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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 2nd @ 7:00 pm

- † James Dolan req. Fr. Michael
- † Philippe Gauthier req. by Marie-Jeanne and Jean Claude Cote
- † Aldo Nardi req. by Nella Nardi
- † Frederick Gaerlan req. by Melanie Piedad

Wednesday, May 3rd @ 8:30 am

- † Antonio, Angelina and Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

Thursday, May 4th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Bryceson Sheehan req. by Bernadette Sheehan

Friday, May 5th Holy Hour @ 7 pm & Mass @ 8 pm

- † Elena Alvaraz req. by Tence Family

Saturday, May 6th @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- Margaret Bots req. by Fr. Michael
- † Jani Stipcevich req. by Milka Stipcevich
- † Dionicio Quesada req. by Casil Family
- † Paul, Lena & Walter req. by Mike Semon

@ 5:00 pm
St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

Sunday, May 7th @ 9:00 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario Ciardullo
- @ 11:00 am**
- † Maria DiBiase, Pasquale and Giovanni Parente req. by Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Parente

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's

Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

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Having experienced childhood sexual abuse, Tom originally sought counseling treatment for resulting depression at a local clinic. Since Tom had experienced the death of his wife, his increased drinking, drug addiction, suicidal thoughts, depression and financial loss had placed an immense strain on his relationship with his mother and two sons. Through the 12 step program and other counseling at Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, Tom has experienced a tremendous peace and healing in his family relationships. "Giving hope and saving lives is what this is all about," shares Tom, "I am very grateful to ShareLife for the funding they provide to Catholic Family Services of Simcoe." **Over 21,000 individuals received help through ShareLife Family Services.**

Next Sunday May 7, 2017 is

ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Catholic Websites

For current and informative news articles on the Church, check out the following websites:

- www.archtoronto.org
- www.wordonfire.org
- www.ewtnnews.com
- www.lifesitenews.com

Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her Testimonies from the process of beatification

Edited and translated by Christopher O'Mahony.
Published by Veritas Publications.

"Mother Agnes was asked if she had the original formula of Therese's offering. She produced the following...An offering of myself as a holocaust victim to the merciful love of God. O my God, Trinity ever-blessed, I want to love you and make you loved. I want to work for the glory of the Church by saving the souls who are here on earth and freeing those who are suffering in purgatory. I want to fulfil your will perfectly and to attain to that degree of glory which you have prepared for me in your kingdom. In a word, I would dearly like to be holy, but I feel incapable of it; so I ask you, my God to be my holiness yourself...I am certain therefore that you will grant what I desire. I know, my God that when you want to give us more you increase our desires. My heart is full of immense desires, and I confidently invite you to come and take possession of it. I cannot receive holy communion as often as I would like to, Lord; but are you not all-powerful? Stay in me as you do in the tabernacle, and never leave this little host of yours." – Testimony of Mother Agnes of

Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Catholic Education Week

April 30th to May 5th

"Walking Forward Together"

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2017, which runs from April 30th to May 5th. For more than 165 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week, visit www.goodnewsforall.ca

Social Media Presentation

Tuesday, May 2nd from 7 pm to 9 pm

At Stouffville Christian School it is our desire to partner with parents and the church to raise the Christian leaders of tomorrow. Parenting is not an easy task in the ever changing world of today. The school is hosting an event to discuss social media and our children. There is no cost to attend.

Location: Stouffville Christian School,
3885 Stouffville Rd, Whitchurch-Stouffville

Guest Speaker: Brett Ullman www.brettullman.com

Retreat Weekend for Single Women

May 26th to May 28th

Retreat hosted by Sisters of St. Joseph for Women ages 20-55
Place: The Sisters' home in Orillia (car-pooling available)
When: Friday, May 26 to Sunday, May 28 afternoon
Cost: \$150 (subsidies available)
Registration: contact Frances Harrison-Atell at fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca or at 416-467-2642
Registration deadline: Monday, May 15th

APRIL 30, 2017

First Communion Ceremonies



Please pray for our children receiving the Sacrament of First Communion in May and June.

We ask our Church community to remember these special children in their prayers, as they celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday, May 1st at 7 pm in the St. Anne's room.

All are welcome.

Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning May 7th, 2017

Please note the change in Mass times.

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| Tuesday | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:30 am |
| Saturday | 9 am & 5 pm |
| Sunday | 9 am & 11 am |
| Weekday Solemnities | 7:30 pm only |
| First Friday Holy Hour | 7:00 pm |

Mother's Day Raffle

May 6th and May 7th after all the Masses



St. Mark's Youth Ministry will be holding a raffle to raise money for summer activities for St. Mark's youth.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of May 6th and 7th.

Prize: *Ultimate Mother's Day Gift Basket*

March For Life

Thursday, May 11th in Ottawa

This year marks the 20th National March for Life in Ottawa.

The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day.

Rally on Parliament Hill 12:30 – 1:30 pm

March for Life 1:30 – 3 pm

Silent No More speakers 3:00 – 4 pm

Closing prayer service 4 – 4:30 pm

Theme: Life, We Stand on Guard for Thee



NEW EVANGELIZATION

Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th

Friday, May 12 – 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. and Saturday, May 13 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Local Host Site: Holy Family Parish
91 Ribblesdale Dr., Whitby

The conference will livestream to the parish from Ottawa. This two-day conference will encourage, train and provide resources on how Catholics can evangelize effectively.

COST: \$35, includes lunch **PHONE:** 905-665-6470

WEB: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/#map>

Pasta Night at St. Mark's Church

Saturday, May 13th at 6 pm



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The Church's Social Teachings

May 16th, 23rd, 30th at 7:30 pm

An interesting talk on the Church's social teachings will be given by Paul Tomory in the Parish Hall on the following dates: **May 16th, 23rd and 30th after the 7 pm Mass.**

All are welcome!

Bundle Weekend

May 27th and 28th



Bundle Sunday

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a

Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of

May 27th and 28th accepting

donations of clothing, household goods, drapes, toys and accessories. Please note they do not accept appliances, baby furniture, books or mattresses.

For more information, visit svdptoronto.org. Thank you!

Volunteers for Church Gardens



Volunteers are needed to care for one of the church gardens over the spring and summer months. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the church at 905-640-6954 ext. 101.

St. Mark's Summer Camp



Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for Kingdom Camp at St. Mark's Church.

Children entering Grades 2 to 4

Program Dates: Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14

Children entering Grades 5 to 8

Program Dates: Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21

Registration

1st Child - \$160, Each additional sibling - \$140

Registration forms are available in the church foyer or by going to: www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017
Please drop off completed forms to the church office.

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