

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. 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. 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship This Week

December 16 – 22, 2013

Monday

7:00 am + Rita Bordeleau – Pam Lewington

Tuesday

7:00 pm + Elena Pestrutu – Pestrutu Family

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Jenny

Thursday

7:00 am + June Hewson – Louis & Janet Cote

Friday

7:00 am + David Baggey – Baggey Family

Saturday

9:00 am + James Fitzgerald – Michael O'Connell

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Sat. 5:00 pm + Souls in Purgatory – *Henrique Da Silva*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am - Int. of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League

Offertory Collections

December 8, 2013

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,831.25
Loose monies.....	\$ 469.32
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,300.57
Mortgage Fund.....	\$467.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Advent Penitential Services

DATE	TIME	CHURCH
Mon. Dec. 9	7:00 PM	St. Agatha (St. Agatha)
Wed. Dec. 11	7:00 PM	St. Francis (Kitchener)
Wed. Dec. 11	7:00 PM	St. Mary's (Linwood)
Thur. Dec. 12	11:00 AM	St. Anne's (Kitchener)
Fri. Dec. 13	7:00 PM	St. Mark's (Kitchener)
Sun. Dec. 15	3:00 PM	Sacred Heart (Kitchener)
Mon. Dec. 16	7:00 PM	St. Mary's (Kitchener)
Mon. Dec. 16	7:00 PM	St. Clement's (St. Clements)
Tues. Dec. 17	7:00 PM	St. Teresa of Avila (Elmira)
Tues. Dec. 17	7:30 PM	St. Joseph's (Kitchener)
Wed. Dec. 18	7:30 PM	St. Aloysius (Kitchener)
Thur. Dec. 19	7:00 PM	Blessed Sacrament (Kitchener)

Individual Confessions at St. Mark's

DATE	TIME
Tue. Dec. 17	3:00 – 4:00 PM
Wed. Dec. 18	10:30 – 11:30 AM
Fri. Dec. 20	3:00 – 4:00 PM
Sat. Dec. 21	9:30 – 10:30 AM & 3:45 – 4:45 PM
Mon. Dec. 23	10:30 – 11:30 AM
Tue. Dec. 24	10:30 – 11:30 AM

LITURGICAL ROLES

Dec. 21 & 22	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	R./J. Henri R. Vezensyi	A./R. Maenpaa, A. Paz
Commentator:	C. Dokis	B. Sawarna	T. Boettger
Lector:	K. Smith	D. Bristol	K. Philips
Ushers:	J./L. Deneau	D./M. Walser	B./K./B./E. Starr
Gift Bearers:	Loth	Coutinho	Petrovich/Hartwell
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis K. Friesen R./P. Masbad	C. Haid M./L. Fernando K. Friesen L. Riedel	B./C. Voisin M./L. Fernando E. Weiss

Attention All Ministers:

If you are available to serve on **Christmas Eve** or **Christmas Day**, please sign up on the pages posted on the glass at the far end of the narthex.

Angel Tree

Today (Sun. Dec. 15) is the deadline for dropping off gifts. Please place them, unwrapped, under the Angel tree, with the angel tag attached.

If you happen to have extra wrapping paper or bags that you are willing to donate, we would certainly appreciate them.

Also, anyone willing to volunteer their time to help with sorting and distribution, please sign up in the narthex.

FURNITURE WANTED: We have a young mother that is in need of a twin bed for her son, a headboard and frame for a double bed, and also a dresser. If you are able to assist with any of these items, please call the society at 519-571-8485.

Thank you for your ongoing support! - *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

★ Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines

The church bulletins for **Dec. 29th** and **Jan. 5th** 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:
Monday, Dec. 16 th	Sunday, December 29 th
Friday, Dec. 27 th	Sunday, January 5 th , 2014

Please note: The Dec. 22nd bulletin has already gone to print.

Coffee Sundays at St. Mark's

In the past, Coffee Sundays were a monthly event at St. Mark's Parish. This community-focused event was a great way to get to know fellow parishioners. **We would like to resurrect Coffee Sundays**, but our co-ordinator cannot do it alone! This event requires approx. 2 volunteers per Mass (6 people per month). **If you are interested in helping out, please contact Denise Case at 519-744-1368 or sdcase@rogers.com** and provide your contact information, best Mass time, and mention any weekends that you may not be available. Denise will then create a volunteer list and contact you with your assigned weekend and Mass time.





