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Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
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STAFF

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
Wed. & Thurs. - 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
-11:00 am
-12:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration &
Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

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BOUND

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

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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
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Finance Committee
- Funeral Luncheon Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Lectors
- Ministry of Hospitality
- Parish Council
- Parish Music Ministry
- Prayer Group
- Sacramental Preparation
- Squires
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Women's Ministry
- Youth Ministry

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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!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, January 27th @ 7:00 pm

Anne Marie Bijo req. by Parents

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, January 28th @ 8:30 am

Nicolas Rodrigo req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, January 29th @ 8:30 am

† Hugo Biondi req. by Ossi and Ann Pierotti

Friday, January 30th @ 7:00 pm

† Don Welner req. by Barnes Family

Saturday, January 31st @ 9:00 am

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

Mehes Family req. by Fr. Michael

Reyanne Achong req. by Fr. Michael

† Peter Blak req. by Ed and Helen Kaliciak

@ 5:00 pm

† Alex Sandiago req. by Pacita Manason

Sunday, February 1st @ 9:00 am

† Colin Foster req. by Anna Metauro & Family

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 12:30 pm

† Jacqueline Baucuducco req. by Lena Guarisco

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Douglas Ciceri Sr. and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Barbara Rozario, Beverly Semon, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Rena McMullen, Maria Giovanna Sansalone and Elfriede Mayer

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

March 7th from 9 am to 5:30 pm

This year's theme "**The Happiness Factor**" will fill you with certainty of the abiding love and joy that God has for His People. Keynote speaker, Al Kresta, CEO of Ave Maria Catholic Radio, will be joined by the Renewal Ministries team. In addition to compelling talks and uplifting music, there will be prayer ministry, inspiring personal testimonies, confession, a Divine Mercy celebration and a Eucharistic procession. Closing Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins. A Youth Rally (13 -18 year-olds) will be held simultaneously in the theatre next door to the Adult Rally. **The event will take place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W.** For tickets (Adult \$20/Youth \$10), call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510, email LJHR@rogers.com or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto



Five Core Directions as included in the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto:

Parish Life; Vocations; Evangelization of Society; Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love; The Cathedral as Sign of our Mission

This week, we are focused on Parish Life and the goals reflecting this core direction.

Parish Life

And all who believed were together and had all things in common... - Acts 2:44

- (1) *Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist with full, conscious and active participation by the faithful*
- (2) *Opportunities for prayer, spiritual formation and enrichment*
- (3) *A communal life in the parish which offers welcome, hospitality & outreach*
- (4) *Strong pastoral leadership in the parish which promotes diverse & collaborative roles of pastoral service*
- (5) *Effective pastoral governance – structures & committees in the parish which promote stewardship and ensure accountability*
- (6) *Supporting the family, the domestic church*
- (7) *Commitment to a renewed evangelization catechesis & formation in the faith*
- (8) *A strong witness to an apostolic mission – outreach ministries and service*

Which of these goals are you living out within your day to day life?

Which of these goals would you consider committing to as your contribution to the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto?

We encourage you to share your reflections with your family members and fellow parishioners.

You may wish to review the video of the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Core Direction – Parish Life. **Visit <http://archtoronto.org/pastoral>**

Lay Spiritual Formation Program

February 7 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

St. Augustine's Lay Spiritual Formation Program presents **Lay Leadership in the Public Square** featuring many dynamic panelists on Saturday, February 7 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd. The cost is \$40 (lunch included). Please register by email at ioftsas@rogers.com or call 416-261-7207 ext. 235.

JANUARY 25, 2015

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

On **Sunday, February 1**, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. "They are men and women who can awaken the world. Consecrated life is prophecy. God asks us to fly the nest and to be sent to the frontiers of the world, avoiding the temptation to 'dominate' them. This is the most concrete way of imitating the Lord." – Pope Francis, on the occasion of his announcement that 2015 will be dedicated to consecrated life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,000 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. **There will be a special mass next Sunday, February 1st at 3 pm at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto** in celebration of the vocation and witness of these men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

New Life in Christ DVD Series

Beginning January 27th at 7:30 pm

All parishioners are invited to come and view a four part DVD series entitled "**New Life in Christ, God's Plan for Us**" featuring a mission given by **Fr. Roger Vandenakker**. This will take place in the Parish Hall on January 27th, February 3rd, February 17th and February 24th.

Light Weigh

January 30th at 9:30 am

Light Weigh is a 12 week Bible Study/Weight Loss program that helps you make peace with food and come closer to God. The next Light Weigh Session will take place on Friday, January 30th at 9:30 am in the St. Anne's Room downstairs. **For information, please contact Teresa Kusatz at 905-640-4183 or Monica McConkey at mmcconkey@rogers.com.**

Bishop Ephrem

January 31st/February 1st

Fr. Ephrem visited us last year and gave some wonderful homilies. Previously, he taught at the seminary, however; he has recently been elevated to Bishop in India. **Everyone is invited down to the parish hall on February 1st after the 11 am Mass to welcome Bishop Ephrem back to our parish and enjoy some refreshments.**

The Presentation of The Lord

February 2nd at 7:30 pm

Fr. Michael will celebrate Mass on Monday, February 2nd at 7:30 pm for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. All are welcome to attend.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,205

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The great Christmas season is over and we are now back in Ordinary Time. I hope amidst all the hustle and bustle of Christmas you had a chance to rest a little and bask in the knowledge of God's love for you and your family.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for all the many lovely cards, delicious baked goods and gifts. You are most generous. Unfortunately, each year a few of these gifts go astray in the sense that I am not sure who gifted them. In the coming weeks, I will identify the gifts and hopefully the donors will identify themselves.

This weekend we plan to continue to share with you the next segment of the Cardinal's talk on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan, and particularly the first of the 5 Key Core Directions. Please see this week's bulletin for a reminder of what is entailed in the first Core Direction, Parish Life.

I give thanks to God when I see all that you are doing to assist and serve one another in the Lord, especially as our First Communion Program resumes and with the start of the Confirmation Program and the preparations for the new Youth Ministry Program called the EDGE for those in Grades 6 to 8. Thank you very much to all the volunteers who have stepped up to help make this happen and assist our Youth Ministry Leaders, Krystiana and Ben. Please pray for the spiritual success of this initiative.

Lastly, I would like to thank God for the Women's Ministry and for those who have volunteered to serve as Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Shut-ins which is such an important ministry and practical manifestation of our faith. God bless you all. *Fr. Michael*

EDGE Youth Ministry (Grade 6-8)

COMING SOON TO ST. MARK'S...



Registration is now OPEN! Registration forms for this NEW youth ministry program are now available in the parish foyer! Completed forms and registration fee can be given to the Sunday Office Assistant after Sunday masses or dropped off to the Parish Office.

Want to know more? We will be holding a **Parents Information Session** in the parish hall on **Tuesday February 10th, beginning at 7:30 pm** where you can get more information about the program, meet some members of the EDGE CORE leadership team who will be running the program, and get specific program dates and details.

PROGRAM LAUNCH DATE:

Friday, February 20th

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
from 7:30 - 9 pm (Feb-Jun)

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$50 for first child, \$30 for each additional sibling

If you have any questions, email Ben and Krystiana at stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com

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