

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week

JAN. 28 – FEB. 3, 2013

Monday (memorial – St. Thomas Aquinas)

7:00 AM + Jerry Dufresne – Marilyn

Tuesday

7:00 PM - Int. of Ron & Catherine Robinson – Jeanne

Wednesday

7:00 AM - Int. of Sister Anne, S.O.L.I.

Thursday (memorial – St. John Bosco)

7:00 AM - Int. of Y. Ioannidis

Friday

7:00 AM + David Baggey – Baggey Family

Saturday (feast – Presentation of the Lord)

9:00 AM - Int. of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dupheney – B. & D. Recoskie

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13; Luke 4:21-30

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

SUN. 9:30 AM + Jerry Dufresne – Marilyn

11:30 AM + Jose Medeiros – Maria



Pilgrimage to The Holy Land: **November 10-19, 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** (double occupancy) plus taxes. \$500 deposit is required to secure one spot on this tour. For registration forms contact Fr. Don at 519-571-9200. For further info, contact Joanne at Skylink Holidays 1-866-296-3345, or tour leader, Louise at 905-664-1871.

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. 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:

Jan. 31: Temperance Feb. 21: Chastity, Modesty & Self Control

Feb. 7: Fortitude Feb. 28: Fidelity

Feb. 14: Humility Mar. 7: The Meaning of Fasting & Abstinence



Office Hours This Week

Jan. 28 - Feb. 1, 2013

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

Offertory Collection Last Weekend

Jan. 19/20, 2013

Envelope Users..... \$ 3,584.25

Loose monies..... \$ 382.06

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS **\$ 3,966.31**

Parish Mortgage Fund \$ 170.00

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

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

■ NEXT FAITH SHARING

Friday, February 8th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church.

Come and learn more about our Faith, while allowing yours to grow, in a fun and safe environment. Bring your bible, a journal and your enthusiasm! A free will offering for the snack that is provided is graciously accepted. Please let us know you are coming by emailing: the.boettgers@sympatico.ca.

Pancake and Ham Supper

Our Annual all-you-can-eat Pancake & Ham Supper will take place on **Shrove Tuesday, February 12th** from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. St. Mark's Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets in the narthex after all weekend Masses. Family \$25; Adults \$7; Youth (7-16) \$5; Child (2-6) \$2; Under 2 FREE.



Films, Fellowship & Faith

All Ladies Welcome! Women's Prayer Night will listen to "Developing Power Thoughts" by Joyce Meyer (Part 4 of 6) **January 30 at 7:00 p.m.** in the basement. Please bring any prayer requests with you for Intercessory Rosary following the CD.

Theology of the Body for Middle School

It's hard to be a teenager today. You have so many questions, important ones like, "Who am I? What does it mean to be human? How do I find the love that lasts? Is there really a God who has a plan for my life?" And it seems that everyone has a different answer to those questions.

Theology of the Body for Middle School is a program that aims to provide answers as well, but these answers are rooted in the rich heritage and teachings of our Church. It offers a safe place to ask these questions, and the chance to connect with people your own age who are searching just like you.

The program will run for 4 sessions, every other week, **beginning THIS Friday, February 1st from 6 to 9 p.m.** at the parish. This time the program is open to interested **students in grades 7 through 12**. There will be opportunities for both large and small group discussions, games, and activities.

Sign up after any weekend Mass in the narthex. Program coordinators will be there to answer any questions you might have. For more information contact: Lisa or Mary-Emily McCullough at 519-741-8386, or Marg Bryson at 519-576-2904.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

Healing for Those Suffering in Mind or Body (all are welcome)

St. Mark's Legion of Mary invites you all to attend our Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes, beginning on **Sun., Feb. 3rd until Mon., Feb. 11th**. A prayer intention box will be offered each night. We will start at 6:30 p.m. each night (or after the 5:00 p.m. mass on Sat. the 9th).

Thank You!!

