

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 and 3:45 - 4:45 PM
or at other times by appointment.

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. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Parents and godparents are requested to come to the 11:30 AM Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and stay for a brief preparation meeting.

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.

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 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 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 recommends an offering of \$10.

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 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship This Week

December 3 - 9, 2012

Monday (memorial – St. Francis Xavier)
7:00 AM + Judith Loose

Tuesday
7:00 PM - Int. of Ron Blanchard – Kathleen

Wednesday
7:00 AM + Phil Johnson

Thursday
7:00 AM - Int. of Gregory Merkley

Friday (memorial – St. Ambrose)
7:00 AM + Souls in Purgatory

Saturday (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
9:00 AM - Int. of Ron Blanchard – Kathleen

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

SAT. 5:00 PM + John Chircoski – Chircoski Family

SUN. 9:30 AM + Marie & Doug Riedel
& the Parents I Never Knew – Larry Riedel
11:30 AM + Anna Tong Thi Chi – Hoang Son Ng
- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's



The Virtues – Channels of God's Grace

On Thursday, December 6th we will begin a series of 13 evenings based on **Living a Virtuous Life**. Virtues are the good habits of life, without which we cannot channel or turn into action the graces that are given to us by God. During these sessions we will speak on a given virtue, for instance: **chastity, humility, temperance, courage, justice, charity**, etc.

Each evening will be about 1 hour long, consisting of a talk, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, petition, public prayer, and will conclude with Benediction. All are welcome to come.

The first evening (**Thurs. Dec. 6th at 7:00 p.m.**) we will have what some have called an "explained Mass." The mass will take on a slightly different format, without interrupting or altering the integrity nor the reverence of the Mass.

During this celebration we will discuss things like:

- why do we call this celebration the "mass";
- what do the vestments mean and represent;
- why does the priest wash his hands;
- what are the Epiclesis and the Anamnesis of the mass;
- why does the priest break a small piece of the host into the chalice;
- why do we say "the Lord be with you" so many times during the Mass?

I hope this will help us all to understand the Mass more, so as to be able to enter into the sacred mystery more fully.

All are welcome to attend. A schedule will be given out to all at the first evening, and will also be published in the bulletin. God bless.

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." – St. Paul



Office Hours This Week

December 3-7, 2012

Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Offertory Last Week: Nov. 24/25, 2012

Envelope Users	\$ 3,127.00
Loose monies	\$ 455.32
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,582.32
Parish Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 246.00
St. Vincent de Paul White Box Collection	\$953.18

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

Our Parish's Ministry for Youth ~ Grade 6 and Up

■ Community Service Event For High School Youth

Friday, December 7th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

We will be attending the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Warehouse in Waterloo. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 6:20 p.m. and returning at approximately 10 p.m. Please wear closed toe shoes and warm clothing. Please email Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com if you would like to attend this fun and rewarding event.

■ Next Faith-Sharing

Friday, December 14th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church

All youth in grades 6 and up are welcome! Please bring a bible, a journal and your enthusiasm. A free will offering will be accepted for the snack that will be provided. Please make sure you reply to the leadership team by email so we have an opportunity to provide enough snack: the.boettgers@sympatico.ca. If you have any questions please call Kate or Tom Boettger at 519-745-6065.

Christmas Pageant

O Come, Let Us Adore Him! The time has come to start practicing for this year's Christmas Pageant.

There is no age restriction this year - all are welcome. **Practices will be held on Sundays after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

If you are interested in acting, singing or dancing in the pageant this year, please contact Stephanie Baskerville for more information at sbaskerville@sympatico.ca.



Films, Fellowship & Faith

Hosted by our Women's Prayer Night group, **every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.** All ladies welcome! Please bring any prayer requests with you for Intercessory Rosary following the DVD.

"Marriage in the Lord: Poured Out For Love" by Deacon J. Keating
Dec. 5: Part 2 of 8 **Dec. 12:** Part 3 of 8 **Dec. 19:** Part 4 of 8
(REMAINDER OF THIS SERIES TO RESUME IN JANUARY)

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2013
Available for purchase in the narthex – \$5 each.

Altar Server Training

The Altar Server ministry at St. Mark's Parish is an important way for our youth to participate at Mass. **This ministry is open to boys and girls who are in grade 3 or older.** Mr. Tom Germann will be holding **two training sessions** for those interested in learning this ministry:



Mon., December 10th from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wed., December 12th from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

If you would like to join, please fill out an "Altar Server Information Form" (found in the narthex) and drop it in the collection basket before Sun. Dec. 9th. Thank you!

