*

11:30 am + Leo McGovern – *Sheilagh*

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. 19/20 and 26/27 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 are available at the sign up tables, or from the parish office.

Attention All Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Please join Father Jason for a brief meeting **this Tuesday, Sept. 15th** at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Alpha Course at St. Mark's

This 10-week course is for everyone, and is your opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening manner. It's low key, friendly and enriches lives! Each session begins with a meal, followed by a 40-minute video and group discussion. There is no charge for the course except for a goodwill offering for the meal. Course runs Sept. 24 to Nov. 26 from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. **You are invited to a 'Come & See' – This Thursday, Sept. 17th at 7:00 p.m.** to check out a sample video and ask questions. Refreshments will be provided. To register or ask questions, please contact Ron Denomme at 519-884-3389 or rondenomme@live.ca. For more information on the Alpha program visit www.alphacanada.org.

From Crosses to Crucifixes: A Priest's Journey from Protestantism into the Catholic Church

A talk by Fr. Jason Catania, **Monday, Sept. 21st** at 7:00 p.m. here in the **Church Hall**. Everyone Welcome!

"Keys To Loving Relationships" 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. **Tuesday evenings, Sept. 22nd to Nov. 24th from 7-9:30 p.m. here at St. Mark's Parish.** Cost is \$45. For more information or to register, contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

Separated and Divorced Support

These self-help programs are intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children.

- **LEVEL 1 – "Learning to Cope"** (11 weeks) \$35
Tuesday evenings, **Sept. 15th to Nov. 24th** from 7-9 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Queen & Westmount), Kitchener
- **LEVEL 3 – "Enhancing Self Esteem"** (10 weeks) \$40
Tuesday evenings, **Sept. 22nd to Nov. 24th** from 7-9:30 p.m.
St. Mark's Parish (55 Driftwood Dr.), Kitchener.

To register please contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301.

Offertory Collections

SEPT. 5/6, 2015

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,936.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 586.30
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,522.30
Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 725.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Pre-Authorized Debit Plan begins October 15th!

Thank you to all who have signed up so far for this new plan. We've had 50 families sign up to date, which is a great start. The plan is not mandatory, but can be a great convenience for families and individuals who wish to automate their donations. Those who sign up 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 (stmark@rogers.com / 519-571-9200). To sign up for this process, simply pick up a form in the narthex, or call the parish office to request one.

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

The St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults will be hosting a **Movie Night** on **Saturday, September 26th**. The evening will begin with Evening Prayer and the Rosary at 6:45 p.m., and after we will view the award-winning film *Amazing Grace*, based on the true story of William Wilberforce. RSVP via Email or Facebook:

StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults

We hope to see you there!

Children's Liturgy of the Word Program ... resumes at the 11:30 Mass **next Sunday, Sept. 20th** for children in grades K-2.

R.C.I.A.

Are you considering joining the Catholic Church?

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? Come to an informal gathering following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, Sept. 27th** for coffee and fellowship and more information about how you can be involved in the conversion process called R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). No cost or fees. For more information contact Deacon Basil.

Further to Bishop Crosby's letter on Assisted Suicide...

On July 17, the Canadian government appointed an expert panel to examine the Supreme Court of Canada assisted suicide decision, with the intent of seeking consultation from individuals and groups. The input gathered will be used to make recommendations to the government about assisted suicide legislation.

As Catholics we uphold the value and dignity of every human life and so **Bishop Crosby encourages every person in the Diocese of Hamilton** to sign up to receive consultation updates from the official website at www.ep-ce.ca/consultation. On the site you will see various ways you can provide your input. Please visit the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information on this topic.

You may also wish to consult the material developed for the "Life-Giving Love" Campaign, launched last September by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family; more information is available on their website at www.colf.ca.

Are you in the process of planning your wedding?

Don't wait to register for the Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation Course. Application forms and dates are available at all parishes. Please speak to your pastor for a registration form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Fahey at marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com. *Married couples: If you would like to share your marriage story and become a facilitator couple, or would like more information on joining as a facilitator, please contact Kathy Fahey at the above email address. Sponsorship through the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Waterloo Deanery.*

Do you have ancestors buried in St. Boniface, Maryhill Old Walled Cemetery? Many of the gravestones have deteriorated beyond repair. Some stones are in pieces and no longer erect. These stones have all been photographed and graves documented. **These monuments will be removed and replaced by a single monument**, which will list the first and last name and year of birth and death for each of the removed stones. An account has been set up for anyone wishing to donate to the "Monument Fund". A tax receipt will be issued. To see the list of names on the stones being replaced, please email Diane at St. Boniface: dstrickler@continuum.org.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

SAVE THE DATE!

Evening of Nov. 4 – C.W.L. Card Party

Invite your friends and neighbours. Updates to follow.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS – Join us at **St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows**, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener, on **Tuesday, September 15th** as we celebrate our Feast Day! Devotions begin at 3 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Confessions will be heard from 4-6 p.m. At 5 pm, "Mary's Response to the Mystery of Evil" with speaker Ania Krysciak followed by Benediction and the Seven Sorrows Rosary. We conclude the day with Mass at 7 pm followed by a time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Lower Hall. The Mass and all devotions this day will be offered for the persecuted Christians. Fr. George asks everyone to also offer their time, prayers, penances and sacrifices to Our Lady of Sorrows for this cause. The Gift Shop will be relocated to the Lower Hall for the day, so be sure and stop by. Please refer to the poster on the bulletin boards for a complete list of details. Everyone is welcome!

PRAYING WITH THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

All interested women are invited to join the Sisters of St. Joseph at the **Residence** at 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Hamilton on **Saturday, September 19th** from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The theme for the day will be 'Discernment' led by Sister Nancy Sullivan. The day begins with Mass and there will be time for personal prayer and reflection. Lunch is included. Suggested contribution is \$20. Please call 905-528-0138 for directions or to register by September 13th.

THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

Wed. Sept. 23rd at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre**, 29 Midland Dr. Kitchener, from 12 noon to 4.00 p.m. Doors open at 11:0.30 a.m. Admission is \$12. Lunch & Door Prizes. Please note: All tickets must be reserved, paid for, and picked up before the event – no tickets at the door. Contact Sandi Farwell at 519-894 4387 or sam.farwell@bell.net.

DAY OF SPIRITUALITY – **Saturday, Oct. 3rd** at **St. John's Parish, Kitchener**. The speaker will be our new pastor, Fr. Francisco Cruz. His theme for the day is the national CWL theme for this year, "One Hope, One Voice, One Mission." We will start the day at 8:30 AM, with coffee & muffins. The speaker will begin at 9 AM. Mass at 11am followed by a hot lunch. The cost for the day is \$10, which includes the hot lunch. **Please RSVP by Sept. 30th** (so that we will have enough food on hand) – csgosselin17@gmail.com or 519-742-3248. All are welcome. Hosted by St. John's C.W.L.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, October 4th from 2-3 p.m. in front of **Kitchener City Hall**, 200 King Street West. Speaker at 2:55 p.m. We remember over 3.5 million lives lost to abortion in Canada since 1970 and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. Call Right to Life 519-746-5433.

ST. DAVID C.S.S. 50TH ANNIVERSARY – Come and celebrate with St. David Catholic Secondary School as they turn 50. Join us on **Friday, October 9th** at 9:45 a.m. at St. David Catholic Secondary School in the gym for our opening event this year with Mass presided by Bishop Crosby and a papal blessing will be issued. Special seating is provided for the alumni. All alumni are invited to join in the festivities that will be taking place over this next school year.

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