

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 LENT

Worship This Week

FEBRUARY 18 - 24, 2013

Monday (FAMILY DAY)

9:00 AM - Intentions of all Families

Tuesday

7:00 PM - Special Intention – Agnes Snidr

Wednesday

7:00 AM

Thursday

7:00 AM

Friday (feast – Chair of St. Peter the Apostle)

7:00 AM

6:00 PM + Owen Gaj – Hugh & Carole Courtney

6:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday

9:00 AM + Coleen Nagle – St. Vincent de Paul Society

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

SAT. 5:00 PM - Int. of Theresa Matacz – Kowalik family

SUN. 9:30 AM + Gilbert, Shirley, Linda, Joseph & Laura Schneider

11:30 AM - Int. of Brooks Robinson & family – S. Baskerville

- Int. of Kathleen Blanchard – Kathy Smith



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.



Mass and Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent. Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross booklets

will be out for anyone who may wish to make the way of the cross privately before other weekday Masses.

Lent – A Season of Joy

One of the old Lenten prefaces at Mass says, “each year you give us this joyful season...” Certainly in days gone by the emphasis was on penance, sacrifice, prayer, almsgiving – certainly not joy.

If we take a look at St. John’s gospel (John 15:11), words spoken by Jesus at the last supper, He said: “and this I tell you, that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete.”

What is this joy that Jesus speaks of? All I can think of is the joy that is the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that He desires that we know the joy that is God’s eternal life.

He wants us to know that joy, but because it is interior and spiritual, it is incredibly easy for us to miss. Prayer, of course, is the first way to put us in contact with the source of our joy, but fasting, self denial and almsgiving have the effect of challenging us to go beyond surface pleasure or convenience in an effort to be in communion with deep spiritual realities. Man is a marvelous mix of spirit and flesh, but it is the spirit that gives life.

May this Lent be an occasion when we live for God and be enlivened by Christ who is our joy. I encourage all to make a good confession and do one’s best to come to Mass at least one extra time during the week. As we die to the legitimate desires of the flesh during these Lenten days, we will be enabled to know more surely the Lord who lives within.

Have a good Lent.

-- Fr. Don



Office Hours This Week

Feb. 18-22, 2013

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

Offertory Collection Last Weekend

Feb. 9/10, 2013

Envelope Users..... \$ 3,008.00

Loose monies..... \$ 447.69

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS **\$ 3,455.69**

Parish Mortgage Fund \$ 235.00

Seminary Education..... \$ 664.00

St. Mark’s Spirit Crew

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

■ NEXT FAITH SHARING

Friday, February 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church.

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 do let us know if you will be attending! Email Kate or Tom at the.boettgers@sympatico.ca.

■ 30-HOUR FAMINE

Attention all Youth grade 6 and up: we are planning our annual 30-hour Famine for the weekend of March 15-16. Save the date! This is a wonderful overnight event full of fun, fellowship and Faith! It is a fundraising event that will provided benefits to charities both here at home and away. More information to follow.

Parish Finances and Maintenance

Looking after financial and maintenance needs of the church to ensure that parishioners' safety and operational expectations are taken care of is a significant task. To support and assist Father Don with these tasks a small but committed team of parishioners has been assembled to provide expertise and look after a number of technical needs. The creation of this small group is intended to ensure that Father Don does not get bogged down dealing with operational issues and is able to devote most of his time to doing God's work with and on behalf of our parish family. If you have any questions or ideas about how we can improve maintenance or operational issues at St. Mark's please contact Pam at the office and she will share your thoughts with our team.

Films, Fellowship & Faith

All Ladies Welcome! Women's Prayer Night will listen to "Developing Power Thoughts" by Joyce Meyer (Part 6 of 6) **next Wednesday, Feb. 20th at 7pm** in the Basement. Please bring any prayer requests with you for Intercessory Rosary.

The Virtues – Channels of God's Grace

Our Catholic Faith is a 13-week series offered on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church**. 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!

