

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2012

Masses January 16, 2012 to January 22, 2012

Jan. 23 Monday 8:00 AM	St. Mark	Gloria Givogue requested by Wayne and Lois Boisvenue
Jan. 24 Tuesday 8:00 AM	St. Mark	Doris Moore requested by Tom and Carmel Glynn
Jan. 25 Wednesday 7:00 PM	St. Mark	Margaret Helen Monk requested by Margaret Anne Monk
Jan. 26 Thursday 8:00 AM	St. Mark	Lenora MacDonald requested by Maureen and Henry Walasek
Jan. 27 Friday 9:00 AM	Sacred Heart	Michael Cyr requested by Gisele & Dennis Wright
Jan. 28 Saturday 5:15 PM	St. Mark	Madeleine Theriault requested by Leonard & Etienne Theriault
Jan. 29 Sunday 9:00 AM	Sacred Heart	All Parishioners of St. Mark and Sacred Heart
Jan. 29 Sunday 11:00 AM	St. Mark	Jennie Maggio and Susan Giruzzi requested by Mimi Garrah

Please Note: In the event there is a *Funeral Mass* it will **not** replace a scheduled Mass.

Offertory: January 8, 2012 **St. Mark - \$1,394.87** **Sacred Heart - \$273.50**

Thank you for your generosity .

Parish Ministries Schedule for Masses January 28 to January 29 (Fifth Sunday)

Place Date Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Ushers	Gift Bearers
St. Mark Saturday Jan. 28 5:15 PM	Kathy Laushway, Tom O'Keefe	Laura Lee Scott	Norm Fortier Tony Boileau	Tony & Marie Boileau
St. Mark Sunday Jan. 29 11:00 AM	Klaas DeVries, Clayton Paquette, Sue Daigle	Larry Sauve	Ed Murdock Ed MacDonald Albert LaPorte	Ed & Rosita MacDonald
Sacred Heart Sunday Jan. 29 9:00 AM	Jason Edge Joan Toupin	Joan Toupin	To be determined	To be determined

Children's Liturgy Janet Laton, Ashley Martin

Father Brennan is away on Retreat at Mepkin Abbey in South Carolina, a Cistercian (popularly known as Trappist) Monastery until Friday February 3rd. Please welcome Father Michael McCarthy who will be with us in Father Brennan's absence. For more information on Mepkin Abbey you can find it on their website at www.mepkinabbey.org

ST. MARK PARISH FINANCE / PROPERTY COMMITTEE –

Meeting to be held Tuesday Jan. 24 at 7:00 PM at St. Mark Club House.

World Youth Day 2013 -St. Mark's is planning on leading a group of pilgrims to Rio de Janeiro in July of 2013 for World Youth Day. The targeted age group for this pilgrimage are those in grades 10 through university. if you're interested please contact Tony Jozefowicz at 613-925-5133 for further information.

Marriage Preparation Course St. John Bosco Parish on Friday March 2nd and Sunday March 3rd, 2012

Registration forms are available on line at www.stjohnboscoparishbrockville.com Deadline for registration forms is Friday February 18, 2012. Please contact your pastor or Norma Burns St. John Bosco Parish Secretary at 613-342-5095 or email sjbparish@bellnet.ca

Mass Intentions The offering of a Mass is perhaps the best gift and remembrance we can give to our loved ones, both living and those who have gone before us. Envelopes are available at the main entrances of both churches. Please fill in the information and return it in the collection basket. The stipend is \$10.00

Please be aware Wednesday evenings, Saturday and Sunday requests should be submitted at least 8 weeks in advance

Meaning of Sunday

Day of the Lord.

From the time of the apostles, the Christian Church has come together on the first day of the week, the day of the Lord's rising from the dead. We recognize him in the breaking of bread and praise our Father in heaven.

Day of assembly.

God calls us together to hear his word, to praise his name, to thank him for creating the world and saving us in Christ, and to be nourished with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. In our Sunday gatherings, our Father recognizes his Church present and active in the world.

Day of praise and prayer.

On Sunday we join Christ in singing praise and thanks to his Father. In the name of all creation we give God glory; as his people we plead for the welfare and salvation of all humanity.

Day of the word.

God himself speaks when his word is proclaimed to us during the Mass. We need to prepare ourselves by prayer and by reading over the texts before the Sunday celebration, and to reflect on them during the following week. We pray for grace to let his word touch our hearts and change our lives.

Day of light and joy.

