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 $11:30\,\mathrm{AM}$ 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.

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I would like to have $\frac{1}{1000 \text{ MANY?}}$ Mass(es) celebrated for	
\square the intentions of (living) OR \square 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: ☐ 7:00 AM on a Weekday ☐ 5:00 PM on a Saturday ☐ 7:00 PM on a Tuesday ☐ 9:30 AM on a Sunday ☐ 9:00 AM on a Saturday ☐ 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.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Worship This Week

September 15 - 21, 2014

Monday (memorial – Our Lady of Sorrows)
7:00 am - Int. of Jim Stickland

Tuesday (memorial – St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian)

7:00 pm + Tom Smola – Guy & Julie Burkeholder

Wednesday

7:00 am + George Winklemaier - Viktor & Theresa Pomper

Thursday

7:00 am + Ruth Hayek - Ylanda

Friday

7:00 am + George Ward – Louis & Janet Cote

Saturday (memorial – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang)

★ 7:00 am + Robelita vda de Castro – Cora Reyes

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

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

<u>Sun.</u> 9:30 am + Helen & Walter Lutka – *Nick & Sharon Cerantola*

11:30 am + Eulogio Cruz Jr. - Cora Reyes

★ PLEASE NOTE: Saturday, Sept. 20th

Due to the Parish Golf Tournament, morning Confessions will be heard from 7:30 to 8:15 AM, and afternoon confessions may be delayed.

Offertory Collections	Sept. 6/7, 2014
Envelope Users	\$ 3,094.00
Loose monies	<u>\$ 424.85</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,518.85
Mortgage Fund	\$ 904.00
St. Vincent de Paul White Box collection (August)	\$ 550.00
Thank you for your generosity!	



■ OPENING GAMES NIGHT

Friday, Sept. 19th from 7-9 p.m.

Join us for our first event of the year! Round up your friends and bring them along to St. Mark's Church Gym for games, fellowship, and snacks. See you all then!!

■ FIRST FAITH-SHARING NIGHT

Friday, October 3rd 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.

■ MILK BAG MATTRESS CRAFTING AFTERNOON

Sunday, October 5th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

We will be crafting (cutting/sorting) all of the milk bags that our parishioners have generously donated to help us craft our mattress for those countries in need. They will be used at cholera clinics for patients. Join us at approx 12:45 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. You don't have to stay for the whole event if you can't. **Bring a bagged lunch** to eat before we get started crafting. You may use this event towards your high school community service hours, so bring along your sheets to get them signed.

SIGN-UP SUNDAY!

This weekend and next weekend in the narthex!

All <u>current</u> ministers and volunteers, and any <u>new</u> 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.

Meeting for Children's Liturgy Leaders/Helpers

All past leaders and helpers who are interested in participating again this year are asked to attend a meeting this **Tues. Sept. 16**th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Luke room.

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

All interested in becoming Catholic or considering the Catholic faith are invited to a meeting on **Thursday, Sept. 18**th at 7:00 p.m. here at the parish. This will be an opportunity to meet with you and sort out any important matters. You need not bring anything to this meeting.

- Fr. Don

Parish Golf Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 20th at Foxwood. Registration is now closed. Last minute prize donations can be made through Cathy at cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca or 519-954-5734. Also please contact Cathy if you would like to volunteer for clean up after dinner. Thank you!

The Alpha Course at St. Marks

The Alpha course 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 fun! There is a meal at the beginning of each session followed by a 40-minute video and then group discussion. There is no charge for the course except for a goodwill offering for the meal. Course begins **Thursday, Sept. 25**th from 6:45 to 9 PM and runs until Nov. 27th. If you have any questions, or to register, please feel free to contact lan Kangaloo at 519-743-1338 or strmarkalpha@gmail.com. For more information on the Alpha program see www.alphacanada.org

PARISH YARD SALE

Saturday, October 4th ... 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Donations of new and gently used items would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped of at the parish office during regular office hours or in the evening at 162 Bankside Drive. For evening drop off please contact Edwina at 519-954-5669 to arrange a time. Proceeds from the yard sale will go to parish needs.

Meeting for All Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Please join Fr. Don for a brief meeting on **Wed. Oct. 8**th at 6:30 p.m. We will be going over current needs of the sick and of the ministers, discussing how things are going, asking/answering any questions, and reviewing church guidelines and policies with regard to the distribution of communion. All Eucharistic ministers taking communion to nursing homes and private homes are asked to attend.

Tidy-up time...

Now that the summer holiday season is behind us it is time to get back into the swing of things with weekly meetings and the like. Which makes this next week a good time to re-organize and declutter the areas we use for our meetings and for storage.

