

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 LENT

Worship This Week

FEB. 25 – MARCH 3, 2013

Monday

9:00 AM + Elena Pestritu – *Dorin Pestritu*

Tuesday

7:00 PM + Colleen Nagle – *John & Colleen O'Connor*

Wednesday

7:00 AM - Int. of John, Alfred, Sinnas & Selvanathan Families

Thursday

7:00 AM - Int. of Mariadassou, Silvester, Ignace & Ranganathan Families

Friday (WORLD DAY OF PRAYER)

7:00 AM

6:00 PM

6:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday

* NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

SAT. 5:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

SUN. 9:30 AM + Elena Pestritu – *Dorin Pestritu*

11:30 AM + Paul Nguyen Kinh Sach – *Hoangson Nguyen*

We extend our welcome and thanks to Fr. Michael Isabelle who will be celebrating Mass at St. Mark's on Saturday evening, March 2nd while Fr. Don is away to give a retreat in Toronto.



Office Hours This Week

Feb. 25-28, 2013

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

Offertory Collection Last Weekend

Feb. 16/17, 2013

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| Envelope Users..... | \$ 3,516.00 |
| Loose monies..... | \$ 457.32 |
| TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS | \$ 3,973.32 |
| Parish Mortgage Fund | \$ 125.00 |

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

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

■ NEXT FAITH SHARING

Friday, March 8th 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 provide benefits to charities both here at home and away. More information to follow.



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.



Knights of Columbus

Next monthly meeting of St. Mark's Council 9276:

Tuesday, February 26th at 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)

www.kofc9276.org

Films, Fellowship & Faith

All Ladies Welcome! Women's Prayer Night will show "Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyers on **Wed., Feb. 27** at 7pm in the Basement. Please bring any prayer requests with you for Intercessory Rosary following the DVD.

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.

Today is White Box Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a box at the doors of the church today to receive your donations in support of those less fortunate in our community.

Please note: Tax receipts from the St. Vincent de Paul Society are now available for pickup in the narthex.

Congratulations

to Larry Riedel on winning \$124.00 in the 50/50

Draw at the Pancake Supper.

Applause in Church

Dear People,

Recently, I picked up a papal blurb about applause in church. It goes as follows:

"Wherever applause breaks out in the liturgy because of some human achievement, it is a sure sign that the essence of liturgy has totally disappeared and been replaced by a kind of religious entertainment. Such attraction fades quickly - it cannot compete in the market of leisure pursuits, incorporating as it increasingly does various forms of religious titillation." (Pope Benedict XVI)

To be sure, our Holy Father has more on his mind than this. I don't think he wants us to check our joyful spirit at the doors of the church, nor cease to applaud at appropriate times, like when we announce newlyweds. Nevertheless, the sacred liturgy must impact us in such a way as to uplift the Lord and the worship of the Holy Trinity.

I thank you for your devotion and reverence, especially before and in preparation for Mass. Let us gather in prayer that we may increasingly enter the profound mysteries of faith.

He must increase, but I must decrease.

(John 3:30)

– Fr. Don

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:

Thur. Feb. 28: Fidelity

Thur. 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,

Call 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.

Programs for Separated & Divorced in K-W

All Kitchener Waterloo Programs are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. To register please call Teresa Hartnett at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249, or visit: www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php

LEVEL 1 - Learning to Cope (Tuesday Evenings for 11 weeks)

March 19 - May 28, 2013

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener

LEVEL 2 - Accepting the Situation (Tuesday Evenings for 11 weeks)

March 19 - May 28, 2013

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener

LEVEL 3 - Enhancing Self Esteem (Tuesday Evenings for 10 weeks)

March 19 - May 21, 2013

St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener

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.*

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.

Mission to Mexico 2013

At Easter this year a group of 18 people from our Christian family will be traveling to Mexico to build a school for a very needy community. In the past, we have built homes for individual families, but have come to realize the need for a place for the children of the area to go to school. We are looking to build 3 separate classrooms that will be like the portables we would see in our school yards. The cost to build is about 3 times what we have had to supply in the past. In order to help raise funds, we as a team are hosting a **Silent Auction on Sunday, March 20th from 2-4 p.m.** It will be held at the **Artline Salon, 678-202 Belmont Ave. West in Kitchener.** Please come and join us in this venture. Together we can all make a difference in these children's lives. For further information, please contact Kate Boettger at 519-745-6065.

The following is an excerpt of a letter from Mr. Patrick Noon, director of the diocese's Missionaries Co-op Plan, in response to our donation of \$2,275.82 to the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers):

"My Sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Mark's for your generous response and your interest in the mission and evangelization work of the Church ... May God's choicest blessings be with you and all the members of your parish."

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