Remaining Topics:

Feb. 21: Chastity, Modesty & Self Control

Feb. 28: Fidelity

Mar. 7: The Meaning of Fasting & Abstinence

Ladies' Lenten Retreat

St. Mark's C.W.L. invites **all ladies of St. Mark's Parish** to a Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, March 9th**. The day starts with Mass at 9:00 a.m. You will experience God's Grace as we reflect in prayer, hear talks by our very own Father Don and Deacon Basil, participate in the stations of the cross, and much more. Coffee, tea and snacks, will be provided throughout the day. Please bring a bagged lunch to add to the hot soup that will be available. Your experience will end at 4 PM. A goodwill offer would be appreciated. To register, please contact Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 or Sue McGrath at stmarkcwl@gmail.com.

25th Anniversary Photo Directory

Remaining portrait sessions are planned for **February 25, 26, 27 and March 1-2**. (Mon. to Fri. sessions available from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday sessions available from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm.)

TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT,

please sign up on the weekend after Mass in the narthex, or reach Paul at 519-743-0908 or bpenticott@rogers.com.

We want ALL parishioners to be included in this special edition!

All photographed families receive a FREE directory and a FREE 8x10 colour portrait. All photography and viewing of photos is done in one convenient 30-min. appointment at the church.

Also! ... If anyone has snapshots of parish activities or groups, or any archival pictures, and is willing to provide them for inclusion in the directory, please contact Paul at 519-743-0908 bpenticott@rogers.com.

World Day of Prayer: March 1, 2013

Please join fellow Christians as we celebrate World Day of Prayer. Service will be held at Forest Hill United Church, 121 Westmount Road East, at 1:30 p.m.



Visit our parish website at:
www.stmarkcatholicparish.org

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.



■ GENERAL MEETING AND SOCIAL

All St. Mark C.W.L. members are invited to join us for a "Get to Know You Social and General Meeting" on Friday, March 1st, starting with Mass and Stations of the Cross at 6 pm, with the meeting to follow at 7 pm. This is a very important meeting as we will be voting on amendments to the C.W.L. Constitution and Bylaws and you must be present to vote. You will also have the opportunity to get to know your C.W.L. sisters and provide input on the coming year's activities. Coffee, tea and Lent-appropriate snacks will be provided. Contact stmarkcwl@gmail.com if you have any questions.

** As February is heart month, we invite all members to wear red or pink to the meeting. A free will offering will be held for the St. Mary's Regional Cardiac Care Centre.*

St. Mark's Prayer Request Network

Do you feel called to pray for others?

Do you have time to pray?



If you would like to pray for the needs of others as an **intercessor** (i.e. one who prays for the needs of others), please contact Kathy Smith at stmarkprayers@gmail.com or call 519-743-3108 so that prayer requests can be sent to you. (All prayer requests are considered confidential).

Public prayer for the intentions of the Prayer Request Network will take place every Tuesday night, ½ hour before Mass. For those who are able to attend, we will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the Church, offering a Rosary to Our Most Blessed Mother for all requests. Anyone is welcome to come and pray.

Do you have a prayer request that you would like shared with the prayer network? Whether it be urgent or on-going, we would be happy to pray for your request. Please send your request to stmarkprayers@gmail.com. Within a day, your intention will be prayed for by intercessors in our parish family.

We grow closer as a Parish Family when we share each other's hopes, joys, pains and sorrows through intercessory prayer.

21st Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally: Faith on Fire

Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

A Grace-filled Day with:

- * His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto
- * Father James Mallon, creator of the catechetical video series, *Dogmatic Theology and Catholicism 201*
- * Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields & Peter Herbeck
- * Divine Mercy Celebration, Uplifting Music
- * Eucharistic Healing Procession
- * Confession and Holy Mass
- * Separate Youth Event

Tickets \$20 for adults, and \$10 for youth. A bus will be available to take you to the Rally (\$12/person). We will depart St. Mark's Church at 7 AM and return at approx. 6 PM. **NO TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE RALLY.** Call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 to reserve your tickets, and a seat on the bus.

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