



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
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STAFF

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

JULY & AUGUST

9 am - 12 noon
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
Wed. & Thurs. - 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
-11:00 am
-12:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration &
Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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 to all new parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

COMMUNION FOR THE

SICK AND HOUSE-

BOUND

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

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
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Finance Committee
- Funeral Luncheon Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Lectors
- Ministry of Hospitality
- Parish Council
- Parish Music Ministry
- Prayer Group
- Sacramental Preparation
- Squires
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Women's Ministry
- Youth Ministry

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T: 905-642-6728

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223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

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Serra House
T: 416-968-0997
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!

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, February 17th @ 7:00 pm

† Rena McMullen req. by Fr. Michael and McMullen Family

† Laura Petersen req. by Fr. Michael

† Giuseppe Messina req. by Catarina Guastella and Family

Wednesday, February 18th @ 8:30 am

Deeper conversion for our Parish Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 7:30 pm

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Thursday, February 19th @ 8:30 am

† Catenazzo Michele req. by Anna Metauro and Family

Friday, February 20th Stations of the Cross

@ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

Hanratty Family req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, February 21st @ 9:00 am

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

Teresa McCarthy and Family req. by Fr. Michael

Margaret O'Boyle req. by Munro Family

† Nan Munro req. by Munro Family

@ 5:00 pm

† Dino Raponi req. by Onesima and Tony Raponi

Sunday, February 22nd @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

† Jan Stipceovich req. by Milka

@ 12:30 pm

Brito Family req. by Fr. Michael

Vocations

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. 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

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Douglas Ciceri Sr. and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Kathleen Fitzgerald, Rena McMullen and Loreta Russo

Fr. Michael - Christmas Gifts

Dear Parishioners,

There were a few gifts which I have not been able to identify the kind donor, namely the following:

- Hudson Bay Blanket & Bottle of Chopa Charmers Wine
- Festa Panettone & Yellow Tail Red Wine
- Kawatha Lakes Fudge
- Tullamore Dew Irish Wiskey

I am sorry these got misplaced from the cards of those who gifted these lovely presents. If any of the above ring a bell – please identify yourself and in the meantime, thank you for your kind thoughtful and wonderful gifts.



ShareLife Sunday

March 1, 2015

We are all called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife's 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our Archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of our generosity. My prayer is that you will join me as together we work wonders to lovingly care for those who are in need around us.

Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

First ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Support Physicians' Rights

**Catholics urged to Support Physicians'
Charter Right of Freedom of Conscience and Religion**

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: "Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient". Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an "effective referral" is a violation of a physician's rights, as it *compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place*. The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed "effective referral" mandate for doctors whose Charter Right of Freedom of Conscience and Religion must be respected. **The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to www.ccrl.ca to find out more and to get involved.**

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Women's Recollection

February 16th at 7 pm

The recollection will include two meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei, a talk on living the Christian life and an examination of conscience. **There will be an opportunity for confession starting at 7pm and the meditations will begin at 7:30 pm.**

Ash Wednesday

February 18th - Mass at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm

This is a universal day of fasting and of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 – 59 years of age.

Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

Stations Of The Cross

Fridays during Lent

Each Friday of Lent, there will be **Stations of the Cross at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm.** Make this Lent special and let God bless you by drawing you closer to the Sacred Heart of His Son, Jesus.



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, February 21st



This month's movie:

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

(Italian with English subtitles)

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

Proceeds to go to St. Mark's Youth.

Movie to start at 6:30pm

There will be no charge to attend the show.

Rated: PG13

Running Time: 190 minutes

St. Mark's Pasta Night

Saturday, February 28th @ 6 pm

Come and enjoy a delicious meal!

Penne Pasta, Home Made Sausage & Meatballs, Cold Cuts, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Adults \$15 Youth \$8 10 & under \$5

Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks and Water available

Tickets will be sold after the Masses

Tickets will not be sold at the door

Limited Seating



Parish Lenten Mission

Our Parish Lenten Mission will be launched at all masses on the weekend of February 28/March 1 and will continue on the evenings of Monday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 3rd with Fr. Alan McDonald, CC. of the Companions of the Cross. Further details to come in the weeks ahead. We invite you to come and bring a friend.

EDGE Youth Ministry (Grade 6-8)

LAUNCH DATE: FEBRUARY 20TH

Registration is now OPEN! Registration forms for this NEW youth ministry program are available in the parish foyer! Completed forms can be given to the Sunday Office Assistant after masses or dropped off to the Office.

PROGRAM LAUNCH DATE:

Friday, February 20th

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
from 7:30 - 9 pm (Feb-Jun)

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$50 for first child, \$30 for each additional sibling

If you have any questions, email Ben and Krystiana at
stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com

New Evangelization Summit

Ottawa April 24 – 25, 2015

Come and experience firsthand the excitement and dynamic workings of the Holy Spirit today through eight of North America's top Catholic speakers. Come and be equipped to answer the call to evangelize.

EVENT TICKET:

MUST BE PURCHASED EITHER ONLINE OR BY PHONE BY APRIL 4, 2015. THE PURCHASE CAN BE DONE ON THE EVENT WEBSITE www.newevangelization.ca OR BY CALLING (613) 292-5356. THE EVENT TICKET PRICE IS \$125.00 PER PERSON. CONFIRMATION OF YOUR TICKET PURCHASE IS REQUIRED BY YOUR PARISH CONTACT WHO WILL THEN MAKE YOUR BUS RESERVATION. PLEASE CONFIRM BY PROVIDING HER WITH YOUR TICKET # BY APRIL 1, 2015. LUNCH ON SATURDAY IS INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION FOR FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 24, 2015 ALSO MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 1, 2015 AND SHOULD BE MADE WITH THE OTTAWA MARRIOTT COURTYARD EAST 613 741-9862 (PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WHEN BOOKING. THE RATE IS \$125.00 PLUS TAX PER ROOM (MAXIMUM 4 PERSONS PER ROOM).

BUS INFORMATION:

THERE WILL BE A BUS PICKUP AT: ST MARK'S STOUFFVILLE PARISH (ROUND TRIP TO OTTAWA) – BUS TRANSPORTATION COST IS \$25 PER PERSON, PAYMENT DUE ON SIGN-UP.

PARISH CONTACT:

JEANETTE WOODLEY (905) 640 – 7884

SIGN-UP FORMS AVAILABLE IN FOYER FROM JEANETTE WOODLEY AFTER 9:00AM & 11:00AM MASS SUNDAYS UNTIL MARCH 29, 2015.

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