Angel Tree

There are still many angel tags left on the Angel Tree in the narthex. If you would like to buy a gift to make Christmas special for a child, please choose an angel, purchase your gifts, and **return them to the church (unwrapped) with the angel attached before Saturday, December 8th.** (Please do not buy clothing, as we do not know the sizes – winter accessories accepted). Gift certificates are always appreciated, especially for older children. If you happen to have extra wrapping paper or bags that you are willing to donate, we would certainly appreciate them. Thank you for your ongoing support! - *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*



★ Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines

The church bulletins for **Dec. 16th, Dec. 23rd, Dec. 30th** and **Jan. 6th** 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 submit articles to the parish office no later than:	For inclusion in the bulletin that will be distributed on:
Friday, Dec. 7 th	Sunday, December 16 th
Wednesday, Dec. 12 th	Sunday, December 23 rd
Monday, Dec. 17 th	Sunday, December 30 th
Friday, Dec. 28 th	Sunday, January 6 th , 2013

Winterlude 2013

10th ANNUAL DINNER, SILENT AUCTION & DANCE

Saturday, January 26th, 2013

The Winterlude 2013 Team is soliciting items, from members of our parish, to be bid on and sold at the Silent Auction during Winterlude 2013. All proceeds from this event assist St. Mark's Parish Mortgage Fund and St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Charities. If you wish to donate items, please contact John Deneau before January 20th at jdeneau@sympatico.ca.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's are back!

Browse the selection at the kiosk in the church lobby.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CD IS:

"The True Meaning of Christmas"

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with

Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favourite!

C.W.L. Corner ...

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.



■ C.W.L. POTLUCK: Monday, December 3rd

Rosary in the Church at 6pm, Potluck in the Hall at 6:45pm.

All CWL members are invited to join us -- new members are most welcome! We will have a wonderful evening including: "Take that Seat" Presentation; Interactive activity; Secret Prayer Sister Reveal (*bring a card for the sister that you have been praying for this past year*); Pick a new Secret Prayer Sister. **Please bring your own place setting** (plate, cup and cutlery) – this is a no kitchen-work event!

We will be collecting for Anselma House this month, so please bring one of the following items with you to the potluck, unwrapped, and we will deliver these gifts to the mothers and children at Anselma House. Thank you for your generosity:

- feminine hygiene products (*tampons/pads*)
- hair products – styling products, accessories etc. (*please NO shampoo/conditioner - we have lots!*)
- pajamas in all sizes for mothers/children
- diapers (size 6 is most needed), baby wipes, laundry baskets

■ EXECUTIVE ELECTION: Tuesday, January 22nd

Mass at 6:00 p.m., Election at 7:00 p.m.

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: This past National President's term was from 1958-1960 – she was honoured at St. Thomas University in Chatham, New Brunswick with an Honourary Doctor of Laws Degree. What is her name?

Last Week's Answer: *The first President of the Catholic Women's League of Canada was Miss Bellelle Guerin from Montreal, Quebec.*

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in our church to be a powerful help to prayer, to the service of others and to provide spiritual food.

"God is the friend of silence. We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. See how nature, the trees, the flowers, the grasses grow in perfect silence ... see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life." (Mother Teresa)

You have a special hour of silence waiting for you.

Please call Colette Dokis at 519-576-7490 if you have any questions.



VACANT HOURS requiring a weekly adorer:

- Wednesday 1-2am
- Thursday 4-5pm
- Thursday 5-6pm
- Saturday 3-4pm
- Sunday 2-3am
- Sunday 3-4am
- Sunday 2-3pm
- Sunday 3-4pm

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land: November 11-20, 2013

(Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, Jerusalem, and much more!)

Fr. Don Sanvido and **Fr. Ed Mahony** will be the priest chaplains for this pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The tour is organized through Skylink Holidays, the tour leader being Louise Kunkel. The total cost of the trip is \$2,998 canadian, plus taxes. This figure is based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$500 is required to secure one spot on this tour. For registration forms you may contact Fr. Don at St. Mark's Parish (519-571-9200). For further info, contact Joanne Cothran at Skylink Holidays (1-866-296-3345) or Louise Kunkel, Tour Leader at 905-664-1871.

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