

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:

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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 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship This Week

March 31 – April 6, 2014

Monday (no morning Mass today)

- ★ 6:00 pm - Int. of Aggie Ellert and Family – *Janet & Louis Cote*
- 7:00 pm - **Grade 2 First Reconciliation**

Tuesday

7:00 pm + Elena Pestritu – *Dorin and Family*

Wednesday

7:00 am + Lori Bassani – *The Voll Cousins*

Thursday

7:00 am - Int. of Ruth Hayek – *Ylanda*

Friday

- 7:00 am - Int. of the MacNeil Family – *John & Linda Deneau*
- 6:30 pm - Int. of Aggie Ellert and Family – *Janet & Louis Cote*

Saturday

9:00 am + Jerry Detzler – *Wayne & Coralee Sheridan*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Sat. 5:00 pm + Jack Soares – *Maria*

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

11:30 am + Aurora Cunha – *Maria Eleescano*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

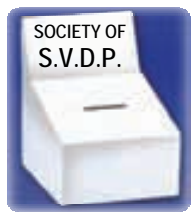
Before all weekday Masses, led by a lay person.
After Friday evening Mass, led by Fr. Don.

Offertory Collections

March 22/23, 2014

Envelope Users.....	\$ 4,301.00
Loose monies.....	\$594.95
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,895.95
Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 174.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Today is White Box Sunday

St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed its white box in the narthex **this weekend (March 29/30)** to accept your donations. Thank you for your generosity.



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

■ **NEXT FAITH SHARING: Friday, April 11th from 7-9 p.m.**
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 let us know if you will be attending! Email Lisa at Imaenpaa@primus.ca or Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

LITURGICAL ROLES

APRIL 5 & 6	SAT. 5:00 PM	SUN. 9:30 AM	SUN. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	Z./J. Riddell	R./J. Henri E. Chang	A./R. Maenpaa A. Paz
Commentator:	J. Simone	H. Chang	O. Sirju
Lector:	M. Dufresne	J. Deneau	M. McCullough
Ushers:	L. Macedo K. Friesen	D./M. Walser	B./K. Starr B./E. Starr
Gift Bearers:	Loth	Cerantola	McCullough
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis N./K. Higgins G./T. MacNeil	T. Angel B./L. Coutinho P./B. Enticott	M./L. Fernando D. Henri R./P. Masbad

Legion of Mary

■ **ACIES & POTLUCK: TODAY! Sunday, March 30th**

All Active and Auxiliary Legionaries are invited to attend the Acies at **St. Aloysius Church** (11 Traynor Avenue, Kitchener). The Procession will begin at 3:00 p.m. sharp. Please be there for 2:45 p.m. to gather and process in with our Praesidium's banner. Families are welcome to attend. Potluck to follow.

Gr. 2 First Reconciliation (Confession)

Please pray for our grade 2 students who are preparing to make their First Communion. They will be making their First Reconciliation (Confession) **THIS MONDAY, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.** Parents please note: Fr. Don and two more priests will be available to hear your child's confession. The service will begin at 7pm and your family may leave right after your child receives their penance. The whole service will last approximately 40 minutes.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Actors are still needed for 'crowd' people (no speaking). Also needed is a lighting person, and people who would be able to paint sets. Rehearsals are after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays from now until Good Friday. Please email Stephanie Baskerville (sbaskerville@sympatico.ca) if interested in participating.



The King and His Kingdom

St. Mark Parish is offering a **video presentation** — an introduction into the **Gospel of Matthew**. At this session, interested participants will gain insight into the contents of the study which brings the history of Christ to life. We will learn how Jesus, the awaited Messiah, fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament and establishes the New Law and Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew explains who Jesus is and what His life and teaching mean for us today. There will be a sign-up sheet for those wishing to participate. Join us for an Information Meeting on **Thursday, April 10th at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish** to learn more. For more information, contact Deacon Basil at 519-742-4803 or smarkides@rogers.com.

Pathways: Are you excited about the future?

College – University – Apprenticeship – Working World – Community Living
Parents and students are invited to come and listen, chat and ask questions. View the Individual Pathways Planning Tool. Try out a backhoe simulator, meet experts from all paths: Mike McClements (*Conestoga College*); Gary Doyle (*Announcer for Kitchener Rangers*); lots of other professions: carpentry, law, electrical, nursing, etc. \$300 draw for Future Shop. **Wednesday, April 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Resurrection High School, Kitchener.**



Next Sunday is Coffee Sunday!

Join us in the Hall after Mass on April 5th/6th

Mission to Mexico: April 26th – May 4th

A group of parishioners are paying their own way to Mexico to build a school for a community in need. Some have made this trip for the last 4 years, and have seen first-hand the impact of these efforts on families and the community. There is great poverty in the area, and providing a school is the first step in helping to break out of the poverty cycle. Education is key. Your support, if you feel you are able, can be offered in two ways: 1) The purchase of building and school supplies (e.g. windows and ventilation, classroom supplies). Monetary donations would help with the purchase of what is most needed locally. 2) Drivers to provide airport transportation to and from Toronto (on April 26th and/or May 4th). To offer your assistance, please contact Kate and Tom Boettger at 519-745-6065 or the.boettgers@sympatico.ca.