If your or your group are storing any materials here at the parish (e.g. in the basement (kitchen and storage room), the hall kitchen and storage area, the sacristy cupboards, etc.) **now is the time** to sort through those items to ensure that prime space is not being wasted by the keeping of unnecessary items. This is also a good time to LABEL your items, either individually or by putting them in a labelled box, so that we can determine ownership if a question arises. We trust that all groups will concern themselves with their own items only, and not those belonging to others. Near the end of September, anything that has not been looked after and is not labelled will be sorted or, if need be, discarded by the parish. Your assistance in this area will be a great help, and is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call or email the parish office if you have any concerns.

Closing of the Natural Family Planning Centre

Dear Parishioners,

The Natural Family Planning Centre of Waterloo Region is closing. The office of Family Life for the Hamilton Catholic Diocese is now centralizing and directing Natural Family Planning services and will be happy to help you should you require information about Natural Family Planning. Here is a link to their office for your convenience: www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/natural-family-planning/ Thank you for your support over the years. It has truly been a pleasure to serve you!

With gratitude,

Members of the Board and Staff

Natural Family Planning Centre, Waterloo Region

THANK YOU!!!

St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the parishioners that brought food to the Parish Picnic in August. We received 171 lbs! Thank you also to everyone that has donated to our bucket in the narthex. It is that time of year, when we are awaiting the next food drive, so your assistance is appreciated. This past July we gave hampers to 41 families, and 42 in August. Thank you for your generosity.

"Keys to Loving Relationships"

"Keys" is a 10-week program meant for anyone (married, dating 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 7-9 p.m. starting Sept. 16th here at St. Mark's. Cost is \$45. For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249, or Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519, or visit http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/relationship-development.php .

<u>SUNG "ORDINARIATE USE" MASS</u> – Sunday, Sept. 21st at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener (56 Duke St. W.). Celebrant and Homilist is the Right Rev. Mgsr. Jeffrey N. Steenson, Ordinary, The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. Reception to follow Mass – all are welcome. See poster in church lobby for full details.

THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

Wed. Sept. 24th at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish Hall** (Franklin & Ottawa Sts., Kitchener) from 12 noon – 4 p.m. Doors open at 11:30. \$12 per person. Lunch and Door Prizes. Advanced tickets will be sold for this event (Sandi Farwell 519-894-4387 sam.farwell@bell.net). Tickets available at the door if possible. For more information, please contact Sheila at 519-743-6069 or sheilamathews2006@yahoo.ca.

COME AWAY AND PRAY FOR AWHILE

Praying With The Sisters of St. Joseph

All interested women are invited to join the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Hamilton, on **Saturday, September 27**th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The day will include Mass, a short talk, time for prayer and reflection. Lunch is included. Suggested contribution is \$20. Please call 905-528-0138 for directions or to register by September 21st. Looking forward to seeing you!

DISCARD ANY OF YOUR UNWANTED ELECTRONICS and help the Kitchener Knights of Columbus in their charitable works. Council 1504 and the Ontario Electronic Stewardship are sponsoring an Electronic Recycling Drive on Saturday, Sept. 27th from 9:00 am till 2:30 pm at Fischer Hallman Dr. and Max Becker Dr. (Sobey's parking lot). TVs, computers and accessories, printers, scanners, any telephones and any audio equipment will be accepted. If you are unable to lift or move the items, please contact us ahead of time so we can arrange pickup. Contact Council 1504 at 519-893-1504 or Reinhart Schreiter at rkschreiter@hotmail.com or 519-570-3469.

WATERLOO K of C 1st ANNUAL MIXED CARD PARTY

Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm. Sausages and sauerkraut on a bun & dessert. Meal served at 6:30 pm. Excellent door prizes. \$12.00 at the door includes everything. 145 Deerborn Place, Waterloo. For more information call Alice McTavish 519-747-3797.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Saturday, October 4th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. This event takes place outside (if weather is inclement we move inside) and is open to anyone who has an animal in their life. The service is quite short, which is usually good for the animals! All denominations welcome.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY is a 6 week group retreat program in preparation for Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Entrusting ourselves to Mary is well known to be the fastest, safest and easiest way to Jesus. In Vatican II the Church proclaimed that "Everyone should have a genuine devotion to Mary and entrust his life to her motherly care." Each week there will be a DVD presentation and discussion time as well as reading and prayer materials to do throughout the week. Join us Saturday mornings at 10:00 am in the Lower Hall, St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Church, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener, beginning October 11th. To order retreat materials, please contact the St. Mary's parish office as soon as possible at: (519) 576-3860.

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