

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Worship This Week:

Sept. 5 – 11, 2016

#### Monday **LABOUR DAY**

\* 9:00 am + Maria Da Silva – *Isabel Rodrigues & family*

#### Tuesday

7:00 PM + Francisco DeSousa – *Brigida*

#### Wednesday

7:00 am + Anastasia MacLean – *in gratitude*

#### Thursday (FEAST – THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

7:00 am + Fern Mainguy – *Sherril Dokis*

#### Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Catherine MacKid – *Elizabeth Goral*

#### Saturday

\* NO MORNING MASS / NO MORNING CONFESSIONS

### 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32*

SAT. 5:00 PM - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

SUN. 9:30 am + Helen & Walter Lutka – *Nick & Sharon Cerantola*  
- In Thanksgiving – S.N.

11:30 am + Tom Jankura – *Janet Ferrier*

### Offertory Collections

Aug. 26/27, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 3,053.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) .....	\$ 1,357.50
Loose monies .....	\$ 545.70
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,956.20</b>

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 375.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) .....	\$ 276.92
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 651.92</b>

**Refugee Sponsorship Offerings..... \$20.00**

*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. Beginning in September **we will 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 – join us for the first one!...

#### BOARD GAMES NIGHT – Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> (7:00-9:00 p.m.)

Bring a game, bring a friend, or simply bring yourself! See our updated board in the narthex for details. RSVP on our Facebook event page ([StMarksYoungCatholicAdults](#)) or email us at [StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com](mailto:StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**The Legion of Mary** of the St. Mark's community, under the spiritual direction of Fr. Don Sanvido, invites all catholic adults to join them in prayer, spiritual readings, and apostolic works of mercy discussions. **Meetings are held on Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the St. Matthew's Room.** By joining the Legion, the faithful can fulfill their Baptismal Promises, and immerse themselves in the sanctifying life of the Church. Should you have any questions, please contact the parish office, or Colette Dokis at 519-576-7490.

### LITURGICAL ROLES

\* **SEPTEMBER Sign-Up Sheets** are posted on the blackboard in the narthex for all ministers to sign up for the remainder of the summer. Please continue to sign up as you are available. Thank you!

### Parish Golf Tournament – Next Sat. Sept. 10th

One week until tee-off! Foursomes are posted in the narthex. If you have not yet checked your group for accuracy, please do so, and let Cathy know of any errors A.S.A.P.! **Please arrive at Brookfield for registration by 8:15 a.m.** Our shotgun start is at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Any questions or concerns, please contact Cathy at 519-744-4194 or [cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca](mailto:cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca)

### "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. 13<sup>th</sup> here at St. Mark's.** Cost is \$45. For info please call Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

### 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 Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. sharp in the St.**

**John's Room.** Course runs about 1½ hours weekly until the last session Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your copy of *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*. For more information contact: [kathysmith219@gmail.com](mailto:kathysmith219@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!!

### 40 Days for Life Opening Mass & Rally

**Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Bishop Crosby will celebrate **Mass at 6:30 p.m.** followed by refreshments in the parish hall and sign-ups for 40 Days for Life. Join us!

### 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

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.

## Thank-you! from your St. Vincent de Paul Society...

We want to thank everyone that donated food this summer. Our supplies were really low, so we really appreciated your assistance. Thank you also to everyone that donated to the White Box.

*August White Box Collection* ..... \$560.05

We are so fortunate to have your ongoing support. Thank you!!

## 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO THE

### SHRINE OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER (St. Agatha, Ont.)

**Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** ... Gather at **Beechwood Plaza** (450 Erb St. W.

Waterloo) at **12:00 noon**. One-way 6km pilgrimage at 12:30pm, stopping at St. Agatha Church for a break. Seven Sorrows Rosary recited at the Chapel Shrine at 2:45pm led by St. Teresa's C.W.L. Mass at 3:00pm with Fr. Brendan McGrath followed by refreshments. It is a one-way 6km walk from Beechwood Plaza to the Shrine. We receive a ride back by anyone who wants to participate in the Mass only. Open to Men, Ladies and Youth of all Parishes. Seven Sorrows Rosaries and Prayer cards for sale. Call 519-744-8330 for info. Sponsored By St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L., Kitchener.

## 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. 13<sup>th</sup>** from 7 to 9pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Kitchener. To register contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## HOSPICE OF WATERLOO REGION COMFORT CARE SUPPORT

**Wed. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** 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. 15<sup>th</sup>

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.

## THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

**Wed. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** 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!** Contact Angie Bateman at 519-569-7493 or anabateman307@gmail.com. For more info contact Sheila at 519-743-6069 or sheilamathews2006@yahoo.ca.

**St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener** is celebrating the Feast of St. Anne and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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. 19<sup>th</sup> by calling the Parish Office 519-745-5302.

## C.W.L. CORNER ...

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

**THE ANNUAL RED MASS** will be celebrated at the **St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral**, 146 Park St. North in Hamilton on **Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 a.m. The St. Thomas More Lawyer's Guild sponsors this annual Mass whose long history dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The faithful come together to invoke the wisdom of the Holy Spirit upon all those who work in the court system and law enforcement: we pray for Divine guidance and strength upon them and all that they do to guard and promote justice in society. The celebrant of the Mass is Bishop Crosby. Father Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Formation, is the homilist. All are welcome.

## FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM 2016-17

The "Foundations for Ministry" Program is a course designed to offer lay Catholics the opportunity to **learn more about the foundations of our Catholic faith**: Church history, scripture, morality, sacraments and prayer. This foundation is useful to parishioners who serve in a variety of ministries. The course will be offered in Hamilton starting **Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**. For more information and/or registration forms, please contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada **invite your prayers for their General Chapter** to be held **September 11-16**.

A General Chapter is a grace-filled event in the life of the Congregation and the Church. A General Chapter reviews the life and ministry of the Congregation and its fidelity to its charism and mission; elects the Congregational leadership; makes decisions necessary for the continuing spiritual and apostolic vitality of the Congregation. Your prayerful support is greatly appreciated.

**ARE YOU A CATECHIST?** *If you pass on the faith (in children's sacramental prep, RCIA, your own family, adult faith groups, a Catholic school, correspondence courses, marriage prep, or other parish groups) ... then YOU are a catechist!* Join us **Sat. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** at the **Notre Dame Convent** from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. for our retreat, "*Announcing the Mercy of God.*" Bishop Miehme is our keynote speaker. For more info or to register please visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on Year of Mercy Events, or call Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238. There is no cost to attend but registration is required as space is limited.

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

## THE PARABLES OF MERCY: A SENIOR ADULT WORKSHOP SERIES

Six (6) Wednesday afternoons, starting **Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup>** weekend, please call 905-664-5212 or email: [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit [retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org).



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