

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Worship This Week

January 7-13, 2013

Monday (memorial – St. Andre Bessette)

7:00 AM - Int. of Vi & Jake DeVries – Bernard Crawley

Tuesday

7:00 PM - Int. of Christopher Zderski – Mom

Wednesday

7:00 AM - Int. of Susanne Roma

Thursday

7:00 AM - Int. of Ron Blanchard – Kathleen

Friday

7:00 AM - Int. of Fr. Adrian Lee – Colette Dokis & Karen Krigner

Saturday (memorial – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys)

9:00 AM + Henry Vandenhoff – Elaine & Arnie Vandenhoff

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

SAT. 5:00 PM + Franciska Rebol – Maria

SUN. 9:30 AM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 AM + Robert Dickie – Ylanda Ioannidis



Winterlude 2013

10th ANNUAL DINNER, SILENT AUCTION & DANCE Saturday, January 26th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Winterlude returns to St. Mark's Church Hall for its 10th consecutive year!

Tickets are \$35 and are now on sale in the Narthex after all Masses. Mark the date on your calendar! Only 120 tickets will be sold – get yours today!

The Winterlude Team is soliciting items, from members of our parish, to be bid on and sold at the Silent Auction. All proceeds from this event assist St. Mark's Parish Mortgage Fund and St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Charities. If you wish to donate items, please contact John Deneau before January 20th at jdeneau@sympatico.ca.



Films, Fellowship & Faith

Hosted by our Women's Prayer Night group, **every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.** All ladies welcome!

Jan. 2: No film tonight. Holy Spirit night of praise, worship and prayer. Prayer for healing will be offered. Please bring any prayer requests with you for Intercersory Rosary.

"Marriage in the Lord: Poured Out For Love" by Deacon James Keating, will resume with the following schedule:

Jan. 9: Part 5/8 **Jan. 16:** Part 6/8 **Jan. 23:** Part 7/8 **Jan. 30:** Part 8/8



Office Hours This Week

January 7-11, 2013

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

Offertory Collections

Dec. 22/23, 2012

Envelope Users \$ 5,785.00

Loose monies \$ 595.00

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS **\$ 6,380.00**

Parish Mortgage Fund \$ 220.00

Dec. 24/25, 2012 (Christmas)

Envelope Users \$ 9,600.85

Loose monies \$ 1,237.44

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS **\$ 10,838.29**

Parish Mortgage Fund \$ 5,365.00

Dec. 29/30, 2012

Envelope Users \$ 3,580.00

Loose monies \$ 457.85

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS **\$ 4,037.85**

Parish Mortgage Fund \$ 270.00

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

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

■ NEXT FAITH SHARING

Friday, January 11th 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.

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. It began Dec. 6th with an explanation of the Mass.

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!**

Upcoming Topics:

Jan. 10: Charity	Feb. 14: Humility
Jan. 17: Justice	Feb. 21: Chastity, Modesty & Self Control
Jan. 24: Wisdom	Feb. 28: Fidelity
Jan. 31: Temperance	Mar. 7: The Meaning of Fasting & Abstinence
Feb. 7: Fortitude	

Legion of Mary Book Borrowing Program

Looking to grow in your knowledge? Have great religious books and sacramentals you'd like to share with others? This year as part of the Year of Faith, our Legion of Mary has put together a Book Borrow Program on the shelves in the St. Matthew's room. Our new book borrow is a great place for you to pick up free blessed sacramentals and borrow great Catholic books for as long as you'd like. Come and take a look at what is available during your next visit to the parish!

If you are interested in adding to the available books and sacramentals, or if you have any questions, please contact Greg Merkley at 519-616-5977 or greg_merkley@hotmail.com.





25th Anniversary Photo Directory

As part of our 25th Anniversary events in 2013, we are planning a 25th anniversary photo directory. We want all parishioners to be included in this special edition. **Schedules for photo shoots are being planned for February 2013.** This is going to

be something special! Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins as well as on our parish website.

Children's Choir

The children's choir of St. Mark's will resume their **weekly practices on Monday, January 7th** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For those past members, we welcome you back! We also welcome any new choir members to join our existing group.

This is a great opportunity for your children to be an integral part of our Sunday masses with their angelic voices and eagerness to serve the Lord. We look forward to seeing everyone!

For more information please contact sarabester@rogers.com ... please send Sara an email if you plan to attend.



You're Invited...

Our team of talented parishioners will be performing the **Christmas Pageant on Sunday, January 13th at 11:00 a.m.** We invite the 9:30 a.m. attendees to stay a little later, and the 11:30 a.m. attendees to come a little earlier, to

see what we've put together!

Books & CD's available for purchase in the Narthex:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>COST</u>
The Faith We Believe: Unpacking the Creed	FREE!
Rediscover Catholicism (by Matthew Kelly)	\$3.00
2013 Sunday Missal (New Saint Joseph)	\$5.00
Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's (various titles)	\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's

(Available in the Narthex for \$5/each or \$20/five.)

We are sure these CD's will be a blessing to you and your family. The display kiosk will remain in the Narthex and new titles will be continually added. These CD's make excellent gifts for family and friends, and can fit easily into a card. Also, as CD's are often passed on, you never know who might end up listening to them and how the faith may be spread. Thank you for your support.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CD IS:
"No Price Too High"

In this stunning real-life drama, discover the sacrificial yet triumphant journey of a man of deep integrity and love for Christ. Reverend Alex Jones promised his congregation a real New Testament worship service. To prepare, he studied the works of the early Church Fathers. The

astonishing events that followed culminated not only in his conversion to the Catholic Faith, but also that of 42 members of his flock.

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.



■ **EXECUTIVE ELECTION: Tuesday, January 22nd**
Nominations are now open and will close January 7, 2013.
 Please pray for robust nominations and ladies willing to 'take that seat!' Pray that you will answer the call when you are nominated! Forms and the box to submit them in, are on the table in the narthex.

■ **SECRET PRAYER SISTERS**
 You can still participate in this great activity! Forms are on the table in the narthex. Complete it and drop it in the nomination box and you will be contacted with your Sister's information.

How well do you know the C.W.L.?

Last Week's Answer: In June of 1923, Our Lady of Good Counsel was chosen as Patroness of the League for Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

Healing for Those Suffering in Mind or Body

St. Mark's Legion of Mary invites you all to attend our Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes, beginning on **Sunday, February 3rd until Monday, February 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 Saturday the 9th). All are welcome to attend.



Pilgrimage to The Holy Land: November 11-20, 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, plus taxes. This figure is based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$500 is required to secure one spot on this tour. For registration forms you may contact Fr. Don at St. Mark's Parish (519-571-9200). For further info, contact Joanne Cothran at Skylink Holidays (1-866-296-3345) or Louise Kunkel, Tour Leader at 905-664-1871.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Mon. Jan. 7** - Rev. Jacek Walkiewicz, S.Chr.
- Tue. Jan. 8** - Rev. Robert Wojslaw, S.Chr.
- Wed. Jan. 9** - Missionaries
- Thur. Jan. 10** - Rev. Jerzy Tomon
- Fri. Jan. 11** - Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
- Sat. Jan. 12** - Rev. Bradley Markus



"Loving Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that through Him, with Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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