

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. A Preparation Meeting is held on the Wednesday evening preceding the baptism. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office at least one month in advance. You will then be contacted by a member of the Baptism team.

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 EASTER

Worship This Week

May 12 – 18, 2014

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of the McNaney Family – A. Doyle

Tuesday

7:00 pm + Edel Quinn – Legion of Mary

Wednesday *(feast of St. Matthias)*

7:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – Jeanne Robinson

Thursday

7:00 am + Martin Klein – Marilyn Dufresne

Friday

7:00 am + Theresia Bauer – Mary Ann Dodsworth

Saturday

9:00 am + Hung Van Nguyen – Phuong Nguyen

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of Denise Tully Remillard – Frank & Yvette

Sun. 9:30 am + Jerry Detzler – Donna Lienhardt

11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

2:00 pm - **First Holy Communions**

Offertory Collections

May 3/4, 2014

Envelope Users	\$ 3,522.50
Loose monies	\$447.55
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,970.05
Mortgage Fund	\$ 937.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SPIRIT CREW

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

■ **NEXT FAITH SHARING:** Friday, May 23rd 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Program

This weekend marks the end of our Children's Liturgy of the Word program for this school year. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this program happen, and all of the children who attended. You are all "Children of the Light."
Sincerely, *Katie Gouett*, Co-ordinator

LITURGICAL ROLES

MAY 17 & 18	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:	M. Dufresne	H. Chang	T. Boettger
Lector:	J. Simone	V. De Vries	K. Phillips
Ushers:	J./L. Deneau	B. Coutinho T./J. Germann	C. Dignam M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Cerantola	John
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis G./G. Jans C. Baumtrog A. Bendia	C. Haid B./L. Coutinho K. Phillips L. Riedel	J./P. McCullough L. McCullough B./S. Markides

★ *SUMMER SIGN-UP SHEETS* have been posted on the blackboard in the narthex for all ministers to sign up for the months of July and August.

Calling All Golfers!

St. Mark's would like to organize a Shotgun start, Best ball **Golf Tournament** for **Saturday, Sept. 20th**. We need to confirm an approximate number of interested players before moving forward on the plans. Approximate cost would be \$85 per player (18 holes, green fees, cart and dinner). To count yourself in, please email cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca or phone **519-954-5734** and leave a message. Please respond by Sunday, May 18th and provide your name, contact information and number of golfers in your message. This is not limited to St. Mark's parishioners – friends are welcome to join us!!



Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place

St. Mark's is proud to participate once again in the baby bottle campaign in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on donations from our community to keep its doors open. **Bottles are available for pick up in the narthex.** Please support this important cause by filling a bottle with your spare change and returning it to the church on Father's Day weekend (June 14/15). For more information on Marillac Place please visit www.marillacplace.ca. Thank you for your support.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen.





CROWNING OF MARY

On **Tuesday, May 27th** at the 7pm Mass we will have our Crowning of Mary celebration. Everyone will participate in this ceremony.

Please bring a flower from home.

First Communicants: Please wear your First Communion clothes to this ceremony! You will receive a scapular after Holy Communion. Most importantly, you will receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

MAY CROWNING MASS: Tuesday, May 27th
6:30pm Rosary -- 7:00pm Mass



Message for National Week for Life and the Family
(May 11-18, 2014)
from the Canadian Conference for Catholic Bishops

In the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear these powerful words of Jesus: "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10.10). How can we not hear these words and give thanks for families which give life and give it in abundance? Families open our hearts to life, and give birth to our vision of life. Families enable us to come alive, sustain us in life, and give us our most important reasons to live, even when in difficulty. Families teach us to appreciate life. Is it any wonder that a few years ago, the Bishops of Canada made the decision to link life issues with family life when they launched the national initiative for life and family, of which this National Week is an integral part?

I give thanks to God for my family: it is with them I learned to believe, forgive, love, share, trust, to give thanks and show respect, to be honest and be filled with awe and wonder. In a Catholic family, moments such as Baptism, First Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation mark our journey in life, just as do marriage, ordination and the Anointing of the Sick. In a faith-filled family, even death manifests this continuity of faith and life, as brothers and sisters, parents and children gather to support one another in hope and trust. Families truly are schools of life!

