

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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DEACON: Mr. Basil Markides
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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

No Monday Mass
Tuesday - Saturday 7:00 AM
Friday 6:00 PM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Fridays 6:45 - 8:30 PM
Saturdays 7:45 - 9:30 AM

CHAPEL

Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10:00 AM
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open, see Chapel

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass.
Three separate drop-in programs for K-1,
Gr. 2-3, and Gr. 4-5. No need to register.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We would like to invite you to register. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex (lobby). Please call the parish office if you would like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM: Infant baptism is celebrated on certain Sundays at 1:30 PM. Baptism forms are available in the Narthex (lobby).

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please advise the office of area hospital admissions to request a pastoral visit or the Sacrament of the Sick.

EMERGENCY PAGER: In the event of a medical emergency, if you would like a priest to visit, call Father on the parish emergency pager at 519-585-4291.

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 arrange to have a Mass celebrated for the intentions of a living person, or for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a **separate** envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office outside of office hours. The 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 narthex (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 recommends an offering of \$10.00.

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 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 PM on a Friday | <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) is directly related to the number of requests we receive, and how far in advance we receive them. We recommend submitting your request at least 2-3 months in advance.

Requested by: _____

*Daytime Phone Number: _____

* We will attempt to contact you by phone if we are unable to accommodate your request.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 14

7:00 AM Mass + All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, August 15

7:00 AM Mass + Albert and Mary Schefter

Thursday, August 16

7:00 AM Mass - Intentions of Anna Ohl

Friday, August 17

7:00 AM Mass + Rudy Bertsch
6:00 PM Mass - Intentions of the Flynn Family

Saturday, August 18

7:00 AM Mass - Intentions of Helen Reinhardt
5:00 PM Mass - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sunday, August 19

9:30 AM Mass - Intentions of Jenny Smith
11:30 AM Mass + Fergus Hartman

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel: John 6:51-58

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 14 9:00 AM – 12 NOON
Wednesday, August 15 ... 9:00 AM – 12 NOON
Friday, August 17 9:00 AM – 12 NOON



Food Drive

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society distributed 41 hampers to families in our area in June, and 34 in July. At this time we find our supply of food is low, as is the Food Bank's. We are going to place a container in the lobby, in hopes that you may be able to assist us with the foods we need.

At this time we are in need of: peanut butter, canned pasta (alphagetti, spaghetti), canned fruit, canned vegetables, and baking mixes. We do appreciate your continuing support. Thank you!

Twilight Marian Procession



The St. Mark's Legion of Mary would like to invite you to attend the Second Annual Marian Neighborhood Procession this **Wednesday, August 15th**

Commemorating the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, the evening will begin with **Mass at 7:45 p.m., followed by an outdoor procession at 8:30 p.m.** with the statue of Mary proudly leading the way on the shoulders of some of the participants.

Bring your Rosary with you (there are plenty of extras if you don't have one!), and be sure to dress appropriately for the weather, as this will be an outdoor procession rain or shine.

If anyone is interested in carrying the statue of Mary in our procession, or for more information on the evening, Georgia Paget and Stephanie Baskerville will be happy to help you. Georgia can be reached at 519-208-2053 or email her at georgialangdon@hotmail.com. Stephanie can be reached at sbaskerville@sympatico.ca.

For Adults (16+) Interested in Conversion

One of the chief works of the Church is to instruct people in the faith. There are always people being directed by the Holy Spirit to join the Church. If you or someone you know is interested then let us know as soon as possible. Many details must be discussed, of course, and we will do so at the appropriate time. For now, fill out the form below and get it to the office or to me personally. Keep praying for guidance and above all do everything possible to get to Mass every Sunday. May the Lord bring to completion the good work He has begun in you. God Bless. – Fr. Don

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

P.S. – We need to discuss and complete forms that determine your baptismal status, marriage status, etc. This will be done in the strictest form of confidentiality.

How well do you know the C.W.L.?

This Week's Question:

What was the first societal issue addressed at the first "conference" in Montréal?



Last Week's Answer: Our Lady of Guadalupe

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Annulments...

Dear People of God,

Still, people are confused on the whole matter of annulments. Only the other day, I was asked, "why does a divorced non-catholic need an annulment if they wish to re-marry with a Catholic?"

