

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

Sept. 28 – Oct. 4, 2015

Monday

7:00 am + Mrs. Catherine Trusz – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Tuesday (FEAST – ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, ST. RAPHAEL, Archangels)

7:00 pm + The Burchat Family – *Gerry & Terry Gerth*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. JEROME)

7:00 am + Mr. I. Manske – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS)

7:00 am + Louis McHugh – *Ron & Barb Denomme*

Friday (MEMORIAL – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS)

7:00 am + Margaret Jean Dales – *Peter & Sandra Appelman*

Saturday

9:00 am + Bill Gills – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of Myles Edward Finch – *Tracy Nelson*

Sun. 9:30 am + Anthony & Ruth Hayek – *Ylanda*

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

Offertory Collections

SEPT. 19/20, 2015

Sunday envelopes \$ 3,289.00

Loose monies \$ 417.90

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 3,706.90

Mortgage Fund \$ 305.00

REMINDER: Pre-Authorized Debits begin October 15th!

Thank you to all who have signed up so far for this new plan (your first withdrawal will take place Oct. 15th, and every month thereafter). We've had 50+ families sign up to date, which is a great start. Although the plan is not mandatory, it 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 (519-571-9200 or email stmark@rogers.com). To sign up for this process, simply pick up a form in the narthex, or call the parish office to request one.

SPIRIT CREW

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

■ GAMES NIGHT: Friday, Oct. 2 / Church Hall / 7-9 p.m.

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to our first event of the season. Come prepared to have some fun and re-connect with your old Spirit Crew friends, plus meet some new ones! Please come even if you haven't been to any of our events before, and bring along a friend or two. Just show up ... it's gonna be a blast!!

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

The St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults is hosting a **Movie Night tonight (Sat., Sept. 26th)**, beginning with Evening Prayer and the Rosary at 6:45 p.m., followed by a viewing of the award-winning film *Amazing Grace*, based on the true story of William Wilberforce. We hope to see you there!

KEYS – Lost & Found ... If you left your keys in the church hall kitchen, please call Pam at the parish office to claim them.



THIS IS SIGN-UP SUNDAY!

(Sept. 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.

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.

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 every other Friday in the St. Luke Room. **Next meeting is Oct. 2nd at 7:00 p.m.**



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.

Today is White Box Sunday... The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Mar. 26-27) for anyone wishing to make a donation.

Thank-you!

We would like to thank the Parish Picnic Committee for contributions received at this summer's picnic – 168 pounds! thank you to our parishioners for this donation and those received during the year. We have had a quiet summer but now are getting busy with Thanksgiving food drives and preparing for Christmas.

-- The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mark's Parish

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 or speak to Fr. Don.



Newly Baptized...

With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God: **Caleb, Oakley, Max, Liam, Marcus, Hunter, Anna, Owen, Brooklyn, Reese, Adalyn, Delia, Darius, Norah, Spencer, Cameron, Juliana, Everly.** *God has saved us by living water which gives our lives a fresh beginning, and He put his Spirit in us, so that healed by His grace, we may share His life and hope to live forever. (TITUS 3:5,7)*

First Communion & Confirmation PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:



First Communion Info. Meeting: For parents of children in Gr. 2, **Thursday, October 15th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



Confirmation Info. Meeting: For parents of children in Gr. 7, **Thursday, November 5th** 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**, please obtain a form in the church lobby.

Discernment Gatherings:

If you feel called by God to explore the call to the priesthood or religious life, please join our Discernment Gatherings:
 Discernment: **Sat. Oct. 3rd**, 9am-12noon, St. Michael's in Waterloo.
 Andrew Dinner: **Sat. Oct. 3rd**, 7-9pm, St. Teresa's Rectory in Kitchener.
 For more detailed information or to contact Fr. Kuzma, the Vocation Director, please visit: www.HamiltonVocations.com.



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. You are encouraged to get involved by **Prayer and Fasting** for an end to abortion, as well as attending a **Peaceful Vigil** outside of Freeport Hospital (where abortions take place every week), for an allocated hour between 6am and 9pm, 7 days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider signing up for **an hour a week**, which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies.

You can either sign up for prayer hours online at: www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener, or by calling:

Ewelina at 519-589-2919 or Patrick at 519-748-5548.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign-up BEFORE coming to the vigil site, as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site.

C.W.L. CORNER ...



CALLING ALL C.W.L. MEMBERS! Please join us in the church basement **this Monday, Sept. 28th at 7:00 p.m.** for an evening of fellowship, and **to discuss our upcoming Card Party** (Nov. 4th). We are looking to build a team of energetic volunteers to help us coordinate and manage this important event. Any amount of assistance is appreciated. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

• **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.

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.*

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.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER, THEIR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS
Saturday, Oct. 24th at 1:00 p.m. at **Blessed Sacrament Church.** The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Reception to follow. Free Will offering to be taken up. The Celebrant will be Bishop Ustrzycki.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE
 All are invited to gather with Bishop Crosby and the men and women religious of the Diocese of Hamilton on **Sunday, Nov. 1st** at 3:00 p.m. at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate** (28 Norfolk St., Guelph).

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