

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week

September 8 – 14, 2014

Monday (feast – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

Tuesday

7:00 pm - Int. of Ruth Hayek – *Ylanda*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of George Mainguy & Family – *C. Dokis*

Thursday

7:00 am - Int. of Ylanda

Friday

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

Saturday (memorial – St. John Chrysostom)

9:00 am - Special Int. of Caleb, Julie & the John Family

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Sat. 5:00 pm + John Hayman – *Louis & Janet Cote*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Benefactors of Kathleen Blanchard

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

Offertory Collections

Aug. 30/31, 2014

Envelope Users	\$ 3,615.00.00
Loose monies	\$ 1,401.95
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 5,016.95
Mortgage Fund	\$ 220.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MILK BAGS ... all done for now

Thank you for the tremendous support in dropping off your milk bags for the Spirit Crew's project of crafting mattresses for needy countries! **We will no longer be accepting milk bags at this time**, until further notice. Thank you.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is experiencing a shortage of food, due to an increase in clients, and is appealing to the parish for assistance.

They are especially in need of the following canned items: *soup, kidney beans, chick peas, pork & beans, tuna, salmon, vegetables, as well as peanut butter, jello and pudding.* Items can be placed in the large blue bucket in the narthex. **Thank you for your continued support!**

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. We still need a few more **volunteers** to help clean up after dinner – if you can help, please contact Cathy. Thank you!

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 on **Tues. Sept. 16th** at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Luke room.

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.

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. 18th** 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

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. You are invited to a **'Come & See'** this **Thursday, Sept. 11th** at 7:00 p.m. There will be a chance to ask questions and check out a sample video. Refreshments will be provided. Course begins Sept. 25th from 6:45 to 9 PM and runs until Nov. 27th. If 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

"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 visit

<http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/relationship-development.php>.

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.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

We have the greatest of blessings in our parish – perpetual adoration. The Lord waits for us to come and pay Him a visit. Where else can we have the Creator Himself all to ourselves, for a whole hour or even more if we wish? Open to all, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Please feel free to drop in and pray at any hour. We are also looking for people who may wish to adore the Lord regularly on a weekly basis. If you are interested in committing to a weekly hour of prayer, day or night, please contact chapel coordinator, Colette Dokis, at 519-576-7490.



“Thinking of You” ... Cards for our Parishioners

If you know of someone in St. Mark's Parish who has lost a loved one or is ill, the parish would like to send a card to express our prayerful thoughts. Please contact Marie or Betty with the **name, address and postal code** of the intended recipient, and a card will be sent on behalf of St. Mark's Parish. Information can be emailed to either:

Marie: marie_brian@sympatico.ca
or Betty: bpenticott@rogers.com



SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PROGRAMS

LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope) and **LEVEL 2 - (Accepting the Situation)** are self-help programs intended to help separated and 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. Course fee: \$35 for Level 1, and \$45 for Level 2. The courses are held **Tuesday evenings** for 11 weeks, **starting September 16th** from 7pm – 9pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener**. To register, please contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301.

HOT HAM SUPPER: Sunday, September 14th from 4 - 7 p.m. at the St. Clements Community Centre, 1 Green Street, St. Clements. Adults \$12, children (5 – 12 years) \$6 and children 4 years & under are free. Raffle prize table and quilt raffle. Fundraiser for the St. Clements Church Retro-fit Fund. For tickets call Tom and Karen Dietrich at 519-699-5314 or John and Donna Druar at 519-699-5304.

11TH ANNUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE

to the Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother in St. Agatha, **Sunday, Sept. 14th** ... Gather at Beechwood Plaza Erb St. at 12:00 noon. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30pm. 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 Available starting at \$3. Call 519-744-8330 for full details.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Join us at **St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Parish** (56 Duke Street West, Kitchener) on **Monday, September 15th** as we celebrate our Feast Day! Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 1:00 pm, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 pm and Mass at 7 pm. Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board for complete details or check out our website www.stmarysrcchurch.ca. Everyone is welcome!

BEEF & PORK DINNER: Saturday, September 20th at the **Linwood Recreation Complex**. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM. Adults - \$15.00, Child (5-12yrs.) \$7.00 and Child 4 and under Free. Door Prizes Sponsored by St. Mary's Church, Linwood and St. Joseph's Church, Macton. For tickets please call Gloria Kittel at 519-698-2577 or Bonnie Lou Denstedt at 519-698-2222.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Sunday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m. at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish** in Kitchener. Please join us with Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehm at the Mass of prayer and thanksgiving for the gift of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese. Hosted by the C.W.L., Knights of Columbus, Serra Clubs, and the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. Light refreshments and vocational materials available following Mass. All are welcome!

SUNG “ORDINARIATE USE” MASS – 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. Mgrs. 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 - contact Sandi Farwell at 519-894-4387 or sam.farwell@bell.net. If possible tickets will be available at the door. 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 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!

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