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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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)
- 11:00 am
- 12:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Mass - 8:00 pm
(except Statutory Holidays
9:00 am Mass Only)

DEVOTIONS

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

St. Therese of Lisieux

Novena
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Holy Hour
(Thursday 9 - 10:00 am)

Divine Mercy
(Before Friday Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help
(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

Altar Servers
Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Media Stand & Bookstall
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Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
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Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ushers
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
T: 416-968-0997
W: vocationtoronto.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!

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 21st @ 7:00 pm

Brito Family req. by Fr. Michael
Teresa McCarthy req. by Fr. Michael
Pat Hanratty req. by Fr. Michael

† Mary Lyle req. by Marita Concil

Wednesday, February 22nd @ 8:30 am

Holy Father Pope Francis req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, February 23rd @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

† Denise Kennedy req. by Mike and Fran Rozario

Friday, February 24th @ 7 pm

† Orlando Mireni req. by Anonymous

Saturday, February 25th @ 9:00 am

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

† Jani Stipceovich req. by Milka Stipceovich

† Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon

† Joe Ewanchyna req. by Bruce and Tania Orr
@ 5:00 pm

† Juan Bautista Jr. req. by Bautista and Ducusin
Families

Sunday, February 26th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
@ 11:00 am

† Nicola Mireni req. by Anonymous

@ 12:30 pm

† Desmond Gomes req. by Gomes Family

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

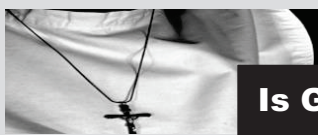
Pray For The Recently Deceased

Dino Collura, Corey Hay

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's

Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

Every Thursday morning from 9 am to 10 am, there is a Holy Hour at St. Mark's Church after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and spend some quiet time with our Lord.



Is God Calling You?

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Thank You For Your Generosity

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Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her Testimonies from the process of beatification

Edited and translated by Christopher O'Mahony.
Published by Veritas Publications.

"Towards the end of her life she was subjected to the terrible trial of being tempted to doubt the existence of heaven. She often confided her thoughts and impressions to me, but I cannot do better than to quote her own description of it. What she writes in her autobiography is exactly what she told me: 'I had such a vivid faith at the time that the thought of heaven filled me with happiness. I could not imagine that there were really some godless people who had no faith. I thought they were not being honest when they denied the existence of heaven. But during those joyful days of Eastertide Jesus made me see that there really are people who have not got this faith, people who lose this precious treasure by abusing His grace. He permitted my soul to be covered in thick darkness, and allowed the thought of heaven, which had always been so dear to me, to become something that caused me torment and internal conflict. Only one who has travelled through this dark tunnel can understand how dark it is.'" — Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's sister and prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

25th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally Metro Toronto Convention Centre 255 Front St. W., Toronto Saturday, March 4 from 9 am to 5:30 pm

Join us for the largest single-day Catholic event in Canada! Hear inspired testimonies and talks. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass with Cardinal Thomas Collins.

For information: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



Ticket Sales

Tickets for this event can be purchased through the St. Mark Church office by calling [905-640-6954](tel:905-640-6954) or emailing stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca.

Adult Tickets: \$25 Youth Tickets: \$15

Emotionally and Spiritually Healthy Catholic Families

Saturday, March 4 at Blessed Trinity Church

Professor Janine Langan has written and lectured extensively on Catholic education, the family, various encyclicals and theology. She will be giving a talk on Emotionally and Spiritually Healthy Catholic Families.

Date: Saturday March 4th at 10 am.

Location: Blessed Trinity Church

3220 Bayview Ave., North York

Contact: Terry McDermott at 416-226-0262 or btparishnurse@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Mardi Gras Mass at Marylake

Saturday, February 25th at 5 pm

The Augustinians at Marylake (13760 Keele St., King City) would like to invite you to a Mardi Gras Mass on February 25 in preparation for Lent. The music for the Mass will be in the style of Louisiana Dixieland Jazz. **The Mass will be at 5:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Marylake.** After the Mass, traditional Shrove pancakes and sausages will be served. For more information call us at 905-833-5368 or e-mail at info@augustinians.ca.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, February 27 at 6:30 pm

Pizza Night and Catholic Word Games!

The next Women's Ministry meeting will take place February 27, 2017 at the Parish Hall. Join us for Pizza Night and Catholic Word Games! Test your knowledge, learn something new, help teach others something they may not have known or forgot they knew! Have fun while learning to feel more comfortable and confident in your faith and the mass, and strengthen your abilities to defend your faith when challenged or asked questions.

Please note: this meeting will begin one hour earlier than usual, at 6:30 pm.

If ever you wanted to bring a friend along, this is the month to do it! Save your appetite, and see you there.

Ash Wednesday

March 1st - Mass at 8:30 am and 7 pm

✝ This is a universal day of fasting and 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.

Lenten Retreat with Fr. Jacques Philippe March 1st and 2nd at St. Mark's Church



Fr. Jacques Philippe, a world-renowned spiritual director and author, will be preaching two Lenten Reflections at St. Mark's Church. Fr. Jacques Philippe's writings, with over 1 million copies sold in 24 languages, on themes such as prayer, interior freedom, and peace of heart, have become classics of modern Catholic spirituality.

March 1, 2017 Ash Wednesday

Holy Mass: 7 pm to 7:45 pm

Reflection: 8:15 pm to 9 pm

Theme: Personal Prayer Life and Deep Relationship with God

March 2, 2017 Thursday

Holy Mass: 7 pm to 7:30 pm

Reflection: 8 pm to 8:45 pm

Theme: The Way of Trust and Love According to St. Therese

Ticket—\$10.00 for both days

FOR TICKET INFORMATION and to ORDER

E-mail: susling2000@yahoo.ca or go to the bookstall

World Day of Prayer 2017

Friday, March 3rd at 2 pm at Christ Church

This year's World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service will focus on the Philippines.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Location: Christ Church Anglican at
254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville

For information call: Cathy at 905-640-8956

Steubenville Youth Conference

July 28 – 30, 2017



The Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference will be coming to the UOIT Campus in Oshawa from July 28 – 30, 2017. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 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. For info: stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com
www.steubenvilletoronto.com

Join The "Call For Conscience"

Canadian Physicians shouldn't have to compromise their conscience.

In the coming weeks, members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. At present, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this.

Please visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected MPP asking them to amend Bill 84 to add conscience protection.

Violence in Quebec City Mosque

"We join with the voices of many other faith communities across the country in condemning the heinous acts of violence that took place in a Quebec City mosque. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those impacted by these tragic events. Despite the darkness of these violent acts, let us bring light and hope to all those we encounter, demonstrating through our example that we can work collectively to build a peaceful and prosperous country." Cardinal

Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Websites

For current and informative news articles, check out the following websites:

www.lifesitenews.com

www.ewtnnews.com

www.archtoronto.org




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