



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Rev. Mr. John Schwarzbauer
Deacon
Rev. Mr. Wayne McCulloch
Deacon
Mary Ann Mehes - Secretary
Lad Mehes - Caretaker

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday — Friday
9:00 am — 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12 — 1 pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. Wed. Thurs. — 8:30 am
Tuesday & Friday — 7:00 pm
(except First Fridays-see below)
Saturday — 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays — 9:00 am

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 pm — 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Mon., 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.

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
- Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers
- Finance Committee
- Funeral Luncheon Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Lectors
- Ministry of Hospitality
- Parish Council
- Parish Music Ministry
- R.C.I.A.
- Sacramental Preparation
- Social Committee
- Squires
- St. Vincent de Paul Society

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
T: 905-640-2915

St. Brendan's School
751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
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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!

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Untold Blessings: *Three Paths to Holiness*

Beginning TUES. FEB. 11, 7:45 – 9 pm

For 6 consecutive Tuesdays (except March 11)

A Faith Development Program by Fr. Robert Barron, facilitated by Mary Kelly of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Explore the 3 paths to holiness: Finding the Center, Knowing Your Are a Sinner in need of God's mercy, and recognizing that Your Life is Not About You. This series can help you to understand what it means to be a Saint and how each of us is called to sanctity.

ST. MARK'S MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, Feb 28th at 7:30 pm

The Parish Council would like to extend an invitation to the St. Mark Community to join us for the first of what we hope will be many movie nights about the Saints, to be held in the St. Mark's parish hall on Friday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m. This month's movie will be the story of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be no charge to attend the show but if you would like to give a goodwill offering towards our parish's youth activities, we will be accepting donations. There will also be snacks and drinks sold by our Youth Ministry and the Squires for a small fee. We hope many parishioners will be able to join us for an evening of fellowship and to grow in a deeper knowledge about the lives of the Saints.

The Song of Bernadette (Winner 4 Academy Awards)
Starring: Jennifer Jones (Bernadette), Vincent Price, Charles Bickford and Lee. J. Cobb.

Running time: Approx. 156 minutes Rated: PG

Marriage Sunday Mass

February 9, 2014 - 4:00 pm

With His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins

St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto

Cardinal Collins, as a special initiate in the year 2014, invites all married couples who will be celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversaries during 2014 to join him for Mass and a reception to highlight these special milestones.

Is there a God?

New debate series tackles life's big questions.

This question will be explored at the inaugural event of the Chesterton Debate Series, sponsored by the Office of Catholic Youth and the Archdiocese of Toronto. The debate takes place on Friday, Feb 7, 2014 at 7 pm at the Isabel Bader Theatre (93 Charles St. W) Fr. Philip Cleevly, CO, an Oxford and Cambridge educated philosophy professor at St. Philip's Seminary, will argue the Catholic position. Representing the atheist position is Justin Trottier, the founder of the Centre for Inquiry Canada and one of the country's foremost advocates of secularism and sceptical inquiry. Stephen LeDrew, longtime host and commentator of CP24, will moderate the debate. Tickets cost \$ 10. Sales begin Jan. 10 through online registration at www.ocytoronto.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 4th @ 7.00 pm

Matthew Benincasa+ req. by Ida Altomare
Sergio Carlucci+ req. by Lina Guarisco & Family

Wednesday, February 5th @ 8.30 am

Thanksgiving req. by Jeannine Amyotte

Thursday, February 6th @ 8.30 am

Peter Gormley+ req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, February 7th @ 7.00 pm

7 pm – HOLY HOUR

8.00 pm – Domenico D'Alessandro

req. by Marg & Rick Powell

Saturday, February 8th at 9.00 am

Pope, Bishops & Priests

Hughes & McConville Families

Felicidad Gamil+ req. by Flora Reodica

Paul Leonardo+ req. by Zanet Family

Saturday, February 8th @ 5.00 pm

Ronald Stewart+ req. by Mary Ann Holman

Sunday, February 9th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark's Community

Sunday, February 9th @ 11.00 am

Gino Lopez+

req. by Melissa & Steve Capone & Family

Sunday, February 9th @ 12.30 pm

Desmond Gomes+ req. by Gomes Family

"Jesus did not come to help Angels, but the descendants of Abraham." If God is calling you to consider the priesthood or religious life, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997**

email vocations@vocations.ca
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RETREAT WEEKEND WITH

FR. RON ROLHEISER, OMI.

February 7—9, 2014

at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga.

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MOVING ???

Please inform the Parish Office.

This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Wednesday, February 5th

@ 7:00 pm-Hall

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, February 5th

@7:30 pm-Church

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Saturday, February 8th @ 10 am

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS (Group A)

Parish Pictorial Book

The Parish Book will be available some time in March. An extensive history covering the last 5 years is being prepared as an addition to the book. Thank you for your patience.

SOCIAL NIGHT

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Doors open at 6 pm – Dinner at 7 pm

Menu: pasta with homemade sauce, sausages, meatballs, salad and much more.

Parish Youth Group will be hosting open mike entertainment.

Cost: \$12.50 per adult; \$8.00 per youth.

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2014 Offertory Boxes are once again available for general pick-up in the lobby of the Church. If you are currently not a box user and wish to be, please fill out a "Request for Offertory Envelopes 2014" slip located in the lobby on the opposite side of the boxes.

Only request a numbered box if you plan to be a regular user.

2013 Tax Receipts

Have been mailed. Receipts under \$50 have not been mailed but are kept in the office. If you have a receipt under \$50 please arrange to pick it up from the office. If you do not receive your receipt within the next 2 weeks, call the office. Thank You.

THREE DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO DIVINE MERCY SHRINE IN STOCKBRIDGE, MA. FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 26—28 2014

Visit : St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine,
Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Cost: \$ 245 pp based on double occupancy.

Deposit of \$ 100 by Jan 27th. Balance due by Mar 17, 2014.

Included: Hotel Accommodation, luxury air conditioned coach, two continental breakfasts (Gratuities—not included)

Documents needed for travelling: Valid Canadian Passport. For more information, please call Amelia @ 905-591-1570 or email ameliachongling@yahoo.com

MASS CHANGES IN THE NEW YEAR

Please take note that beginning in January 2014, there will no longer be a Monday morning mass. Both the church and office will be closed Mondays.

INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

"In the Path of Abraham" - MARCH 4—13, 2014

This Interfaith Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a good opportunity to experience and educate about the interfaith heritage and realities of the Holy Land as a community of Christians, Jews and Muslims. For more information, including the itinerary and registration form for the pilgrimage, please visit <http://bit.ly/InThePath> or contact the Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or email dmacpherson@archtoronto.org.

CANADIAN BISHOPS INVITE SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CAMPAIGN

"The indigenous peoples in the Global South, led by their bishops, are pleading to the Canadian people to help stop the unjust actions of some Canadian mining companies in their countries.

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