Famous Catholic Prayers (PART 11)

Last Tuesday (March 25) we celebrated the feast of the **Annunciation of the Lord**. The choice of this date is obvious – 9 months before Christmas. Many important teachings are derived from this dramatic moment in history. Here are a few:

1. The eternal Son of God became the God-man, Jesus Christ, in Mary's womb the very moment she said yes to God through the angel Gabriel. Jesus' mortal life began like ours – as a one celled human which is called a zygote. All human life begins and contains its full potential at the moment of conception.
2. Jesus' taking on human flesh means that He is the pattern for all human life. He entered our lives so fully so as to embrace every aspect of human life, including our trials and tribulations. Though Jesus could not sin, being that He is God, He knew, felt and bled the full aspect of every sin ever committed. No one can ever say that the God-man lacked a total appreciation for human misery. Though sinless, Christ knew mortal sin's devastating effects. Conversely, no one is bound to live in sin because His saving grace can uplift out lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.
3. The mystery of God-with-us (the Incarnation) was introduced through the perfect yes (or 'fiat') of the perfect creature, woman and disciple – Mary, our Blessed Mother. Christmas was possible because one woman made a little child her everything.

This prayer is usually prayed 3 times daily: 6am, 12noon and 6pm.

The Angelus

- V. **The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary .**
- R. **And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
'Hail Mary...'
- V. **Behold the handmaid of the Lord.**
- R. **Be it done unto me according to thy Word.**
'Hail Mary...'
- V. **And the Word was made flesh.**
- R. **And dwelt among us.**
'Hail Mary...'
- V. **Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.**
- R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may we by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

'Glory be...'

– Fr. Don

C.W.L. Corner ...



■ **GENERAL MEETING & SOCIAL: Tues. April 8th**

St. Mark C.W.L. invites all ladies of the parish to join us on Tuesday, April 8 for a fun and informative evening. We will start with Mass at 7 p.m., followed by a general meeting and social in the hall. This event will provide a great opportunity to learn more about current C.W.L. initiatives and to get to know your C.W.L. sisters. New members are always welcome. Please RSVP to stmarkcwl@gmail.com or to Michelle Oram at 519-579-2695.

■ **MOTHERS' APPRECIATION BRUNCH: Sunday, May 4th**

Mark your calendars and join us following the 11:30 Mass.

The following is a thank-you letter sent by Deacon Michael Hayes from Chalice Canada who preached at St. Mark's last weekend...

Dear Father Don,

It was inspiring to be at your most beautiful church and to be part of your parish community even for a few hours last weekend.

I was equally inspired by your parishioners' friendliness and generosity, and their openness and solidarity with the poor in the developing world. I had the pleasure of meeting some truly wonderful people.

The warm hospitality you extended to me is greatly appreciated. I am grateful to you.

On behalf of Chalice and the projects and children it serves, thank you for allowing me to come and speak to your parishioners. I am indeed grateful for their generous response; 29 sponsorships were received with more promised to come. Also, two people approached me asking how they could contribute their time and talents to help Chalice. The response and interest was higher than normal and is a tribute to you and your parishioners. Many destitute families in the developing world will soon have their lives improved and will benefit from the commitments made last weekend.

Thank you for all you have done to support Chalice, both through your personal sponsorships as well as through your active support and motivating words to the people at the Masses. You are a true blessing!

Yours in Christ on behalf of his little ones,

Deacon Michael Hayes

Chalice Canada

LENTEN SERIES ON VATICAN II

Thursday, April 3rd: "Decree on Ecumenism & Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions" with Dr. Cathy Clifford. Morning Session at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** (9:00AM Mass; 9:30AM Refreshments; 10-11:30AM Session); Evening Session at **St. Michael Parish, Waterloo** (6PM Mass; 6:30PM Simple Soup Meal; 7:30-9PM Session).

PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF GOD (Catholic Chapter House Event)

Saturday, April 12th at **50 Gervais Drive, Toronto** (Don Mills & Eglinton). Join hundreds of Catholics to be renewed and inspired to live your faith to the fullest! The theme of the event is "Put on the Armour of God – Understanding & Defending the Faith Event." The topics of the day: Ephesians 6, learning & defending our faith, and how we can live out our faith in today's culture. The event features three talks by Steubenville & Lighthouse Catholic Media speaker, **Steve Ray**, and one talk given by **Allan Smith**, of the Fulton Sheen Mission Society. Student and group rates available. For info and tickets visit www.catholicchapterhouse.com/armourofgod or email info@catholicchapterhouse.com or call 1-888-522-2070.

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