

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 22 – 28, 2014

Monday

7:00 am + Kifleyesus Tensae – *Elizabeth Habtay*

Tuesday (memorial – St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio))

7:00 pm + Vera Sheehan – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

Wednesday

7:00 am + Macedo Family – *Luis*

Thursday

7:00 am + David Baggey – *Baggey Family*

Friday (feast – St. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues)

7:00 am - Int. of the Catholic Women's League

Saturday (memorial – St. Vincent de Paul)

9:00 am + George Ward – *Janet & Louis Cote*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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

Sun. 9:30 am - In Thanksgiving – *Luis Macedo*

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

SIGN-UP SUNDAY!

Continuing this weekend 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.

Children's Liturgy Program

It looks as though we now have very capable new leaders to run our children's liturgy program. It will not likely begin until late October. When I know for certain that everything is a go, we will have a meeting to get organized and get things going. Thanks to those (names will be confirmed later) who have considered the undertaking of this ministry. – *Fr. Don*



Knights of Columbus

Next Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

www.kofc9276.org

Offertory Collections

Sept. 13/14, 2014

Envelope Users	\$ 3,965.75
Loose monies	\$ 443.83
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,409.58
Mortgage Fund	\$ 165.00

Thank you for your generosity!



ST. MARK'S MINISTRY FOR YOUTH (Grade 6 and Up)

■ 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.

The Alpha Course at St. Marks

Course begins **this Thursday, Sept. 25th** from 6:45 to 9 PM and runs until Nov. 27th. 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. If you have any questions, or to register, please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 519-743-1338 or stmarkalpha@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 off 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. 8th** 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.

**PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS
for First Communion & Confirmation:**



FIRST COMMUNION

Parent Info Meeting:
For parents of
children in Grade 2
Thursday, October 9th
7:00 p.m. in the Church



CONFIRMATION

Parent Info Meeting:
For parents of
children in Grade 7
Wednesday, 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 a different school, you can obtain a form in the church lobby.

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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #81 – "I love you!" Important words for every child to hear, but knowing what these words mean is even more significant. Loving someone is about looking outward beyond our own needs and wants to see what is best for the other; it is caring and compassion; it is empathy and mutual respect. In short, love is more about what we give to a relationship than what we get from it. For our children, teaching them about good relationships and the true meaning of love allows them to love in a mature way when they get older and to expect a healthy love for themselves.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #61 – Time for ourselves as a couple can seem like a precious commodity, especially when we have young children. Time together though, engaging with each other, having fun, sharing moments for the two of us, strengthens the bonds a couple share and deepens our love. Not having enough time to spend together, just the two of you, is not an option – book yourselves some couple time and watch your love grow stronger and your attraction for each other deepen.

Tips submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250

C.W.L. Trip to Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha

All are welcome! Join us **Thursday, October 2nd** – we will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. to carpool to the monastery in St. Agatha. Fr. Don will celebrate Mass with us at 7:00 p.m., and afterwards we will have a talk from Sister and an opportunity to purchase religious items from the monastery. The sisters always appreciate donations from visitors, and currently are most in need of monetary donations so we will be taking up a collection. Also if you wish to bring a snack to share it would be appreciated. If you plan on joining us, please sign up at the C.W.L. table in the narthex.

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 27th** 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.

THE DIOCESAN CHOIR, under the direction of Sharon Fazari, provides musical leadership at the major Diocesan liturgical celebrations each year. **Rehearsals begin Monday, October 6th** and are usually held on Mondays in Hamilton. Registration for both new and returning members is available online at the diocesan website (www.hamiltondiocese.com) or by calling the Liturgy Office at 905-528-7988 before September 24th.

RETRouvaille: You Can Help Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program which begins with a weekend on **October 24-26, 2014** in Niagara Falls please call 905-664-5212 or email retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

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