

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

September 21 – 27, 2015

Monday

* NO MASS

Tuesday

7:00 pm + Mary Dalton – Pam Olinski & Family

Wednesday

 (MEMORIAL – ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO))

7:00 am - Int. of Darren & Marcy Depratto – J. Robinson

Thursday

7:00 am + Robinson Family – Jeanne Robinson

Friday

7:00 am + David Baggey – Baggey Family

Saturday

* NO MASS

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Sat. 5:00 pm + Rebol Family – Cimermancic Family

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Ron Blanchard – Mary Elizabeth & Gino Sturino

Offertory Collections

SEPT. 12/13, 2015

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 3,036.00

Loose monies..... \$ 428.50

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 3,464.50

Mortgage Fund..... \$ 330.00

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 today at the 11:30 Mass for children in grades K-2.

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!

THIS IS SIGN-UP SUNDAY!

(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.

50-50 DRAW held Sept. 13, 2015

Congratulations to lucky winner, Mac Brown, of Fergus!

Total ticket sales amounted to \$3,115.00, making for a 50% prize of \$1,557.50 to Mac. Thank-you to Mac for generously donating \$50.00 of his winnings back to the parish, making for a grand total of **\$1,607.50 to be put toward St. Mark's mortgage**. A sincere thank-you to everyone who helped with this fund-raiser!

– Laurie Brookes & Edwina Weiss

A Great Golf Tournament!

Our day for the golf tournament – although cold – was once again blessed with a rainless event! Brookfield put on an incredible meal, and we were all happy to see Father Don (who was also happy to see us). Thank you to Pam for being there to receive prizes and telephone calls leading up to the event; to all those who donated prizes – golfers and non-golfers; and to the participants who made our day an enjoyable one. A very special thank-you to Joe Plunkett, our photographer, who endured the cold weather to take everyone's picture, and put them together in a video slideshow for our viewing during dinner. Joe also donated prizes that many of you are enjoying today. **Mark September 10th in your calendars for next year folks!** I am in the throes of getting prices from a few venues. – Cathy Gelsing

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! Refreshments to follow, courtesy of our Catholic Women's League (thank you, ladies!).

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. 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.

“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.

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.

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? For more information please contact the parish office at 519-571-9200.

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.*

Discernment Gatherings

If you feel called by God to explore the call to the priesthood or religious life, please join our Discernment Gatherings on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of the month in Waterloo and in Hamilton. We start this October. For more detailed information or to contact Fr. Kuzma, the Vocation Director, please visit: www.HamiltonVocations.com.

Baby Bottles for Marillac Place – Thank You to all parishioners and donors who participated in the 2015 Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place. Marillac appreciates the return of any baby bottles from the campaign, empty or full, as the bottles are re-used every year.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

- **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. 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.



SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained

A vibrant and relevant program to invigorate your faith. Twenty compelling sessions guide us through the breadth and richness of our Catholic faith. Symbolon uses prayer, video teaching and discussion questions and a recommended Celebration of the Word of God. The first 10 sessions of this program start **Monday, Sept. 21st** at 7:30 pm at **St. Louis Church in Waterloo** (53 Allen St. East). To register call 519-743-4101 or email stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com.

THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

Wed. Sept. 23rd at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre, 29 Midland Dr. Kitchener, 12-4 p.m. Doors open at 11:30. Admission \$12 includes lunch & door prizes. Advance ticket pickup only – no tickets at the door. Contact Sandi Farwell at 519-894 4387 or sam.farwell@bell.net.

ST. TERESA SCHOOL (ELMIRA) 50th ANNIVERSARY –

Thursday, Sept. 24th at St. Teresa of Avila Church & School (69 First Street, Elmira). Mass 10 a.m. at the church; Open House from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the school. Archives on display and food trucks. Come and celebrate our anniversary! Everyone welcome!

MARYHILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY HERITAGE DAY

Sunday, Sept. 27th – Mass at 10 a.m. followed by tour which will include where the first Mass was said in New Germany and continue to the Three Wayside Crosses. Hot lunch of Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, dessert and coffee/tea at the **Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre** at 12 noon followed by a short program. Cost \$15. Contact Diane Strickler (519) 648-2432. Advance tickets only.

DAY OF SPIRITUALITY – Saturday, Oct. 3rd at St. John’s Parish,

Kitchener. The speaker will be our new pastor, Fr. Francisco Cruz. Theme is “One Hope, One Voice, One Mission.” Day starts at 8:30 AM, with coffee & muffins. Speaker at 9 AM. Mass at 11am followed by a hot lunch. Cost \$10 includes 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.

MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE – Oct. 23-25, 2015 (Niagara Falls)

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. *Retrouvaille* teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential info or to register please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

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