The simplest answer is that marriages between non-catholics are just as valid as those celebrated in the Catholic Church. Even non-baptized or non-religious people are bound by the Creator's mandate that no man shall divide what God has joined. Long before there was marriage as a sacrament, there existed marriage in the natural order, which too was established by God Himself. God's law is binding for all – believer and non-believer alike.

So what is an annulment? Is it not just a euphemism for Catholic divorce? I can see how some may think this way, but it is not the case. Annulments are declarations that there really was no marriage (in the truest sense of the word) right from the get-go, right from the time the wedding took place.

Some of the grounds for declaring a marriage null are as follows: the marriage was not or could not be consummated; entering a marriage due to force or fear; the lack of capability to enter marriage validly due to serious 'psychic' or psychological reasons. The grounds for declaring a marriage null and void must be established beyond a reasonable doubt by those well trained in the theology of marriage and church law.

Can a divorced Catholic receive Holy Communion?

Yes, so long as they have not entered another marriage outside the Church. Sometimes a civil divorce is necessary to legally divide assets in irreconcilable situations. Still, the law of God is binding – they are married in God's eyes and bound to marital fidelity. As one outstanding Catholic woman said to me: "I'll be faithful to the 'worse' part of our marriage vows because I promised to, and I'll be there to forgive should he decide to come back." This is possible only by divine grace.

Can a divorced Catholic person living in a marriage outside the Church ever receive the Eucharist again?

Marriage is an exclusive "two in one flesh" union. Unless a spouse dies, or a previous marriage has been annulled, a second "two in one flesh" cannot be entered into. No Catholic, therefore, can receive the Eucharist while they are violating this law. Only a month and a half ago, I anointed, confessed, and gave the Eucharist to a lady who had lived with another man for thirty years. She never went to communion during this time – rightly so. However, at the time of her approaching death, and with no possibility of further breaking the vows to her first husband, she made her peace with God. Happily, the Church could open the doors for this humble, repentant lady whose earthly life was coming to an end.

Finally, we should not judge those who, through human weakness and sinfulness, have drifted from the Church's teaching on marriage. God knows that, in some way or another, we have all failed Him. Yet, we must uphold the Lord's teaching – we do not believe in divorce.

How can we better prepare our youth for marriage, or priesthood, or religious life? I can give some thoughts on this in a future bulletin...

- Fr. Don

Modesty... (from other parish bulletins)

This is the virtue that flows from two Cardinal virtues – Temperance and Charity.

Temperance moderates the senses, the appetites and the emotions. As we grow older (childhood to adolescence and beyond) we cover up more and more in public to avoid drawing excessive attention to ourselves and provoking responses in others that can cause them to devour and consume another's beauty as opposed to just appreciate it. When going out in public ask: "will my manner of dress cause another to stare and even (bottom line) possibly cause another to sin?"

Modesty is respect for self (I am not an object to be glared at) and others, so that I may not be a source of undue distraction to them. Modesty at home with the family will differ somewhat from how it is displayed at church, funeral homes, and sporting events. The big question is: what effect am I trying to create? There is nothing wrong with looking beautiful or handsome. Seductive, hot-to-trot, is not the norm for a Christian who wishes to be (even in their physical demeanor) a light to others.

St. Paul said to women: "Cover yourselves (i.e. your beauty) for the sake of the angels."

- Fr. Don

To all the leaders of all parish ministries, groups & societies:

Thank you, on behalf of all, for the good work that you do for your parish.

I wish to ask of you a favour. Could the leaders of each of the above write on a sheet of paper your name, address and phone number and a description of your work in the parish? Most especially, I would like to know of any who are involved in sacramental preparation.

Place the information in an envelope and write "Fr. Don" or "Pastor" on it, and drop it into the collection basket on Sunday. I'll ask the money counters to gather these envelopes so I can review them and keep the information in a binder for personal knowledge and reference. If you think it might help me – write it down and send it in. Thank you very much.

As an aside, it is truly a wonderful thing to see the good people of this parish and city praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Ten thousand parish programs (as important as they are) do not have the intrinsic value of the countless visits to Our Lord. Remember to pray for others.

- Fr. Don

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