St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mark's, the staff and students at Resurrection C.S.S., St. Mark's and St. Dominic's Schools for their support of our Christmas Hamper program. Thank you for the many pounds of food, toiletries, gifts and monies donated. This year we gave hampers to 82 families in our community, plus gifts to over 140 children. We also thank the wonderful group of volunteers that gave so willingly of their time.

Attention Parents of Students in Grades 2, 7 & 8:

If you have not yet registered your child for **First Communion** (gr. 2) or **Confirmation** (gr. 7 & 8) at St. Mark's Parish, please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms and info can be found in the narthex.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Catechism Classes

Just a reminder of dates and times to those who signed up for optional catechism classes lead by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate:

<i>RECONCILIATION LESSONS:</i>		
Lesson 1:	Tues. Feb. 5	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Lesson 2:	Tues. Feb. 12	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Lesson 3:	Tues. Feb. 19	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Lesson 4:	Tues. Feb. 26	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
RETREAT:	SATURDAY, March 2	12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
<i>FIRST COMMUNION LESSONS:</i>		
Lesson 5:	Tues. Mar. 19	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Lesson 6:	Tues. Mar. 26	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Lesson 7:	Tues. Apr. 2	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Lesson 8:	Tues. Apr. 9	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The retreat on Saturday, March 2nd is only open to children who are attending the catechism classes.

CONFIRMATION Preparation Classes

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the parish.

These 6 classes are mandatory for Grade 7's and 8's who DO NOT attend St. Mark or St. Dominic Schools.

(Preparation for students who DO attend St. Mark's or St. Dominic's are taking place during class time with visits from Fr. Don.)

Session 1:	Wed. Feb. 6	The Sacraments
Session 2:	Wed. Feb. 20	The Sacrament of Confirmation
Session 3:	Wed. March 6	The Commandments
Session 4:	Wed. March 20	Discipleship
Session 5:	Wed. April 3	The Final Things: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory & Judgement
Session 6:	Wed. April 24	Prayer

Make-up sessions can be arranged by calling Louis Côté at 519-880-8235.

25th Anniversary Photo Directory

Portrait sessions are planned for **February 14-16, 18, 25-27 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.

Don't forget to **BRING YOUR OLD PALMS TO THE CHURCH** to be burned into ashes for use on Ash Wednesday. Thank you!

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.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Our final membership count for 2012 was 94 members. Without a lot of records from the past, we assume that this is the highest that St. Mark's has ever had. Our council would like to push that number into a triple digit number. We have had many renew and a few of the renewed members are members that had lapsed in 2012. This is a wonderful thing to see.

If you know of a member who had lapsed in 2012, please welcome them back. Remember that your small yearly fee of \$25 is an opportunity to get involved with the largest organization of Catholic Women in Canada, who can offer you personal development and networking. Your membership adds power to our C.W.L. voice as the league lobbies government on issues that are close to our hearts. Your voice does make a difference, and being a member – even if your time is limited to only a few events – helps our voices to be heard.

If you have not yet renewed your C.W.L. Membership, we encourage you to do so through the blue collection envelope or at our table in the Narthex after mass this weekend. It is never too late and the benefits of your membership are eternal.

We invite all catholic women to journey with us in a sisterhood of faith, fun and fulfillment. As a C.W.L. member, you joyfully affirm that God's presence blesses every part of your daily life. Please come and join us.

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.

Natural Family Planning Clinic

This Tuesday, January 29th from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish, focusing on the Sympto-thermal Method. For more information please see the bulletin board poster or call 519-742-3979. Natural Family Planning is more than a method, it is a way of life. Learning about good gynecological health through Natural Family Planning is suitable for any woman whether she is single or married.

Calling St. Mark's Actors of ALL Ages!!

Join us at an Information Session for the **2013 Easter Passion Play** on **Sunday, Feb. 10th** right after the 11:30 a.m. mass. Practices will begin Sun. Feb. 24th after 11:30am mass. There are no speaking lines, but we do need several actors, so please don't be shy! If you are unable to attend the info session, please contact Stephanie Baskerville (sbaskerville@sympatico.ca) to express your interest.

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