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May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 2nd @ 9:00 am

Anne and Sean Monaghan req. by Fr. Michael

Tuesday, January 3rd @ 7:00 pm

Baker and Kelly Families req. by Lisa and Mark

Wednesday, January 4th @ 8:30 am

† Mary Boriskewich req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, January 5th @ 8:30 am

† Bryson Sheehan req. by Bernadette Sheehan

Friday, January 6th, Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 8:00 pm

Seana and Andy Maguire and Family req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, January 7th @ 9:00 am

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

† Dionicio Quesada req. by Clemen Casil @ 5:00 pm

† Luigi Pirocchi req. by Stefanie Bruno

Sunday, January 8th @ 9:00 am

† Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario Ciardullo @ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 12:30 pm

† Giovana Panacci req. by Fr. Michael

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Mario Raponi, Patricia Petura, Paola Malandrino

Is God Calling You?

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. 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 or vocations@archtoronto.org**

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Squires – Thank you!

The St. Mark's Squires Circle would like to sincerely thank all of the parishioners who so generously contributed to the Tree of Life Christmas Campaign for the Rose of Sharon. Your donations of baby clothes, toys, blankets and other items were greatly appreciated!

Mark Your Calendars

The New Evangelization Summit is coming May 12th and 13th. Watch for further information in upcoming bulletins.

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.

"Therese was entrusted with the training of the novices, as an assistant, when she was twenty years old. She was not afraid of being hurt; she corrected fearlessly, whatever the cost to herself. But she did so prudently and wisely. She never spoke of her worries and troubles; she never tried to be popular with them. In all her difficulties, she put her whole trust in God, and had more fervent recourse to our Lady. She said, 'I scatter the good seed that God gives me among my little birds and let events take their course without worrying any more about the outcome. Sometimes one would think I had sown nothing, but God says Just go on giving and don't worry about anything else.'" – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's sister and prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

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Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

Saturday, February 18th from 9 am to 4:30 pm

On **February 18th** join **Fr. Larry Richards** and **Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine** for Serviam Ministries' 2nd annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr, Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place. Special Father/Son rates available.

All info and tickets:

www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/,
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EDGE

We welcome youth in grades 6, 7, and 8 to join us on Friday January 6th from 7 – 9 PM in the Parish Hall.

First Communion Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th from 7 pm to 9 pm

There will be a First Communion Parent Catechetical Session in the church on January 11th beginning at 7pm. For those parents who have volunteered to help teach the children, a training session will take place at 7 pm in the Parish Hall on this same evening.



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, January 21st



This month's movie:

Therese

Therese recounts the life of Therese of Lisieux, the most popular saint in modern times. Therese journeyed to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Through the rigours of monastic life, she made the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love- a spiritual path she called her "Little Way". This film is a beautiful retreat into the world of a remarkable young girl who fell in love with God. Therese presents the true story of an ordinary girl with an extraordinary soul.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge.

Rated: PG Running Time: 96 minutes

**Thank you from
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Once again this year, principals, teachers and students of St. Mark, St. Brendan and St. Brigid schools have been very generous with their gifts to help families in need have a blessed Christmas with gifts under the tree.

DriVit company and two parishioners also contributed to help three families.

God bless everyone and a huge thank you.

**Members of St. Vincent de Paul
wish everyone a very Happy New Year!**

St. Mark Library Reading Contest

Don't forget our library reading contest!

Draw to take place in February.

Ask Bookstall staff for prize details.

Suggested children's book for this month:

I, Juan de Pareja

Suggested adult book for this month:

The Incorruptibles



**Alpha Registration
Now Open**

Alpha is starting January 31, 2017!

The online registration form can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/StMarkALPHA2017-WS> or you can pick up a hardcopy of the form in the foyer and submit it to the church office.



Catholic Corner

Making prayer part of our daily lives.

Prayer is an intimate dialogue with God. Our Lord desires us to come to Him each day with our prayers of praise, petition and thanksgiving as well as to remain quietly with Him listening. Our priority should be daily prayer. However, as humans we are far from perfect and so one of our biggest challenges can be finding that quiet time for prayer in our busy lives. You may wish to consider taking small steps so that you can successfully incorporate regular prayer time into your life...start with 15 minutes a day.

Perhaps a couple of these suggestions may work for you.

- Pray when you wake up, before bed and in bed
- Pray in the shower, while exercising or doing chores
- Pray in the car on your commute to work
- Listen to prayers on your electronic devices
- Turn off the TV and use that time to pray
- Pray as a family and before meals
- Pray with scripture
- Rosary CD's are available at the bookstall and even more CDs to select from at the Lighthouse stand that can aid you in your daily prayers.

So schedule a reminder on your phone, set your alarm clock and make a daily prayer date with God ... it's vital to your spiritual life!

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