

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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Worship This Week

Feb. 3 – 9, 2014

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of the Flynn Family – *Noreen Flynn*

Tuesday (memorial – St. Thomas Aquinas)

7:00 pm + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Wednesday (memorial – St. Agatha)

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

Thursday (memorial – St. Paul Miki and companions)

7:00 am - Special Intention

Friday

7:00 am + Anthony Hayek – *Ylanda*

Saturday

9:00 am - Special Intention

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58:6-10+; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Sat. 5:00 pm + Maria Colao & Maria Colao – *Maria Lagonia*

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

11:30 am + Ronald & Kathleen Blanchard – *J. & L. Cote*

BLESSING OF THROATS THIS WEEKEND (Feb. 1 & 2): Following each Mass this weekend, Fr. Don and Deacon Basil will bless throats. This traditional blessing is connected with the Feast of St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr of the Church. All may receive this blessing if they so choose. The blessing goes as follows: *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may you be delivered from all ailments of the throat and from all other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

Offertory Collections

Jan. 25/26, 2014

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,301.25
Loose monies.....	\$508.61
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,809.86
Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 465.00

Thank you for your generosity!



SPIRIT CREW

St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (Grade 6 and Up)

■ OUTDOOR WINTER SKATING: Friday, Feb. 7th

The Spirit Crew will be going skating from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (approx.) at **Waterloo Towne Square**. We will be leaving the Church parking lot at 7:00 p.m. and travelling to the rink. If you wish to attend, please fill out a permission form located on the Spirit Crew bulletin board and **return your signed form to the Spirit Crew Mailbox** (located on the back wall of the narthex) **by Monday, February 3rd** as we need to plan for drivers. Please contact Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com for more details.

■ NEXT FAITH SHARING: Friday, February 14th from 7-9 p.m.

Please come and join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snack that will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending! Email Lisa at lmaenpaa@primus.ca or Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

LITURGICAL ROLES

FEB. 8 & 9	SAT. 5:00 PM	SUN. 9:30 AM	SUN. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	R./J. Henri D. Bristol	A./R. Maenpaa A. Paz
Commentator:	K. Friesen	T. Angel	J. Petrovich
Lector:	V. De Vries	B. Crawley	P. Masbad
Ushers:	A./T. Montag	D./M. Walsler	B./K./B./E. Starr
Gift Bearers:	Loth	Germann	Maenpaa
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis N./K. Higgins G./T. MacNeil	T. Angel B. Seaward P./B. Enticott	B./C. Voisin D. Henri A. Monte A. Joseph

Altar Servers for Weddings

Dear Altar Servers: We have two weddings coming up fairly soon – one in Feb. and one in March. If you would like to serve at either wedding, please email your name and phone number to Pam at the parish office (stmark@rogers.com) and indicate which date you would like to serve. We need 2 servers for each wedding. In order to give all interested servers a fair chance to sign up, please volunteer for one wedding only. As the date of each wedding gets closer, Pam will give you a call or email to remind you of your commitment.

Winter Wedding Dates:

- Saturday, February 15th 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 1st 3:00 p.m.

Summer wedding dates will be announced in the Spring.



Mary Needs You!

The St. Mark's Legion of Mary is always looking for new members and we want to add YOU to our Legion! We are looking for members who are at least 18 years of age, interested in learning more about their Catholic faith and want to be a part of the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church! If you're interested in finding out more about our Blessed Mother, think you may have a calling to Her, or want to make a difference in gathering people back into Christ's flock, you should definitely come check us out. **We hold our meetings every Tuesday night after the 7:00 p.m. Mass – join us as our guest to find out more!**

Calling all Actors...

It's that time of year again!

The **EASTER PASSION PLAY** will be held on **Good Friday, April 18th at 2:15 p.m.**

Speaking from experience, being a part of an Easter Passion Play has always made Easter that much more profound for me and has brought my faith to life right in front of my eyes. But I can't do this alone! I invite you to come out to an **information session on Sunday, February 23rd** after the 11:30 a.m. Mass (approx. 12:30). There are no speaking roles, however, I will require several actors to make this the most effective year ever! I hope that you will consider being one of them. All ages are welcome to participate. I look forward to seeing you at the information session on the 23rd. Sincerely, **Stephanie Baskerville** (sbaskerville@sympatico.ca).





Bring your spuds to the Church during the month of February and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz. Last year we collected 500 pounds! Can we beat it this year?

