

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Worship This Week

November 19 - 25, 2012

### MONDAY

7:00 AM + Eileen Doyle – A. Doyle

### TUESDAY

7:00 PM + Jack Soares – Maria

### WEDNESDAY (Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

### THURSDAY (memorial - St. Cecilia)

7:00 AM - Int. of Mary Duggan – A. Doyle

### FRIDAY

7:00 AM + Anna Tong Thi Chi – Hoang Son Ng

### SATURDAY (memorial – St. Andrew Dung-Lac)

9:00 AM + Jelica Spicijaric – Family Zikovic

### SUNDAY (Feast of Christ the King)

Deuteronomy 7:13-14; Revelations 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

SAT. 5:00 pm + Olivia and Eileen Macedo - Luis

SUN. 9:30 am + Donald Lynch – Brian & Marie Lynch

11:30 am - Int. of Ron Blanchard – Kathleen

- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's



## IN THE PARISH

### Operation Christmas Child

Help bring joy and hope to a child living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease, disaster and poverty. This Christmas Season pack a shoe box filled with new school supplies, hygiene items and toys. Empty boxes can be picked up after Mass or during the week in the church lobby. **Please return filled shoe boxes to the Church by Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for helping this worthy cause.



### 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! Please bring any prayer requests with you for Intercessory Rosary following the DVD.

#### Upcoming film titles:

Nov. 21: "Prophets and Kings" by Ray Vander Laan

Nov. 28: "Marriage in the Lord: Poured Out For Love (Part 1/8)" by Deacon James Keating



### Knights of Columbus

Next monthly meeting of St. Mark's Council 9276: **Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)** [www.kofc9276.org](http://www.kofc9276.org)

### Remembering Our Dead during the Month of November

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



### Office Hours This Week

November 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Offertory Last Week: Nov. 10/11, 2012

Registered Envelope Users .....	\$ 3,492.00
Loose monies .....	\$ 541.48
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,033.48</b>
Parish Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 570.00

### St. Mark's Spirit Crew

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

#### ■ NEXT FAITH-SHARING

**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church**

All youth in grades 6 and up are welcome! Please bring a bible, a journal and your enthusiasm. A free will offering will be accepted for the snack that will be provided. Please make sure you reply to the leadership team by email so we have an opportunity to provide enough snack: [the.boettgers@sympatico.ca](mailto:the.boettgers@sympatico.ca). If you have any questions please call Kate or Tom Boettger at 519-745-6065.

#### ■ COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.**

We will be attending the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Warehouse in Waterloo. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 6:20 p.m. and returning at approximately 10 p.m. Please wear closed toe shoes and warm clothing. Please email Christine at [cutting\\_abcd@rogers.com](mailto:cutting_abcd@rogers.com) by Friday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend this fun and rewarding event.

### Novena to the Immaculate Conception

St. Mark's Legion of Mary invites all parishioners and friends to attend the Novena to the Immaculate Conception for the Spiritual and Moral Wellbeing of our Children.

The Novena runs from **November 30th to December 8th** and begins at 6:30 p.m. each night at St. Mark's Church.

The exception to this 6:30 start time is on the two Saturdays (December 1st and 8th), when the Novena will be prayed right after the 5:00 p.m. mass. This year, we will be offering a prayer box for you to put in your own personal prayer intentions. At the end of each night, the Legion will say a special prayer for these intentions. Please come out and join us - we look forward to seeing you there!

### Sacrament of Confirmation

**If you have not yet handed in your Confirmation registration form, please do so as soon as possible.** If you did not receive a form, or missed the information meeting last week, please pick up the necessary papers from the church lobby. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office. Dates for Confirmation in 2013 are as follows:

St. Mark's Grade 7's & 8's	Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm
St. Dominic's Grade 7's	Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am
St. Dominic's Grade 8's	Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 pm
All other schools	Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am <u>or</u> 1:30 pm

### New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2013

Available for purchase in the narthex – \$5 each.



