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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
(except First Fridays-see below)
Wednesday & Thursday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am
Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
(with Children's Liturgy)
Sunday - 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Mass - 8:00 pm
*(except Statutory Holidays
9:00 am Mass Only)*

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary

(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux

Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Holy Hour

(Thursday 9 - 10:00 am)

Divine Mercy

(Before Friday Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help

(Saturday Morning Mass)

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, please allow for up to 3 months for an anticipated Baptismal date given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class. This time delay is because of the very large number of baptisms and because we limit the number attending the bi-monthly classes and celebrations to six families, to preserve the dignity of the celebration.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the parish **one year in advance**. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage no date may be set until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-

BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Please see website for policy explanation.

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Altar Servers
- Altar Society
- Children's Liturgy
- Counter's Ministry
- Edge
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Finance Committee
- Funeral Luncheon Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Lectors
- Media Stand & Bookstall
- Ministry of Hospitality
- Parish Council
- Parish Music Ministry
- Prayer Groups
- RCIA
- Sacramental Preparation
- Squires
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Ushers
- Women's Ministry
- Youth Ministry

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T: 905-642-5100

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W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606
W: archtoronto.org

PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTERS FOR SCHOOL

As evidence of living one's faith the person requesting a reference must be registered for at least 12 months and genuinely trying to attend Mass every Sunday, as well as supporting the Church, its charities and mission work. Must also have recently volunteered as a Parish Catechist!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 12th @ 7:00 pm

The Unborn req. by Fr. Michael

† Emidia Veroni req. by Sons

Wednesday, December 13th @ 8:30 am

† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family

Thursday, December 14th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

Bishop Boissonneau req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, December 15th @ 7:00 pm

Devereaux Brothers and Family req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, December 16th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

Fr. Leslie Tamas req. by Fr. Michael

† Judy Normandeau req. by Elizabeth Mitchel
@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, December 17th @ 9:00 am

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio and Mary Benincasa
@11:00 am

† Dino and Pasqualina Raponi req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi
@12:30 pm

† Vincenzo Turco req. by Franca Turco and Family



Is God Calling You?

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux,**

Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.

2018 Envelope Boxes

Please do not interfere with the 2018 envelope boxes. **Only take the box assigned to you.** If you had a numbered box and cannot find your box for 2018, please contact the office.

Parents: do not allow your children to play with the boxes. Thank you.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,695

Christmas Schedule 2017



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24, 2017

- ◆ 4:30 pm Caroling (Voices of Praise)
- ◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 7:30 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 10:00 pm Mass

Monday, December 25, 2017

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Sunday, December 31, 2017

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Monday, January 1, 2018

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

A Life that Matters

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours, days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear. So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived. At the end, whether you were beautiful or brilliant, male or female, even your skin colour won't matter.

So what will matter?

How will the value of your days be measured? What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave. What will matter is not your success, but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others. What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you. Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters.

Author Unknown

DECEMBER 10, 2017

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Marks

Every Thursday from 9 am – 10 am



Light up the Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon

Christmas is fast approaching, and as is tradition, the St. Mark Squires will be conducting their Light Up the Tree of Life Advent Fundraiser. In the foyer, the Squires have set up a tree. We invite all parishioners to select one or more of the candle tags that have suggested items for babies and their young mothers (ex. diapers, baby clothes etc.) **By the December 23/24 weekend, we ask that you bring what is written on the tag and drop it off underneath the tree.** You can then hang the candle tag on the tree to help light up the "Tree of Life." All donations support the Rose of Sharon.



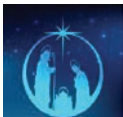
Thank You - St. Mark Squire Circle 5486

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

Congratulations

To all the performers in our 12th Annual Christmas Pageant and Concert!

It was a beautiful event that helped us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. A special thanks to Eugenie and Kiana Landry for organizing and directing the pageant as well as the many wonderful volunteers who helped out.



Gumball Machine Raffle

December 9th and 10th

An Exciting Raffle,
Just in Time for Christmas!

The St. Mark's Youth will be raffling off a **Limited Edition Canada 150th Beaver Gumball Machine.** This lovely gift has been generously donated to help the St.



Mark's Youth raise funds for all their activities.

Raffle tickets will be sold after all the masses.

1 ticket for \$3 3 tickets for \$5 7 tickets for \$10

Theology on Tap

Monday, December 11th from 7 pm to 9 pm
Boston Pizza, 400 Progress Ave., Scarborough

Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth, and the local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guests: Llorene & Renard Romero, Leanna Cappiello, and Leslie Gyulay. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend!

PHONE: 416-599-7676

EMAIL/TICKETS: youth@ocytoronto.org

Women's Recollection

Monday, December 11th at 7 pm



The ladies of our Parish are invited to a Recollection at St. Mark's Church on Monday, December 11th which will include:

- 2 meditations by a Priest of Opus Dei
- A talk on living the Christian life
- An examination of conscience and an opportunity for confession beginning at 7 pm

St. Mark's Parish Mission

Tuesday, December 12th at 7 pm

Everyone is invited to our

St. Mark's Advent

Parish Mission given by

Fr. Joseph Deveaux.

Fr. Deveaux will give the Homily at the 7 pm Mass.



2017 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2017 donations on Wednesday, December 27th, 2017

Any donations you wish to make for 2017 must be received by **December 27th, 2017**. Anything after this date will apply to the 2018 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office before December 18th.

XLT Resolve

Tuesday, January 2nd from 7 pm to 9:30 pm

At Flato Markham Theatre, Markham

How will you welcome in 2018?

Join Joel Stepanek, Joe Zambon, Jenn Reitzel, Andrew Santos and Msgr. Vid Vlastic (Pastor, St. Justin Martyr) for an evening of Prayer, Praise & Worship, Witness and Eucharistic Adoration.

This ministry team will help teens and adults alike discern what they need to "Resolve" so that 2018 can be a new, transformative and faith-filled year. All done in a fun, unique and spiritually engaging way. Don't miss out on this perfect opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus and the universal Church.

This night promises to change your life.

Be sure to usher in 2018 like you've never done before - at the Flato Markham Theatre.

CONTACT: St. Justin Martyr Parish

PHONE: 905-479-2463

EMAIL/TICKETS: youth@stjustin.com


Church Office - Holiday Hours

December 22	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
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