Famous Catholic Prayers (PART 4)

I sometimes wonder how anyone gets to grow old. If we stop to think of the kinds of risks we took as kids, and the potential for serious harm that exists – how does anyone live beyond the teen years? Sadly, there are tragedies, but it does amaze me how the majority of people get to live to be old. And then there is the serious moral and spiritual evil out there that, happily, most manage to avoid. It all leads me to really believe what scripture testifies to and what Church doctrine has upheld since the get-go – God has sent his angels to watch over us. Surely, we should not put God to the test and deliberately make foolish or reckless choices – and not expect the dire consequences that come with them. All the same, angels do guard us, and life would be much worse without them. I’m sure that many of us have not forgotten this very old prayer:



Prayer to My Guardian Angel
Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

- Fr. Don

Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts

Some people have not yet picked up their 2014 envelopes. These will continue to be available in the narthex until the end of January. If you were not assigned a box for 2014 and you would like one, please fill out a parish registration form or call the parish office. Thank you.

Also ... Please discard your old offertory envelopes from 2013. The I.D. number on those envelopes now belongs to someone else. Therefore, when you continue to use those outdated envelopes (as some of you have been doing) you greatly increase the chance of administrative error, resulting in your donation being credited to someone else. Thank you for your co-operation.

TAX RECEIPTS will be available in the narthex next weekend. Those that remain unclaimed will be mailed before the end of the month.

Crucifixes Wanted

If anyone has a crucifix that they do not need, the parish would be happy to receive it. (*Anywhere from pocket-size to 12 inches in length – even the crucifix from a broken rosary.*) I have distributed all that I have, and I like to give them out to those who both need and desire one. They appreciate having them for their homes, or to wear around their neck or to carry in their pocket. For now, I’m only requesting crucifixes (*that is, the cross with an image of our Lord's crucified body*).

Please wrap the crucifix in a cloth, paper, or a small box to protect it from damage, and place it in the box in the narthex marked "Crucifixes Wanted." You can be assured it will go a good home. Thank you very much! - Fr. Don



C.W.L. Corner ...



■ **2014 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN Continues...**

As an added incentive to join the C.W.L. we are planning a **WINE TOUR** this September and **only C.W.L. members will be able to book a seat on the bus.** Annual membership fee is \$25. Please consider joining St. Mark's C.W.L. so we can make our collective C.W.L. voice louder and stronger. Don't forget to write your name on the envelope when submitting your membership fee.

■ **SAVE THE DATE NOW FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- Tuesday, Feb. 18:** Games Night & General Meeting
- Saturday, March 1:** Lift Jesus Higher Rally
- Friday, March 7:** World Day of Prayer at St. Mark
- Saturday, March 15:** Lenten Retreat with Sr. Elaine Arsenault
- Sunday, May 4:** Mother Daughter Brunch
- Saturday, Sept. 13:** Wine Tour (*CWL Members Only*)

Cursillo Weekend

A Cursillo Weekend is a mini-course on the review of your Catholic faith, in a retreat atmosphere. It is a brief, exciting review of our Catholic Faith; a series of talks given by lay people, and 2 priests, as chaplains; an opportunity for worship, study, shared prayer, fellowship, laughter; a help to grow spiritually and closer to Jesus Christ. Anyone aged 18 to senior years is encouraged to experience this. If you are married it is recommended that both spouses experience this weekend. It is held in Deemerton, near Mildmay.

MEN'S WEEKEND: April 24 - 27, 2014 (Thur.-Sun. evening)
WOMEN'S WEEKEND: May 1 - 4, 2014 (Thur.-Sun. evening)

The cost is a \$200 offering (more or less, according to your means), for lodging and meals. This is a beautiful opportunity to "recharge" your spiritual batteries. Ask a friend to go with you. For more information, or for an application form, please contact:

- Betty Enticott: 519-743-0908 benticott@rogers.com
- Marg & Doug Weber: 519-747-5937 marg.weber@sympatico.ca
- Diocesan Chaplain:
- Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. 519-725-1445 rayreitzelcr@live.com

22nd Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

"HOPE RISING" - Saturday, March 1, 2014

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

A Grace-filled Day with:

- *Compelling speakers
- * Inspiring Christian Music
- * Ministries with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment
- * Confession and Holy Mass
- * Separate Youth Event

Tickets \$20 for adults, and \$10 for youth.

Call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 to reserve your tickets.

We have arranged for bus transportation to depart from St. Mark's Church to the Convention Centre for an additional fee. Seats are limited – don't be disappointed – reserve your seats early!

Our Many Thanks

to St. Mark's parishioners, and students at Resurrection, St. Mark's and St. Dominic's Schools, for their generosity this Christmas. Your donations totalled \$9,315. We prepared 90 hampers with the cost per hamper being \$53.35. This included a gift card which was given to each family to purchase a turkey or meat of their choice. Thank you for your support. Your tax receipts are available in the narthex.

Sincerely, **The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mark's Parish**

White Box Collection (January) \$409.40

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