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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, December 29th @ 9:00 am

Thanksgiving req. by Parish

Tuesday, December 30th @ 7:00 pm

† Holy Innocents, The Unborn req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, December 31st @ 8:30 am

Our Political Leaders req. by Fr. Michael

@ 5:00 pm

Emilio and Lina Ronco req. by Anonymous

@ 12:00 midnight

Thanksgiving req. by Parish

Thursday, January 1st @ 10:00 am

† Michael Shewchuk req. by Woolley Family
@ 12:00 noon

For Our Families req. by Fr. Michael

First Friday, Holy Hour January 2nd

@ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 8:00 pm

Anne Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, January 3rd @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Joyce and Jack Baker req. by Baker Family

† Catherine and Clement Kelly req. by Kelly Family

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, January 4th @ 9:00 am

† Clarita Gaerlan req. by Elena and Joven Medina

@ 11:00 am

† Giuseppe Schirripa req. by Gina Mazzone and Family

@ 12:30 pm

† Pasquina Raponi req. by Ignagni Family

Vocations

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.**

Pray For The Sick

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

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Maria Giovanna Sansalone

Christmas Schedule 2014



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Pray Out The Old Year

◆ 11:00 pm Holy Hour
Pray In The New Year

◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2015

◆ 10:00 am

◆ 12:00 noon

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Saturday, January 3, 2015

◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 4, 2015

◆ 9:00 am Mass

◆ 11:00 am Mass

◆ 12:30 pm Mass



Holiday Office Closures

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

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.

Institute Of Theology Of St. Augustine's Seminary

Applications are now being accepted for the Master of Religious Education, Master of Theological Studies, Diploma in Lay Ministry and Diploma in Theological Studies. Classes are conducted in Aurora, downtown Toronto, and at St. Augustine's Seminary on weeknights, Saturdays, during the month of July, and online. Degrees are recognized by the OCT and QECO. For information, see the website at www.staugustines.on.ca
Click on Academic. Click on Institute of Theology.

DECEMBER 28, 2014

The Flame of Love Prayer Group

December 30th 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.**

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.

Kindergarten Registration

Beginning January 5, 2015

Kindergarten registration begins January 5, 2015 in all York Catholic schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, check the parish bulletin board or visit our website at www.ycdsb.ca and **click on the Admissions icon.**

Light Weigh

January 9 at 9:30 am

Let your New Year's Resolution be to finally make peace with food and come closer to God in the process!

We are beginning the Light Weigh Program in the New Year, with the Orientation on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 9:30 am downstairs in St. Anne's Room and continuing with classes from Friday, January 23, at 9:30 am, also in St. Anne's Room. **For information, please contact Teresa Kusatz at 905-640-4183 or Monica McConkey at mmcconkey@rogers.com.**

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 for further details www.steubenvilletoronto.com

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.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners, and People of God, I want to share with you part of a beautiful spiritual meditation from William St. Thierry for Christmas, reminding us of God's love for us in Christ Jesus, and I pray that this will stir us to a great appreciation of God's inconceivable blessings upon us all.

"O Lord, salvation is your gift and your blessing is upon your people; what else is your salvation but receiving from you the gift of loving you or being loved by you? Jesus taught us to love Him by first loving us, *even to death on the cross*. By loving us and holding us so dear, he stirred us to love him who had first loved us to the end. And this is clearly the reason: you first loved us so that we might love you-not because you needed our love, but because we could not be what you created us to be, except by loving you. This, Lord, is your Word to us, this is your all-powerful message: while all things were in midnight silence (that is, were in the depths of error), he came from his royal throne, the stern conqueror of error and the gentle apostle of love. Everything he did and everything he said on earth was actually you speaking to us in your Son, appealing to us by your love and stirring up our love for you. You wanted us to love you, then, we who could not with justice have been saved had we not loved you, nor could we have loved you except by your gift."



*Wishing you all a Blessed and
Happy Christmas!*

Fr. Michael



Are You Growing Spiritually?

God has tremendous love for each of us and desires the best for us. Are you growing spiritually? Are you making time to spend a few minutes with God each day, or each week - in addition to Sunday Mass- to learn more about God and His will for you? Are you reading His Word? Are you reading or listening to insights or articles about God? Are you reading reflections from Pope Francis and the Vatican? Make a commitment for 2015 to GROW Spiritually. Read more at St. Mark's website: www.stmarkstouffville.ca

Christmas Thank You's!

We would like to sincerely thank the following people who helped prepare the church for the Christmas Season:

- Thanks to **L&M Greenhouses and O'Neill Funeral Home** for donating the beautiful poinsettias.
- Thank you to **Irma Pescador, Mary and Wayne Raybould** for decorating the church.
- Thank you to **Francis Kelly and Peter Gallagher** for setting up the crib in the foyer and to Peter for setting up the Altar crib.

Fundraising Feasibility Study Executive Summary

To see a copy of the Fundraising Feasibility Study, please see our parish website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca under the **Church Expansion heading.**

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