

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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Worship This Week

January 13 – 19, 2014

Monday

7:00 am + Macedo Family – Luiz Macedo

Tuesday

7:00 pm - Special Intention – Kelly Family

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Jenny

Thursday

7:00 am + David Baggey – Baggey Family

Friday (memorial – St. Anthony)

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

Saturday

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

Sat. 5:00 pm + Michael & Franciska Rebol – Cimermancic Family

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

11:30 am + Leokadia & Izydor Poznanska – Hanna Constantinou

Offertory Collections

Jan. 4/5, 2014

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,318.00
Loose monies.....	\$474.02
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,792.02
Mortgage Fund.....	\$1,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Winterlude Cancellation

Winterlude Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction for January 2014

has been cancelled. We do hope to be back again in 2015 and appreciate all the great support provided by all those fine guests who have come out over the past ten years and thoroughly enjoyed these special evenings.

Sincerely,

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 9276



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ TOBOGGANING: Friday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Please come and join us for an evening of fun at the church. We will be going tobogganing, so if you've got a toboggan, sled, crazy carpet, etc., bring it along and don't forget to dress warmly! Please let us know if you will be attending: email Lisa at lmaenpaa@primus.ca or Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

LITURGICAL ROLES

JAN. 18 & 19	SAT. 5:00 PM	SUN. 9:30 AM	SUN. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	K. Buchanan C. Higgins	C./M. Haid R. Vezensyi	T./K. Shea S. Silvester
Commentator:	C. Dokis	B. Sawarna	J. Petrovich
Lector:	K. Smith	D. Bristol	P. Masbad
Ushers:	A./T. Montag	T./J. Germann	C./M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Coutinho	Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis G. Balm C. Baumtrog A. Bendia	C. Haid M. Lynch K. Phillips L. Riedel	A. Joseph A. Monte B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

Confirmation for Grade 7's

If your child is in Grade 7 and you have not yet registered them for Confirmation, please call the parish office as soon as possible.



Grade 7 student attending Non-Catholic schools (i.e. public, private, homeschooled, etc.) have begun this month to prepare for Confirmation through sessions at the parish with Fr. Don.

Grade 7's attending St. Dominic's & St. Mark's schools will begin their preparation in-class later this month.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ALL GRADE 7's:

• Enrollment Masses: Sat. April 26 / Sun. April 27

Each Confirmandi is to be present for Enrollment at ONE of the weekend Masses: Sat. 5pm, Sun. 9:30am or Sun. 11:30am.

• Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.

• Confirmation Day: Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m.

First Communion for Grade 2's

If your child is in Grade 2 and you have not yet registered them for First Communion and/or catechism classes, please call the parish office as soon as possible.



Grade 2's attending Non-Catholic schools (i.e. public, private, homeschooled, etc.) can sign up for catechism classes with the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate which will begin in February.

Grade 2's attending St. Dominic's & St. Mark's schools are preparing in-class but are also welcome to take the catechism classes at the parish.

FIRST COMMUNION DAY:

- For St. Mark's Gr. 2's: **Sunday, May 18th at 2:00 p.m.**
- For St. Dominic's Gr. 2's: **Sunday, May 25th at 2:00 p.m.**
- For all other Gr. 2's: **May 18th or 25th (your choice)**

Famous Catholic Prayers

Here's a new section to our bulletin – if not weekly, at least on a regular basis...