New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2014

Available for purchase in the narthex – \$5 each.

Catechism Compendium

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a wonderful resource to learn more about Christianity and our Catholic faith. Join Fr. Don twice a month on Friday evenings for an opportunity to dig into our catechism using the shorter, concise compendium. Each evening we will begin with a traditional Catholic prayer taken from the Catechism, followed by a 45-minute presentation, questions, and a closing prayer taken from the Catechism.

All are welcome, even if you did not sign up.

Come to one, some, or all:

Friday, Dec. 20	7:00 pm	I Believe in God the Father
Friday, Jan. 10	7:00 pm	I Believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God
Friday, Jan. 24	7:00 pm	I Believe in the Holy Spirit
Friday, Feb. 7	7:00 pm	The Sacramental Economy, and the Liturgy
Friday, Feb. 21	7:00 pm	The Seven Sacraments
Friday, March 7	7:30 pm	Dignity of the Human Person
Friday, March 21	7:30 pm	The Human Community
Friday, April 4	7:30 pm	The 10 Commandments
Friday, April 25	7:00 pm	The Last 7 Commandments
Friday, May 9	7:00 pm	Prayer in the Christian Life
Friday, May 23	7:00 pm	The Lord's Prayer

Andrew Dinners – First step in discerning the priesthood

Young men between the ages of 17 – 40 who are thinking about the priesthood are invited to a dinner, prayer, and social with a few priests from the area. We call these gatherings “Andrew Dinners,” after St. Andrew who brought St. Peter to Jesus.

This is a great opportunity to get to know priests in a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere. In Kitchener, Andrew Dinners are hosted by Fr. Michael King on the 3rd Saturday of each month at **St. Anthony Daniel’s Church Rectory**. Next Dinner is **Sat. Dec. 21st at 7:00 p.m.** If you wish to attend please register by contacting Fr. Kuzma, Vocation Director, at www.vocationinfo.ca.

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C.W.L. Corner ...

■ **St. Mark C.W.L. Parish Anniversary Events**

St. Mark CWL is excited to share an update on our 25th Anniversary events. **As a result of our successful card party, we were able to donate \$1,000 toward the cost of our anniversary celebrations.** The touch quilt project was a huge success, exceeding our goal of one quilt for each of our parish's 25 years. An impressive 33 quilts will be donated to the Alzheimer Society.

Thank you to our C.W.L. members and parishioners for your support in 2013 and to the C.W.L. members who participated in the honour guard at our Anniversary Mass. We look forward to welcoming current and new members at our 2014 events.

Mass Times for Christmas & New Year's

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Tuesday, December 24th

• 5:00 pm • 8:00 pm • 12:00 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Wednesday, December 25th

• 9:30 am • 11:30 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

Tuesday, December 31st

• 5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

Wednesday, January 1st, 2014

• 9:30 am • 11:30 am



CARMELITE CHRISTMAS SALE – Homemade jams, jellies, baked fruit loaves, at the Monastery, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road in St Agatha.

Sale on every day from First Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve, from 8am until 8pm.

LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE – This time of year can be stressful and sad, especially when you have lost a loved one. Join us **Friday, December 20** at 7pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kit., 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.

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS LIFE BANQUET – This year His Excellency, Bishop Daniel Miehm will be the celebrant and guest speaker at the Annual Religious Life Banquet sponsored by the K-W Serra Club. The event will be held on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014** beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Mass will be followed by dinner and our guest speaker. All parishioners are invited to join with us to recognize and thank the Sisters who have fulfilled their vocation so faithfully in our community. This celebration will be held at **“Conestogo Place” 110 Manitou Drive, Kitchener** (the former K. of C. Hall). Tickets must be purchased before **Monday, January 13**. Cost of the dinner is \$50 per person (this includes wine with your meal). Cheques to be made payable to KW Serra Club. For tickets please contact Joanne Shewchuk 519-894-5055 or fshewchuk@kw.igs.net.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY – The **St. Louis** Catholic Women’s League is holding their Annual Card Party on **January 29, 2014** 53 Allen Street East, Waterloo (enter off Willow Street) at 7:00 p.m. Light lunch and refreshments will be served. Door prizes. Admission \$8.00 (please bring your own cards).

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