

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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship This Week

December 15 – 21, 2014

Monday

7:00 am + Anka Sladic – *Maria Schultz*

Tuesday

★ 6:30 pm + Ruth Hayek – *Ylanda*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of the Gonsalves Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

Thursday

7:00 am - In Thanksgiving – *the Hegedus family*

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Christina & Fr. McGinnity – *Evelyn Ward*

Saturday

9:00 am + Jamie Fey – *Bernadette & Barry McCourt*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Krystyna Jach – *St. Mary's Hospital CVICU*

11:30 am + Kenneth James Dawson – *Dan, Trini & Kathy*

★ *Please note time change*

Offertory Collections

Dec. 6/7, 2014

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,732.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 491.01
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,223.01
Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 965.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Times for Christmas & New Year's

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Wednesday, December 24th

• 5:00 pm • 8:00 pm • 12:00 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Thursday, December 25th

• 9:30 am • 11:30 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

Wednesday, December 31st

• 5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

Thursday, January 1st, 2015

• 9:30 am • 11:30 am



LITURGICAL ROLES

DEC. 20 - 21	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	R./J. Henri	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	C. Baumtrog	J. Germann	M. Devine
Lector:	N. Higgins	V. DeVries	M. Monte
Ushers:		B. Cutting J. Detzler	B. Voisin J. McCullough
Gift Bearers:		Rye	Maenpaa
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis L. Macedo R./P. Masbad K. Smith	A. Bendia P./B. Enticott M./L. Fernando	L. McCullough M.E. McCullough J./P. McCullough

Attention All Ministers:

If you are available to serve on Christmas or New Year's, please sign up on the pages posted on the glass at the far end of the narthex. Thanks!

Penitential Services during Advent

Sun. Dec. 14	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 15	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 15	7:30 pm	St. Louis Church, Waterloo
Tue. Dec. 16	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener
Tue. Dec. 16	7:30 pm	St. Agnes Church, Waterloo
Wed. Dec. 17	8:30 am	St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener
Wed. Dec. 17	7:30 pm	St. Michael Church, Waterloo
Thur. Dec. 18	7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo
Thur. Dec. 18	7:30 pm	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Mon. Dec. 22	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener

Individual Confessions Before Christmas

(IN THE CHAPEL)

Thurs. Dec. 18: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Fri. Dec. 19: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 20: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

and 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 23: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Catechism of the Catholic Church Compendium

Next Session: Friday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew Room (topic is The Ten Commandments). All are welcome – each session has an independent theme, so you won't seem lost.

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2015

Still available for purchase in the narthex – \$5 each

St. Mark's Prayer Network

Are you in need of Prayer? If you are experiencing loss, sadness, illness or grief, if you are struggling with questions of faith or have a particular concern, please let us know! **We have a dedicated group of people who will pray for your request. Email your prayer request to stmarkprayers@gmail.com.**



We offer our sympathy & prayers to the family and friends of **Fr. Sylwester Hasnik, O.F.M.** from Poland who presided at two Healing Masses here at St. Mark's last Fall.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.



JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

TODAY! DVD's, books, gifts on sale in narthex
 Branches Catholic Ministries, a not-for-profit lay ministry, is pleased to be visiting St. Mark's Parish **this Sunday, December 14th after both morning Masses**, and will have the newly released DVD of the epic motion picture *Mary of Nazareth* and the book entitled *The Life of Our Lady in Pictures* available for purchase (with every purchase of either item a donation will be made back to the parish). In addition, a selection of great Catholic books and gifts will be available for purchase.

★ Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines

The church bulletins for **Dec. 21, Dec. 28** and **Jan. 4** must go to print much earlier than usual, to accommodate holidays and an increased volume of printing. **If you plan on submitting an item for any of these bulletins, please note the following deadlines:**

Please email articles to the parish office no later than:	For inclusion in the bulletin that will be distributed on:
Monday, Dec. 15	Sunday, December 21
Wednesday, Dec. 17	Sunday, December 28
Tuesday, Dec. 23	Sunday, January 4, 2015

Televised Christmas Midnight Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This is the 60th year that CHCH-TV has televised the Midnight Mass which is broadcast live and then repeated at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. The televising of this celebration is made possible by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton.



**St. Paul School
 50th Anniversary Open House**

St. Paul School turned 50 in September of this year. There will be an Open House at the school on **Sunday, January 25th** from 11:00am - 1:30pm, and Father Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. will bless the school. Following that, Mass will be celebrated at 2:00pm at St. Francis Church with a reception to follow in the church hall. January 25th is a fitting day for this celebration, as it the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul!

We encourage you to drop off any memorabilia or photos that you may have from your years as a St. Paul Panther, for display at the open house. To do so, please contact St. Paul School at 519-743-4401. If you would like to assist with this event, please contact the school or Donna Henri (519-579-9492).

"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



C.W.L. CORNER ...

UPCOMING EVENTS – Mark your 2015 calendars!



- **Wed. Jan. 14** – C.W.L. Potluck – Secret prayer sisters are revealed!
- **Tue. Feb. 3** – Guest Speaker for Heart Month: Susan Dusick from St. Mary's Foundation

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SALE AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY

Daily from First Sunday of Advent until Dec. 23rd (8AM – 8PM).
 Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Cards, Knitwear, etc.
Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. 1, St. Agatha

"LONGEST NIGHT" PRAYER SERVICE – This time of year can be stressful and sad, especially when you have lost a loved one. Join us on **Monday, December 22** at 7:00pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Kitchener, for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus, and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. This Advent, let us look forward to Jesus' Coming and our reunion with our loved ones in His Kingdom.

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this 8-week DVD series by Edward Sri will take place **Saturdays at 10:00am** in the Lower Hall at **St. Mary's Church**, 56 Duke St. West, **beginning January 17**. Join us in the full study course, or just come and enjoy the DVDs and discussion. To order study guide materials contact the church office by December 18.

THURSDAY LENTEN SERIES – St. Francis and St. Michael parishes are again offering a Lenten Series on Thursday afternoons and evenings – this year about Pope Francis entitled **Francis: Inspiration and Direction**.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish: 1:00 pm Mass followed by talk at 1:30pm
St. Michael Parish, Waterloo: 7:30 – 9:00 pm talk only (no mass)

- Feb. 26** – St. Francis & St. Ignatius – *Speaker: Rev. J. de Viveiros, C.R.*
- March 5** – Major Themes of Francis – *Speaker: Rev. C. O'Mahony*
- March 12** – The Joy of the Gospel – *Speaker: Dr. J. Lombardi, Ph.D.*
- March 26** – Eye Witness to the Synod – *Speaker: Rev. T. Rosica, C.S.B.*

VOCATION OVATION BANQUET sponsored by the K- Serra Club **Wednesday, January 21st** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church** (173 Lourdes Street, Waterloo) beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm, followed by dinner in the parish hall. A panel of members of various religious congregations will speak of their vocation journey and their lives since they began their quest. We will be joined by members of the Catholic High School community who will assist with serving and will join us for our celebration. Our hosts for the evening will be Father W. Kuzma, Vocation Director for our Diocese and Father Toby Collins, C.R. the Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection. **This event will acknowledge the beginning of the "Year of Consecrated Life" proclaimed by Pope Francis.** We will continue to recognize and thank the Sisters that have fulfilled their vocations in our community.

Advance tickets are available and must be purchased by Jan. 15. Cost of the dinner is \$50.00 per person. Cheques to be made payable to KW Serra Club and can be reserved by contacting Joanne Shewchuk at 519-894-5055 or jmshechuk@outlook.com.

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