



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
Lisa Baker-Admin. Asst.
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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
Sunday - 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 - 4:00 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before
Mass)

**Mother of Perpetual Help
Novena**

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy
(Before Friday pm Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
(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

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Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
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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 8th @ 7:30 pm
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, December 9th @ 8:30 am

† Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario
Ciardullo

Thursday, December 10th @ 8:30 am

The Mazzone Family req. by Anonymous

Friday, December 11th @ 7 pm

† Raymond Morel req. by Sylvie and David
Foster

Saturday, December 12th @ 9:00 am

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

The Unborn req. by Fr. Michael

† Bonifacio Mendoza req. by Angel and Cris
Dumanat

† Bartolome and Teresa Gamboa req. by Angel
and Cris Dumanat

@ 5:00 pm

† Doreen Singh req. by Singh Family

Sunday, December 13th @ 9:00 am

† Stanley Janiszewski req. by Cybruch Family
@ 11:00 am

† Angelo DePalma req. by Mr. and Mrs. Tony
Parente

@ 12:30 pm

† Dino and Pasqualina Raponi req. by Onesima
and Tony Raponi

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Margaret O'Boyle
(Mother of Peter O'Boyle), Grace Bodogh,
Modesta Manias and Phyllis Hillick

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Gennaro Bruno, Helene Neal, Jack Flanagan

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th at 7:30 pm

Please join us for mass on the evening of Tuesday,
December 8th to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception. Fr. Michael will consecrate our parish to the
Immaculate Conception that evening.

Thank you!!!

Thank you to all of the ladies who helped clean the Church
in preparation for Christmas: **Jodi Harker, Edna
Billsborough, Rose Cabrelli, Cellie Canaon, Navis Cruzada,
Erica Fazzina, Dot Gourley, Susan Logan, Elizabeth
MacMullen, Bernice van Herpt and Jeri-Lynn Vogan**

Christmas Schedule 2015



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday, December 24, 2015

- ◆ 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

Friday, December 25, 2015

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Thursday, December 31, 2015

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

Friday, January 1, 2016

- ◆ 10:00 am
- ◆ 12:00 noon

St. Michael's Cathedral Open House

December 8th or 9th from 10 am to 7 pm

Father Michael Busch, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral,
cordially invites you and your parish families to join us at
the Cathedral on **65 Bond St., Toronto on December 8th or
9th**. There will be a prayer service at 12 noon each day.

New Beginnings Event

Monday, December 14th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to helping people
who have suffered loss through death, separation or
divorce. They will be hosting guest speaker, **Connie Price,
M.Div., PhD**, who will discuss the role of music in grieving.
Presentation to take place at the **Catholic Pastoral Centre,
1155 Yonge St. 4th Fl. (free underground parking available).**
All are welcome to attend. There is no cost for this event.



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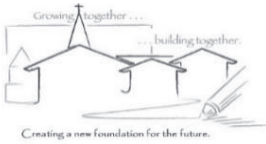
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Books for Sale

- The new Missals for 2016 and the Year of Mercy Booklets
are available to be purchased in the foyer.
- We have beautiful Golden Children's Bibles for sale in the
bookstall. These would make wonderful Christmas gifts
for children ten years and older.

DECEMBER 6, 2015

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged
to date:
\$948,590



Our Family of Faith Campaign is taking a break.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard!
Thanks to those who have been so generous!
We wish each and every one of you
a joyous and blessed Christmas!
Our campaign will resume in the New Year.



Questions? Email us at stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca

St. Mark's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 6th at 3 pm

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

10TH ANNIVERSARY

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AT 3.00 P.M.

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Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 8

The Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday. The evening will begin with Mass at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Religious Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 are selling Religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all the Masses.



Light Up The Tree of Life

December

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, clothes etc.) **By the December 19th/20th 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

St. Mark's Project Hope Update

Collection to take place on December 5th & 6th

A collection will be held on December 5th & 6th using pink envelopes. For those who use the boxed envelopes, the pink envelope marked Christmas Family Assistance will be used for Project Hope donations. Cheques should be made payable to St. Mark's Church – Project Hope



O Come Let Us Adore Him

December 11th from 7:30 pm to 9 pm



Fellowship of the King (our high school youth ministry) invites you to **O COME LET US ADORE HIM** *an Advent Night of Praise and Worship in support of Project HOPE.*

Each year our high school youth ministry takes on an Advent project, and this year, we've chosen to give St. Mark's an opportunity to come together as a parish family in prayer and song led by our very own high school worship team.

Join us at St. Mark's Church on Friday December 11 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Donation boxes will be available during the evening for proceeds towards Project Hope. Light refreshments to follow in the Hall.

St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

December 16th



Parish Confession Times:

8 am – 10 am

Fr. Michael

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Fr. Michael

5 pm – 7 pm

Fr. Michael

7 pm – 9 pm

Fr. Jacob Mado

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 2015. 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.

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group

Tuesday Afternoons

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group meets **every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.** Prayers and the Rosary are said to blind satan and save souls. Everyone is welcome.

2015 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2015 donations on Tuesday, December 29th, 2015

Any donations you wish to make for 2015 must be received by this date. Anything after this date will apply to the 2016 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 20th.

Thank You For Your Generosity

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