I have just returned from the canonizations of two new Saints, gifts of God to the Church. As I think of Saint John XXIII, I recall the night of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, when he spoke to the crowds with a real father's heart, saying: "As you go back home, you will find your children. Give them a hug and tell them: 'This is the Pope's hug!' Perhaps you will find a few tears that need drying. Have a word of comfort for whoever is suffering.... Let us be filled with life, singing, sighing, crying, but always full of faith in Christ who helps us and listens to us, and let us once again take up our journey" (*Discorso alla luna* ["The Moonlight Speech"], 11 October 1962).

I also remember the words of Saint John Paul II as he reflected on the family: "The family finds in the plan of God the Creator and Redeemer not only its identity, what it is, but also its mission, what it can and should do.... Each family finds within itself a summons that cannot be ignored and that specifies both its dignity and its responsibility: family, become what you are!" (Apostolic Exhortation on the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, *Familiaris Consortio*, 17).

Following in the footsteps of these two great Saints, Pope Francis has also made the family one of his chief concerns. This October, I will participate in an Extraordinary Synod of Bishops he has called to reflect on the challenges facing families in today's cultures. This will be followed one year later by a second, Ordinary Synod that will propose concrete ways the Church can help all of Christ's faithful respond to these challenges. I invite all of us to start praying now for the success of both these Synods. Let us pray too for all families as they strive to become what they are meant to be: "Families united in the joy of the Lord."

+ **Paul-André Durocher**
Archbishop of Gatineau

President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

C.W.L. Corner ...



■ **JUNE POTLUCK: Thursday, June 19th** ... *Mark your calendar!*

■ **SAVE THE DATE!** – On **Saturday, November 1st** the Hamilton Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Day of Spirituality at St Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Bishop Tonnos will be the guest speaker. The cost to attend will be \$10 and you must pre-register to attend. Lunch is included. They are in the early stages of planning so no further details are available at this time, but St Anthony Daniel council invites all CWL Members to attend and wanted everyone to be aware of this upcoming event so you can reserve the date!

SPREAD THE FAITH RETREAT – For young women ages 15-23, **May 16th-19th** at **Blessed Sacrament Parish**, Kitchener. This is an exciting chance for young women to learn how to defend the Catholic Faith! The weekend will feature guest speakers, Q & A, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Music, fun outings and more! If you desire to learn the Faith and also learn how to share that Faith with others, this is the retreat for you! Meet other like-minded young women from all over Ontario and grow in your faith. 40 spaces available. Cost: \$100. Register at www.solisisters.ca – we are filling up quickly!

ANNUAL SHRED DAY – Tax time is over! Help shred out identity theft. Knight of Columbus Kitchener Council 1504 is hosting their 5th Annual Shred Day, **Saturday, May 24th** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the **Zehrs Laurention Power Centre** (750 Ottawa St. S Kitchener). Look for the Shred-All truck. Goodwill offerings will be donated to The Food Bank of Waterloo Region.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE ESSAY CONTEST – K-W Right to Life is holding a contest for the best essay on the topic: "**The Reason for Apathy on the Issue of Abortion.**" Winning essay wins \$250. All entries must be a minimum of 1000 words, and contestants must be 16 years of age or older. **Entry deadline is Saturday, May 31st.** Please send your entry to:
K-W Right to Life Office
215 Lancaster Street West, Kitchener N2H 4T9

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Children aged 6 to 10 are invited to take part in the "*CatChat Vacation Bible School: A Radical Ride on the Wings of a Prayer with Amazing Angels and Super Saints*" at **St. Joseph Church** (148 Madison Ave. Kitchener). The bible school will be held from **August 11th-15th** from 8:50am to 12:30pm. Cost is \$25 per child, \$65 for three or more siblings. To register, call the church office at 519-745-9302 by Friday, June 6. If you have questions, call Lisa Reitzel at 519-749-2579.

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES IN QUEBEC – Join us on a 6-day pilgrimage, **August 4-9, 2014.** We visit Cap-de-la-Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre, Sacred Heart Shrine, Beauvoir and St. Joseph's Oratory. Price is \$750/single, \$665/double and \$640/triple. Bus leaves from St. Mary's Church, Kitchener. For more information and reservations please contact Lois Meyer 519-880-8732 or Erna Spoenlein 519-743-1030.

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