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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 1st

**Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
@ 10:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
@ 12 noon

† Lucy Piccioni req. by Maureen Morrison

Tuesday, January 2nd @ 7:00 pm

Anne Monaghan req. by Fr. Michael

† Edward Toye req. by Bruce and Tania Orr

† Souls in Purgatory req. by Anonymous

Wednesday, January 3rd @ 8:30 am

Conversion and Healing of Family Members
req. by Kelly and Baker Families

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

† Carmella D'Alessandro req. by Peter Willan

**Friday, January 5th Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm
and Mass @ 8:00 pm**

† Antonia Cornacchia req. by Bruce and Tania Orr

† Edward Toye req. by Bruce and Tania Orr

Saturday, January 6th @ 9:00 am

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

† John McCarthy req. by Fr. Michael

† Clarita Gaerlan req. by Elena and Family
@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, January 7th @ 9:00 am

Maguire Family req. by Fr. Michael
@ 11:00 am

† Anna DePinto, Rocco and Carlo Lozito and
Family req. by Domenica Lozito

@ 12:30 pm

† Brian Ruddy req. by Fr. Michael



Is God Calling You?

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.

Quote from a Saint

"The greater the darkness, the more complete our trust should be."

- St. Faustina Kowalska,
diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul, n.357 -

Christmas Schedule



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

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Marks

Every Thursday from 9 am - 10 am



Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration begins
January 8, 2018 in all York
Catholic Elementary 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/admissions

2018 Envelope Boxes

The 2018 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.

Family of Faith Donation Deadline

Donations submitted to the Parish must be received and stamped by the Parish on or before

December 31, 2017 to receive a 2017 tax receipt.

Major Relic of St. Francis Xavier

A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto, January 12- 14. The relic will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (Jan. 12), St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (Jan. 13) and Our Lady of Lourdes, Toronto (Jan. 14).

For more information, go to www.cco.ca/relic.

DECEMBER 31, 2017

Ushers Needed



Greeting people at the door, helping somebody to their seat, receiving and collecting Sunday offerings, or comforting somebody who might be in distress – these are just some of the ways in which ushers serve a vital part of our Sunday liturgy.

They work as a team and have as their priority the safety and the good order of the congregation as it gathers to worship the Lord in the liturgy of the Eucharist.

Without our ushers, the harmony, the reverence, the beauty of our liturgy would somehow be lacking. To all the ushers who have been serving faithfully over the years, I want to extend gratitude and appreciation. Your presence and your service is an integral part of our Sunday experience.

In preparation for our church expansion, the usher ministry is in great need of new members. I appeal to you to pray about and think about becoming an usher. Faithful, regularly attending parishioners, both men and women over the age of 18 are encouraged to apply.

There is a signup sheet on the bookstall in the foyer.

Once you have provided your volunteer information, our Usher Coordinator will contact you. Volunteer screening is required. Certification in First aid and/or CPR is a definite asset.

To all those who take the step in giving of themselves for this important ministry, I look forward to meeting you. Fr. Michael

First Communion Parent Meeting Wednesday, January 17th from 7 pm to 9 pm



There will be a First Communion Parent Catechetical Session in the church on **January 17th beginning at 7pm.**

For those parents who have volunteered to help teach the children, a training session will take place at 7 pm in the Parish Hall on this same evening.

SYMBOLON: Living the Faith Beginning January 16, 2018

You're invited to enrich and immerse yourself in this amazing program!



SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

St Mark's Parish will be running this 10 week program on Tuesday evenings starting January 16th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Each session will consist of a video presentation and small group discussion.

Perfect for RCIA candidates, Alpha participants or anyone wanting to know more about our Catholic Faith.

Signup sheets are now available at the bookstall.

Hosted by Sylvia Usling and Mark Sullivan.

Here is a small sample of some of the topics:

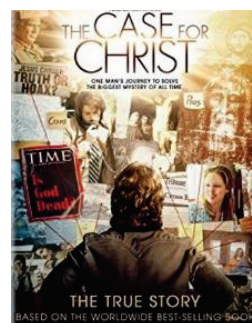
- A Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy
- Virtue, Grace and the Path to Holiness
- A Love That Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love



Parish Movie Night Saturday, January 20th



This month's movie: The Case for Christ



Based on the true story of an award-winning journalist who, working to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife, begins chasing down the biggest story of all time...with unexpected, life-altering results.

An intriguing faith-based detective story.

**Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm
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