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PASTORAL TEAM

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

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant
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)
Sunday - 11:00 am, 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 8:30 - 8:55 am
4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

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
Ministry of Hospitality
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ushers
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

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.
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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 27th @ 7:00 pm
 Josie and Joe Schwarzli req. by Anonymous
 † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
 † Aldo Nardi req. by Nella Nardi

Wednesday, February 28th @ 8:30 am
 † Nicola Mirenzi req. by Anonymous

Thursday, March 1st @ 8:30 am
and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am
 † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family

Friday, March 2nd Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm
and Mass @ 7:30 pm
 † Biagio and Intention of Maria req. by Maria
 † Lewis Kennedy req. by Sig and Teresa Kusatz

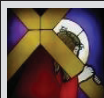
Saturday, March 3rd @ 9:00 am
 Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
 † Charlie Delahey req. by Peter Willan
 † Ace Sevilla req. by Piedad Family

@ 5:00 pm
 † Cal Stewart Jr. req. by Kathleen Stewart

Sunday, March 4th @ 9:00 am
 † Brian Ruddy req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am
 † Lewis Kennedy req. by Carol Morin

@ 12:30 pm
 St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael



Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by supporting Vocations

"Living and studying at St. Augustine Seminary has brought untold blessings to my life," shares Matthew Gunnarson, one of 80 seminarians undergoing formation at the joint campus of St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He adds, "The seminary could not run without the generous support of ShareLife donors." By supporting ShareLife, you are helping our future priests follow God's call.

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.
 Please give generously.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 2nd at 2 pm



Worship Service

"All God's Creation is Very Good!"

On the first Friday of March each year, Christians of many traditions gather for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice.

Location: Lemonville United Church
 13523 McCowan Road

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 3rd from 9 am to 5:30 pm
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto



This Year's Theme:

Fire on the Earth (Luke 12:49)

Featuring: Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield

Mass to be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and youth Mass celebrated by Bishop Scott McCaig; there is a separate youth event (13 to 18 years) with great music and talks.

Cost: \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth

Website: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

Vice and Virtue Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 10 at St. Augustine's Seminary

St. Augustine's Seminary Spiritual Formation Program

Topic: Vice and Virtue (Dr. Josephine Lombardi)

Date and Time: March 10th from 9:30 am to 3 pm
 (includes Mass in the seminary chapel)

Location: St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd.

Cost: \$50 (lunch included)

Register online: www.staugustines.on.ca

Come and See Weekend

March 23 to 25 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic Men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

For more information email:
vocations@archtoronto.org

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,437

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, February 26th at 7:30 pm



Please join us at this month's meeting for Movie Night and Rosary Making. We will be airing a movie called "Miracle Maker," which is a heartwarming story of love, forgiveness and kindness to others. The preacher in the movie says, "Miracles can be anywhere. All we have to do is look." Although Matthew, the stranger in town, plants simple seeds, miracles start to happen. Everyone can learn from this story about being kind, helping others and believing in miracles. While watching the movie, we will be making rosaries to replenish the ones offered for use in the Church foyer. And, as always, there will be snacks: popcorn, treats and more.

Please join us, and bring a friend! For more information, please contact the Women's Ministry at stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com, or connect with us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarksWomensMinistry/>

St. Mark's Pasta Night

Saturday, March 3rd at 6 pm



Come and enjoy a delicious meal!

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

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

Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks and Water available for purchase

Tickets will be sold after the weekend masses

For information call Charles Barnes at 905-640-8230.

Church Cleaning for Easter Volunteers Needed

Tuesday, March 6th at 9 am



It's time to make St. Mark's shine!

The Lenten church cleanup is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 at 9:00 am. Please bring a bucket, rubber gloves and some rags. A light lunch will be served afterward. For more info or to sign up contact: **Jodi Harker at 416-518-0338 or email jodi@enigmaresearch.com** or you can sign up in the foyer. Thanks for your continued support!



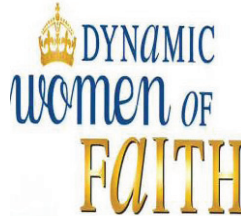
St. Mark's Parish Day of Lenten Confessions

Saturday, March 17th

from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm

Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 24th from 8 am to 4 pm



Topics to Include:

- Watch and Pray
- Our Recipe for Faith
- R U a Digital Catholic?
- New Age and Occult Attraction
- Discover Your Authentic Self

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DOORS OPEN – 8:00 AM

MASS – 9:15 AM

CONFERENCE – 10:00 AM

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Early Bird Fee \$55 + HST (before February 20th)

Regular price \$60 + HST (after February 20th)

Register at: www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

Lenten Conversion Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Conversion of the Baptized and Interior Penance

1426 Conversion to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us "holy and without blemish," just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is "holy and without blemish." Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.

1427 Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

1428 Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, is at once holy and always in need of purification, and follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." This endeavour of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart", drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

1430 Jesus' call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before him, does not aim first at outward works, "sackcloth and ashes," fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion.

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