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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
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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!

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 28th @ 7:00 pm

Biagio & Maria Ferri req. by Biagio & Maria Ferri

† Roger Davey req. by Fr. Michael

† Teresa Shaw req. by Parents

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

@ 8:30 am

For deeper repentance req. by Fr. Michael

@ 7 pm

For deeper conversion req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, March 2nd @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

Friday, March 3rd, Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

† Bryceson Sheehan req. by Bernadette Sheehan

Saturday, March 4th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Al Lowe req. by Fr. Michael

† Cal Stewart Jr. req. by Kay Stewart and Family

@ 5:00 pm

† Ashley Fogal req. by Family

Sunday, March 5th @ 9:00 am

† Brian Foley req. by Ron and Merv Ellert

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 12:30 pm

† Jose & Jerry Talampas req. by Talampas Family

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Dino Collura, Corey Hay, Stella Leon

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?

"No one can serve two masters." If 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. www.vocationstoronto.ca**

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,275



Please Pray for the Success of our Alpha program.

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.

"In Carmel, she was completely heavenly; earth no longer meant anything to her. She told me in a thousand different ways that when she thought of heaven what she really dwelt on was not so much the personal happiness she would find there, as the fact that she would then be able to love God more than ever; that she would be loved by God, and that she would be able to find a way there of making God better loved." – 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**

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

Come and See Weekend

March 17 to 19 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 contact the Office of Vocations at: **416-968-0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org**
Location: St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

March 17 to 19 at Queen of Apostles Centre

A weekend of discovery...for a lifetime of love!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Rd. Mississauga

Register online at wwme.org

Contact: Gerard & Marge at 905-792-1925

Email: gerard.marge@rogers.com

Websites

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

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www.wordonfire.org

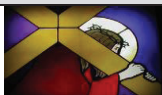
www.ewtnnews.com

www.lifesitenews.com

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FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Lenten Stations of the Cross



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

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.

Coins for Life 2017



Would your family put aside your townies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada?**

If so, the St. Mark's Squires will be handing out Coins for Life boxes on March 4th and 5th.

Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. Every life from conception to natural death, which God created, is sacred and no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death, we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this **'little project' for life**. Coins for Life Boxes will be collected after Easter.

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.

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

Dynamic Women of Faith

Saturday, March 25 from 8 am to 4 pm

**Get inspired. Discover your mission.
Do something for God.**

The 8th Annual Conference for Catholic women will include talks on Call to Holiness, Why Minister to Moms and Finding Your Catholic Voice.

Cardinal Thomas Collins will be celebrating the opening Mass. There is a mother-daughter event "Calling ALL Girls" the evening before.

Light Breakfast & Lunch included in the cost of \$60.

Register at: www.dynmaicwomenfaith.com

Location: 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

For Information call: 905-279-7702

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.

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.

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object feel a direct referral is akin to being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your MPP asking them to protect conscience rights.



Catholic Corner

Why do we mark the start of Lent with ashes on our forehead?

Ash Wednesday is the commencement of Lent. Ashes are placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross with the words by the priest "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return". It is a reminder that our life time here on earth is short and our only redemption is through Jesus' death on the cross.

What is the purpose of the Lenten season?


Lent is a time of self-examination, prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving in spiritual preparation for Easter, where we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. The purpose of Lent is conversion, giving our lives more fully to Jesus, turning away from sin and doing the will of the Father. The Lenten period is a time to strengthen our faith and relationship with Jesus. The goal of every Catholic is to leave the Lenten period with a stronger and more revitalized faith.

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