### Angel Tree

Christmas is coming, and our Angel Tree is now set up in the narthex. If you would like to buy a gift to make Christmas special for a child, please choose an angel, purchase your gifts, and **return them to the church (unwrapped) with the angel attached before Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please do not buy clothing, as we do not know the sizes (winter accessories accepted). Gift certificates are always appreciated, especially for older children. If you happen to have extra wrapping paper or bags that you are willing to donate, we would certainly appreciate them. Thank you for your ongoing support! - *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

*Just a little reminder of the power we have as Christians, and the people whose lives we can touch...*



On October 15, 2012, Canada Post issued a **new religious stamp for the Christmas season** depicting the Madonna and Child in stained glass, from one of the more than 150-year-old stained glass windows at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Kingston, Ontario. The creation of coloured glass by artisans was adopted by Christian churches of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries. It was used most extensively in the Middle Ages as a means of communicating bible stories to a mostly illiterate population. It continues today to tell the stories for adults and for children.

If you are sending Christmas greetings to your friends, remember that "Jesus is the reason for the season." Purchase cards that celebrate the Christian message. Share the joy of knowing Christ with others. Use the nativity Christmas stamps on all your mail during the Christmas season. Purchase enough stamps that you can use them all year long as they are only for sale at this time of year. If they are sold out, ask when the new shipment comes in and ask them to hold several books for you. Celebrate being a follower of Jesus all the time!

### Church Bulletin Advertising

This month, Liturgical Publications will begin setting up the advertisements that support the printing of our church bulletin for the coming year. Please lend your support by advertising your product or service regularly on the back page of our bulletin. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637. Ads will begin running in February 2013.



### Mission to Mexico

Are you interested in making a difference? Are you interested in an experience that will change both your life, and the lives of those you touch? A group of parishioners from St. Mark's are going on a Mission trip to Central Mexico in **April 2013**. During our week away, we will help build up the community that we have served over the past 3 years. We are looking to build our team! If you are interested in learning more about how you may be able to participate, please contact Ron Denomme at 519-884-3389, Greg Williamson at 519-572-1629, or Kate Boettger at 519-745-6065.

### 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.

### 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.*



#### ■ C.W.L. POTLUCK: Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rosary in the Church at 6pm, Potluck in the Hall at 6:45pm.

All CWL members are invited to join us -- new members are most welcome! We will have a wonderful evening including: "Take that Seat" Presentation; Interactive activity; Secret Prayer Sister Reveal (*bring a card for the sister that you have been praying for this past year*); Pick a new Secret Prayer Sister. **Please bring your own place setting** (plate, cup and cutlery) – this is a no kitchen-work event!

We will be collecting for Anselma House this month, so please bring one of the following items with you to the potluck, unwrapped, and we will deliver these gifts to the mothers and children at Anselma House. Thank you for your generosity:

- feminine hygiene products (*tampons/pads*)
- hair products – styling products, accessories etc. (*please NO shampoo/conditioner - we have lots!*)
- pajamas in all sizes for mothers/children
- diapers (size 6 is most needed), baby wipes, laundry baskets

#### ■ EXECUTIVE ELECTION: Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mass at 6pm, Election at 7pm.

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** Which category of membership is unique to past national CWL presidents?

**Last Week's Answer:** *The Book of Life* is used to honour deceased members of the League.

## IN THE REGION

**Weihnachtsmarkt** – One of the traditional Christmas Bazaars in our area, staged annually by the Ladies Group of St. Mary's German Congregation. **Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** from 9:30 am to 12 noon at St. Mary's Parish (Lower Church), 56 Duke St. W., Kitchener. Baking, books, raffles and crafts. Lunch will be available. Proceeds will aid church missions and charitable organizations. Hope to see you there!

#### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Novena (Dec. 7-15):

##### An Invitation to Prepare Well for Christmas

Nine daily Masses at 6:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo. Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> (note exception: Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Mass is at 9:00 a.m. - you are welcome to attend your own church on this day). Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend - everyone is welcome. Plenty of time to get to work afterwards!

**Longest Night Prayer Service** – For some, this time of year can be stressful and sad, especially if you have lost a loved one. Join us **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener) for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. This Advent, let us look forward to Jesus' Coming and our reunion with our loved ones in His Kingdom.

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