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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, December 23rd @ 7:00 pm

† Austin Kenny req. by Fr. Michael
Special Intention req. by Anonymous

Wednesday, December 24th @ 8:30 am

† Angelina and Antonio Spedalieri req. by
Mary Di Pasqua

@ 5:00 pm

Parish Families req. by Fr. Michael

@ 7:30 pm

Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

@ 10:00 pm

Thanksgiving req. by Anonymous

Thursday, December 25th @ 10:00 am

Luca Gennuso req. by Karen

@ 12:00 pm

Anonymous Intention

Friday, December 26th @ 9:00 am

For our Deacons req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, December 27th @ 9:00 am

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

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

† Joan Bogdan req. by Anna Metauro

† Michael Nammour req. by Yolanda
Zogheib

@ 5:00 pm

† Bob Busato req. by Donna and Family

Sunday, December 28th @ 9:00 am

† Dino Raponi req. by Onesima and Tony
Raponi

@ 11:00 am

For Our Families req. by Fr. Michael

@ 12:30 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Vocations

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!" ...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director** by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Pray For The Sick

Beverly Semon, Darrel Boddington, Lynda Ticknor,
Debbie Beauchamp & Douglas Ciceri Sr.

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Otto Erkinger and Cahal Stewart

Christmas Schedule 2014



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

- ◆ 4:30 pm Caroling
(Voices of Glory Choir)
- ◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 7:30 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 9:30 pm Caroling (St. Mark's Choir)
- ◆ 10:00 pm Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2014

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

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

Thursday, January 1, 2014

- ◆ 10:00 am
- ◆ 12:00 noon

Sunday Missals

The 2015 Sunday Missals are available
in the foyer of the church for \$5.

We Belong To God

You and I are called to BELONG to Jesus Christ by making a
concrete commitment/renewing our commitment to Jesus as
our personal Saviour!

Experience more at our website:

<http://stmarkstouffville.ca> under the heading
"I BELONG" or e-mail: stmarkibelong@bellnet.ca

2013 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2014 donations on
Monday, December 29th, 2014

Any donations you wish to make for 2014 must be received
by this date. Anything after this date will apply to the 2015
year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on
your offertory donation box. If there are any changes to be
made, please contact the office before December 20th.

Holiday Office Closures

The Parish Office will be closed beginning Wednesday,
December 24th at noon and will re-open on Tuesday,
December 30th. It will be closed again from Wednesday,
December 31st at noon until January 2nd.

DECEMBER 21, 2014

Light Up the Tree of Life

December

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 20/21st 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

The Flame of Love Prayer Group

December 23rd at 3 pm

Pray with us each Tuesday at 3:00 pm in St. Anne's Room. Meditated rosary and other prayers for the salvation of souls. For more information, please **contact Jeanette Woodley at 905-640-7884.**

Charismatic Prayer Group

December 23rd at 7:30 pm

Our Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday. The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone welcome!

Pray Out the Old Year Pray in the New Year

December 31st 11 pm

St. Mark's Parish will host a Holy Hour for the last hour of 2014. We will then commence the New Year celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Mark the date on your calendar and start the New Year with Jesus by your side.

Steubenville Youth Conference

August 7 - 9, 2015

The Steubenville Conference will be returning to Toronto from August 7 - 9, 2015. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2015 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2015 can attend this exciting conference. **Registration forms can be found in the church foyer.** A non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be paid when booking a spot. Please visit the website www.steubenvilletoronto.com for further details.

Fundraising Feasibility Study Executive Summary

To see a copy of the recently released Church Building Expansion, Financial Feasibility Executive Study Report produced by the fundraising firm, M&M International, please see our parish website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca under the Church Expansion heading.

Pulpit Announcements

To arrange for your Ministry Group to make an announcement after Mass, please contact the church office **at least two weeks in advance.**

Pastor's Corner

Imagine, with the sending of His only Son God was revealing His face to us and so fulfilling man's desire from the beginning to see the face of God. But in sending Jesus, the Father more importantly was revealing the fullness of His Heart to us - "God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whomsoever would believe in Him might have eternal life." Unimaginable love that we have become so familiar with. Help us dear Jesus to see it anew, afresh and realize the gift more profoundly!



*Wishing you a Blessed Advent!
Fr. Michael*



CHALICE - Thank You

From Deacon Philip Allard

On behalf of Chalice, and the children we serve, thank you for a very positive and wonderful visit to your parish. I was both encouraged and humbled by the generous response. This past weekend, we received 34 new sponsorships with more promised to come as well as cash donations. This was a very successful appeal weekend and a testimony to the work of the Holy Spirit in the Parish and in the hearts of the parishioners.

Many destitute families in the developing world will have their lives changed and will benefit from the commitment and compassion of the St. Mark's community!

2015 Offertory Donation Boxes

The boxes have been removed from the lobby until the New Year. If you wish to pick up your box, you may do so from the Office during regular office hours until such time as the Christmas decorations have been removed and the lobby has more space.

Thank You!!!

We would like to sincerely thank the following people:

- **St. Mark Knights of Columbus and an Anonymous Donor** for the funds to purchase the new chairs in the Parish Hall.
- **Janitorial Professionals Inc. and Sandro Velocci** for volunteering to take on the task of cleaning the carpets in the Church, Parish Hall and at the front door.

New Defibrillator

We would like to announce that a defibrillator has been installed in the foyer of the Church.

This marvellous gift to the Parish came to us through the generosity of **O'Neill Funeral Home and especially Mr. Patrick Leblanc, Managing Director.**

If there are any parishioners, who have C.P.R. training, are familiar with the operation of a defibrillator and who could help in the event of an emergency, could you please identify yourselves by contacting the church office.

Thank You For Your Generosity

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