'Famous' is an unusual word to describe prayer – 'deep', 'profound', 'inspirational' are more likely terms. The idea came from a man who remarked at a funeral committal service that few Catholics knew the responses to my invocation "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord ..." He was surprised this 'famous' Catholic prayer has fallen into disuse. This is the case, I'm afraid, with so many of our beautiful formal Catholic prayers. So, I'll put many in the bulletin and hopefully we can have families pray them again and teach them to their children. While spontaneous prayers are good and often a sign of a well-developed spiritual life, formal prayers form a solid, theological base for our more 'personal' prayer. So, we will begin. Keep an eye open in the bulletin for them. Let us re-learn our simple and beautiful prayers – those that have sustained the faith for centuries.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

(touching the forehead with the right hand)

"In the name of the Father,"

(then the chest, close to the heart)

"and of the Son,"

(then the left and right shoulders, in that order)

"and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

The Father sent down His Son to the core of our humanity. Through His cross we have been saved from the left, sinister darkside, to the right (or righteous, good side). Begin and end the day, and all prayer, with the Sign of the Cross. Make it when passing a Catholic church which houses the Eucharist; make it when passing a cemetery to remember Christ's victory over sin and death; make it when encountering an emergency vehicle, praying for those in need; most especially make it in times of temptation – Christ's saving cross bars the way to hell. Pray! Talk to God! Listen to Him! – Fr. Don

The Bible is Not Just any Story – It is Your Story. Discover How To Read It.

Discover God's plan for your life as you discover his amazing story in *A Quick Journey Through the Bible*.



In this 8-week study, you will discover the "big picture" of the biblical story as it is presented in specific books of the Bible.

Join us and learn about the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading, and even the Sunday Mass readings, come alive like never before.

This will also be a great refresher for those planning to be part of the "The Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study.

A Quick Journey Through the Bible will be offered every Thursday evening for 8 weeks beginning **Thursday, January 16th** from 7-9 p.m.

To learn more, please contact Deacon Basil Markides at 519-742-4803 or bmarkides@rogers.com.

Programs for Separated and Divorced

• **LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope)** and
• **LEVEL 2 - (Accepting the Situation)** are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children.
Course fees: \$35 (Level 1) and \$45 (Level 2).
Courses are held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting **March 18th** from 7pm – 9pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Church**, Kitchener. Contact Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register.

• **LEVEL 3 (Enhancing Self-Esteem)** is also available for interested people who have completed Level 1 & 2. It will be held on Tuesday evenings for 10 weeks starting **March 18th** at **St. Mark's Parish** from 7-9 p.m. Course fee \$40. Contact Family Ministry Office at (905)528-7988 ext. 2249 to register.

Elsewhere in the Region...

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday, January 19th - Taize-style Song and Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener

January 25/26 - Pulpit Exchange at St. Francis of Assisi Parish – Sat. 5:00 pm homily by Rev. Dianne Cunningham of Highland Baptist Church; Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. homily by Rev. Katharine Edmonstone of Forest Hill United Church.

26 years without a law... On January 28, 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down all legal abortion restrictions.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE CANDLE-LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

Tues. January 28th at 6:30pm in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink). Walk a short distance to St. Mary's Church (Duke St) for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm followed by Benediction at 7:20pm by Fr. George Nowak - Refreshments in Parish Hall & Speaker 7:45pm Roseanne Sheridan Palliative RN - Topic: Current Euthanasia proposal, care of the dying, organ transplantation and true death.

January 28-29th ... Perpetual Adoration (24 hours) at St. Teresa Parish Chapel, 44 Leonard Street, beginning Tues. Jan. 28th at 9pm until 9pm on Wed. Jan. 29th. Call 519-746-5433 to sign up or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY – The St. Louis Catholic Women's League is holding their Annual Card Party on **Wednesday, January 29th** at 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).

LEARN HOW TO PRAY – Oremus is an 8-week study on Catholic prayer presented on DVD by Fr. Mark Touns. Over the course of eight weeks the Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Become aware of God's presence in your life; Learn how to respond to God and express yourself in prayer; Discover how to hear God's voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments; Learn how to overcome frustrations, distractions, and dryness in prayer; Grow in your relationship with God and those around you. **St. Mary's Church**, Kitchener, will be presenting the Oremus program on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Hall beginning **February 22nd**. The course study book is available at St. Mary's Parish Office or at the first class. The cost is \$20.

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