

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

220 - 1

Worship This Week

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT
December 10 – 16, 2012



Monday

7:00 AM - World Peace – Greg Merkley

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Jack Soares – Maria

Wednesday (feast – Our Lady of Guadalupe)

7:00 AM - Int. of Ron Blanchard – Kathleen

Thursday (memorial – St. Lucy)

7:00 AM + Mark Spencer – Gayle Cunningham

Friday (memorial – St. John of the Cross)

7:00 AM + Souls in Purgatory

Saturday

9:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

SAT. 5:00 PM + Mrs. Mary Hegedus – Mary K. Hegedus/Cole

SUN. 9:30 AM + Anna Tong Thi Chi – Hoang Son Ng

11:30 AM - Int. of Ron Blanchard – Kathleen
and the Parishioners of St. Mark's



Office Hours This Week

December 10-14, 2012

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

Offertory Last Week: Dec. 1/2, 2012

Envelope Users	\$ 4,715.15
Loose monies	\$ 459.98
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 5,175.13
Parish Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 753.00

Novena to the Infant Jesus

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, **December 16th to 25th**. You can participate by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: *Carmel of Saint Joseph, R.R. # 1, St. Agatha, Ontario NOB 2L0.*

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

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

■ **Next Faith-Sharing: Pizza with the Padre!**

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

Come and join us for an evening of Pizza with the Padre. Fr. Don will be joining us for an evening where we can explore our faith together. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask Fr. Don any questions you may have regarding faith, church, catholic teachings, etc. You do need to let us know if you will be joining us so that we can be prepared to have enough Pizza for all!! Please email the.boettgers@sympatico.ca to let us know you will be coming. Please bring your questions with you.

The Virtues – Channels of God's Grace

Our Catholic Faith is a 13-week series offered by Fr. Don for the parishioners of St. Mark's. It began Dec. 6th with a Teaching Mass (an explanation of the Mass).

This series is intended to set aside time during our busy lives to be with the Lord in a deeper way and to learn about our Catholic faith.

Each evening begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and continues with a reading from scripture or catechism; a 10-15 min. talk about that week's featured Virtue; silent prayer; petitions or litany; blessing and Benediction. All are welcome!

Topics will include:

Dec. 13: What are the Virtues?	Jan. 31: Temperance
Dec. 20: Faith	Feb. 7: Fortitude
Jan. 3: Hope	Feb. 14: Humility
Jan. 10: Chastity	Feb. 21: Chastity, Modesty & Self Control
Jan. 17: Justice	Feb. 28: Fidelity
Jan. 24: Wisdom	Mar. 7: The Meaning of Fasting & Abstinence

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 are 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 at sbaskerville@sympatico.ca.

Confessions During Advent

In the confessional in the chapel. Enter door nearest Driftwood Dr.

Sat. Dec. 15:	9:30 am - 10:30 am	and 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
	<i>(and after the 5 pm Mass in the St. Luke's Room)</i>	
Tue. Dec. 18:	9:00 am - 10:30 am	and 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Wed. Dec. 19:	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	and 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
Thur. Dec. 20:	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	
Fri. Dec. 21:	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
Sat. Dec. 22:	9:30 am - 10:30 am	and 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
Mon. Dec. 24:	9:30 am - 10:30 am	(no evening confessions)

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. 12: Part 3 of 8 **Dec. 19:** Part 4 of 8

(REMAINDER OF THIS SERIES TO RESUME IN JANUARY)

Books & CD's available for purchase in the Narthex:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>COST</u>
The Faith We Believe: Unpacking the Creed	FREE!
Rediscover Catholicism (by Matthew Kelly)	\$3.00
2013 Sunday Missal (New Saint Joseph).....	\$5.00
Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's (various titles)	\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20

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!

★ 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:
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

Please note: The deadline for the Dec. 16th bulletin has passed.

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.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

This Advent come and spend some time each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus "waits for us in this Sacrament of Love," where He appeals to each one of us: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (MATTHEW 6:40).

This time that Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent any way you want to: reading the Holy Bible; praying the Holy Rosary; with your favorite prayer book; speaking to Jesus heart to heart, as one does with a friend; you may be so tired or troubled or worn out, that you may just want to sit and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being with the One who loves you the most, Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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



VACANT HOURS requiring a weekly adorator:

- Monday 9-10am
- Wednesday 3-4am
- Saturday 3-4pm
- Sunday 5-6am
- Sunday 2-3pm
- Sunday 3-4pm

Mass Times for Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE: Monday, December 24th

- 5:00 pm
- 8:00 pm
- 12:00 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY: Tuesday, December 25th

- 9:30 am
- 11:30 am

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.



■ 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: Who wrote "C.W.L. in the Post Vatican II World?"

Last Week's Answer: *Grace L. Coughlin* was honoured at St. Thomas University (Chatham, N.B.) with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree.

Looking for that last minute stocking stuffer for that special lady in your life? Why not purchase a Catholic Women's League gift membership for her ... \$25 will give her a year of strength in her faith, fellowship, personal fulfillment, and is a positive way to stay connected to her parish. To purchase her gift membership, please contact Donna Henri @ 519-579-9492 or by email at stmarkcwl@gmail.com.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's are back!

Thank you to everyone who supported Lighthouse Catholic Media last weekend and acquired CD's. We are sure they will be a blessing to you and your family. The display kiosk will remain in the Narthex and new titles will continually be added. Of course the CD's make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends, and can fit easily into a Christmas card or stocking. Also, as CD's are often passed on, you never know who might end up listening to them and how the faith may be spread. Thank you again for your support.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CD IS:

"Prepare the Way of the King"

Dr. Scott Hahn is one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today. Discover what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth

of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind – Jesus Christ.

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.

Mass Times for New Year's

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Monday, December 31st

- 5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Tuesday, January 1st, 2013

- 9:30 am
- 11:30 am

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