Christ is the light of the world, and he calls us to be and reflect this light. We are called to let our good deeds shine before other people, so that they may be led to give glory to the Father. Joy is the gift of God's Spirit, given to all who seek to do the will of the Father.

Day of rest.

On the Lord's day, we take a rest from our usual daily tasks and use this time to praise God, to help others – and to relax. We play and rest, as we pray and worship: in God's sight, and with his blessing

Deacon's Corner

Greetings and blessings to all as we start the new year.

Recently I attended a meeting of one of our parish service organizations and frankly I was shocked by the lack of attendance.

All of you know that I have not been with this parish all that long, but, I haven't had my eyes or ears closed either.

Every service organization is having a membership, problem. The people that I keep seeing every time I'm in a meeting are the same faces, and friends, a lot of these very dedicated people are grandparents and great grandparents. They have done and served their time, you the younger people of the parish have to step up and take over now

Oh, I've heard the so-called reasons, "I'm busy" seems to be a catch all thing or I have no time.

It seems that time is made to go to a hockey game in Ottawa, or the sportsman's show in Montréal and maybe stay for dinner, or play the slots in Gan. or the slots in Ottawa, but I have no time for my parish community, seems less than adequate reason

Even existing members of the organization's need to start showing up at meetings in support of the different organizations.

I guess there are questions to be asked, why did you become a member in the first place? What inspired and motivated you to join? Why is this desire to do good gone flat?

This entire parish is in serious need of your help in all aspects to do God's work among His people. I've been around long enough to know that if things do not change from this point on, your going to lose these organizations and then what? Where are the people going to be.

No members means no organization, means no one to do God's work in support of the people of this parish and community.

There are serious decisions to be made my friends. I pray you make the right ones

Pax

Deacon Robert

Reminder for First Holy Communion and Confession

Parents of students in grades two preparing for their First Communion and Confession are asked to please bring the *forms and Baptismal Certificates that are still outstanding* to St. Mark Church. If your child has been baptized at St. Mark or Sacred Heart certificates are not needed. Students who **do not** attend St. Mark School, please return the forms so that your child can be included in preparation and further meetings.

Please put the following dates on your calendar

Confessions:

Prayer & Blessing Feb. 26 at 11:00 AM

First Confessions –March 3rd at 6:15 PM

followed by reception at Parish Center

First Holy Communion:

Enrollment April 29th at 11:00 AM Mass

First Communion May 6 at 11:00 AM Mass

followed by Reception at St. Mark Parish Center

Contribution Envelopes – There are still a few boxes of envelopes in the main vestibules of our Churches. We request that anyone who has not yet picked up their packages to do so as you make your way home this weekend.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

All are invited and encouraged to join together with the churches in Cardinal to celebrate the unity we have in Jesus Christ

Daily at noon at the United Church the following churches will lead the worship & provide lunch on their respective dates:

Monday January 23rd – Anglican Church

Tuesday January 24th – Roman Catholic Church

Wednesday January 25th – Pentecostal Church

Thursday January 26th – Presbyterian Church

Friday January 27th - United Church

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Cameron Gauthier, Hilary & Stephen Gauthier, John Raney, Ed Bologna, Gerry Van Rijt, Christine Guerin, Trudy Bernaski, Rosella Roberts, May God grant them the strength & comfort to deal with their illness.

Let us pray for those who have died: Lenora McDonald, Zabrena, Rakowski, Jetty McQue, Leonard Pineau, Diane Brown, Doris Moore. May the Lord grant them Eternal Peace.

Help us update our sick list. If you know of anyone who should come off this list or be on it contact the parish office 925-2944 email stmbulletineditor@gmail.com

Eucharist Congress in Ireland-June 2-9, 2012

there are some places available if you would like to join our archdiocesan pilgrimage.

Option 1- A tour of the Republic of Ireland June 2-9, 2012 and Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, Ireland, June 10-17. Return home June 18. The cost is \$4067 based on double occupancy and includes air fare.

Option 2 - June 8-18. Includes air fare, hotel accommodations and registration for the Eucharistic Congress. Cost is \$2,974.46 based on double occupancy. For more information, call **Margie Ann at 613-548-4461**. To book your reservation, call Pam Franklin 613-384-4567 at Service Guaranteed Travel Kingston.

Parish Website- If you are looking for any information, please remember to look at our website at www.stmarksacredheart.ca . The Parish Bulletins are posted there as well as links to other Catholic organizations and some other interesting items. If you haven't visited the website lately, you will notice that the monthly Calendar of Events (main page) and Finance / Property Committee minutes (donations page) from both Parishes have been added to the site.