

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Worship This Week

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT  
December 17-23, 2012



**Monday**

7:00 AM + John Fitzgerald – Julie Burkholder

**Tuesday**

7:00 PM - Int. of all benefactors of Greg Merkley – Greg M.

**Wednesday**

7:00 AM + Manuel Bernardo – Julie Burkholder

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

7:00 AM - Int. of Fr. Don Sanvido – Greg Merkely

**Saturday**

9:00 AM + Souls in Purgatory

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45*

**SAT. 5:00 PM** + John Chircoski – Fran and family  
and the Parishioners of St. Mark's

**SUN. 9:30 AM** + Leonard Duffy – Brenda & Dan Recoskie  
**11:30 AM** + Anthony Hayek – Ylanda Ioannidis



### Office Hours This Week

December 17-21, 2012

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

### Offertory Last Week

Dec. 8/9, 2012

Envelope Users ..... \$ 3,213.00  
Loose monies ..... \$ 557.24  
**TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS ..... \$ 3,770.24**  
Parish Mortgage Fund..... \$ 425.00

## Mass Times for Christmas & New Year's

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

• 5:00 pm • 8:00 pm • 12:00 midnight\*

\* Starting an ½ hour before Midnight Mass, our 11:30 choir will be singing Christmas Carols – all are welcome to join in!

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

• 9:30 am • 11:30 am

**NEW YEAR'S EVE:**

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

• 5:00 pm

**NEW YEAR'S DAY:**

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013**

• 9:30 am • 11:30 am



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

TITLE	COST
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

### The Virtues – Channels of God's Grace

**Our Catholic Faith** is a 13-week series offered on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** by Fr. Don for the parishioners of St. Mark's. It began Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> with 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!

**Upcoming Topics:**

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

### 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.

**Dec. 19:** "Marriage in the Lord: Poured Out For Love" (Part 4/8) by Deacon J. Keating (remainder of this series to resume in January)

### Confessions During Advent

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

<b>Tue. Dec. 18:</b>	9:00 am - 10:30 am	and 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
<b>Wed. Dec. 19:</b>	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	and 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
<b>Thur. Dec. 20:</b>	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	
<b>Fri. Dec. 21:</b>	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
<b>Sat. Dec. 22:</b>	9:30 am - 10:30 am	and 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
<b>Mon. Dec. 24:</b>	9:30 am - 10:30 am	(no evening confessions)

### Midnight Mass Televised

**CHCH-TV Channel 11** (Hamilton) will broadcast Christmas Midnight Mass, live from the Cathedral of Christ the King, on December 24 starting with Carols at 11:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D., Bishop of Hamilton. The Mass will be repeated on CHTV on Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m.



★ **Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines**

The church bulletins for **Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>** and **Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 either 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. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, December 30 <sup>th</sup>
Friday, Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2013

Please note: The Dec. 23rd bulletin has already gone to print.

**Winterlude 2013**

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNER, SILENT AUCTION & DANCE  
Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> at [jdeneau@sympatico.ca](mailto: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 adorers:**

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

**Parenting Tip of the Month** (Tip #66) – In the Christmas carol, 'Do You Hear What I Hear?' the words, "He will bring us goodness and light" are repeated twice at the end of the song. It is an important message to help our children understand – Jesus brings us goodness and light for our everyday living. He shows us how to live through the Gospels, he nourishes us through the Eucharist, and he listens and responds to our prayers. For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts, it is the promise, through Jesus, of goodness and light in our lives. Parents who help their children know and understand this give their children a gift to last a lifetime.

**Marriage Tip of the Month** (Tip #46) – Christmas can be a stressful time for couples trying to meet the demands of the season. Take a quiet moment, just the two of you, to ask each other what the most important part of the Christmas season is for each of you. When this is determined, you can easily negotiate how to change, cancel, or negotiate other obligations that are causing stress, so you are in control. It will mean a more joyful season, with love filling the air, not words spoken in anger due to stress.

(Tips submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, Hamilton Diocese)

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Mass at 6:00 p.m., Election at 7:00 p.m.

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

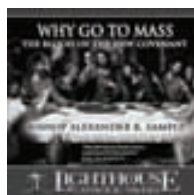
**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** Two people founded Canadian Food for Children, a national network of food distribution in more than 30 countries around the world. St. Mark's CWL had them as guest speakers in April. What are their names?

**Last Week's Answer:** "C.W.L. in the Post Vatican II World" was written by Past National President Catherine Toal from London, Ontario (1965-66)

**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](mailto:stmarkcwl@gmail.com).

**Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's are back!**

We are sure these CD's 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 for your support.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CD IS:

**"Why Go To Mass:  
The Blood of the New Covenant"**

If you ever feel bored at Mass or think that you don't get much out of it, this talk is for you. Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample, Bishop of Marquette, provides theological and practical reasons why we need to come to a deeper understanding of the nature of the Mass. By understanding the Mass as a sacrifice and a sacred banquet, we can tap into the transforming power offered whenever we worship.

**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.

**Message from the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Advent**  
(John 3:16) ... "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire ..."

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