



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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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](http://vocationtoronto.ca)

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: [archtoronto.org](http://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!

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of the Lord  
@ 8:30 am**

Peter McAleer and Family req. by Fr. Michael

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

Dr. John Luffey req. by Fr. Michael

† Daniel Ciardullo req. by Mario & Lucy Ciardullo

† Souls in Purgatory req. by Anonymous

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Mary Hanratty req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

**and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

† Antonio, Angelina and Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Dino Raponi req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa

Sam Smiderle req. by Martha Robertson

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9:00 am**

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

† Corey Hay req. by Hay Family

† Erich Wagner req. by Don & Susan Dizon

† Mario Mauro req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa

**@ 5:00 pm**

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 11:00 am**

† Maria DiBiase, Pascala & Giovanni Parente req. by Parente Family

**@ 12:30 pm**

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**,

**Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto**  
at 416-968-0997 or by email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## ShareLife 2017 Report

The ShareLife office has released a Report to Donors sharing the results of the 2017 campaign and demonstrating how our support has made a difference. Copies of the report can be downloaded from the ShareLife website at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org).

## Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration begins  
January 8, 2018 in all York  
Catholic Elementary schools.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, check the parish bulletin board or visit our website at [www.ycdsb.ca/admissions](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions)

## Major Relic of St. Francis Xavier

A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto, January 12- 14.

The relic will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (Jan. 12), St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (Jan. 13) and Our Lady of Lourdes, Toronto (Jan. 14).

For more information, go to [www.cco.ca/relic](http://www.cco.ca/relic).

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

A special Mass commemorating the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday, January, 14, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York.

Bishop Kirkpatrick will be the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow with a number of dignitaries in attendance.

All are welcome to attend!

## Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS**  
**MANLY VIRTUE**



*One Day Intensive  
Men's Retreat*

*consisting of spiritual talks,  
Mass, Adoration, Confession,  
fraternity and prayer.*

The theme is "Manly Virtue".

Date: Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9 am to 4:30 pm

Location: Canadian Christian College

50 Gervais Dr., Toronto

General Admission: \$45 Father/Son Admission: \$36

Information: [www.serviamministries.com](http://www.serviamministries.com)

## Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offering \$ 7,045**

**PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>**

# JANUARY 7, 2018

## Ushers Needed



Greeting people at the door, helping somebody to their seat, receiving and collecting Sunday offerings, or comforting somebody who might be in distress – these are just some of the ways in which

ushers serve a vital part of our Sunday liturgy. In preparation for our church expansion, the usher ministry is in great need of new members. Please pray and think about becoming an usher. Faithful, regularly attending parishioners, both men and women over the age of 18 are encouraged to apply.

### There is a signup sheet at the bookstall.

Once you have provided your volunteer information, our Usher Coordinator will contact you.

Volunteer screening is required.

Certification in First aid and/or CPR is an asset.

## **SYMBOLON: Living the Faith** **Beginning January 16, 2018**



**SYMBOLON**  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

***You're invited to enrich and immerse yourself in this amazing program!***

**St Mark's Parish will be running this 10 week program on Tuesday evenings starting January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Each session will consist of a video presentation and small group discussion.

Perfect for RCIA candidates, Alpha participants or anyone wanting to know more about our Catholic Faith.

***Signup sheets are now available at the bookstall.***

Hosted by Sylvia Usling and Mark Sullivan.

**Here is a small sample of some of the topics:**

- A Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Liturgy
- Virtue, Grace and the Path to Holiness
- A Love That Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love

## **First Communion Parent Meeting** **Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm**



There will be a First Communion Parent Catechetical Session in the church on

**January 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm.**

For 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 20<sup>th</sup>**



### **This month's movie:** **The Case for Christ**

Based on the true story of an award-winning journalist who, working to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife, begins chasing down the biggest story of all time...with unexpected, life-altering results.

An intriguing faith-based detective story.

**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: 112 minutes**

### **Infidelity of the Future:** **The Great Apostasy By: Michael D. O'Brien**

As in every generation, the "near future" approaches, never quite materializing in ways we had imagined. Because of this, our perennial temptation is to dismiss the teleology of history, and the eschatology of revelation, as mental constructs produced by irrational fears or limited by enflamed analyses of contemporary situations, a cycle that is supposedly repeated without end, never delivering the promised omni-catastrophe. Even so, according to Christ in the Gospels and the Book of Revelation, and the letters of Sts. Peter, Paul, and John, and the Old Testament prophets, as well as the ecclesially approved private revelations that have increased in number and intensity for the past 150 years, the time is drawing near when all speculative scenarios will evaporate in the face of a real and ultimate peril for mankind. Then the future will become the present. Its prologue will be an apostasy unprecedented in scope. Indeed, day by day this apostasy spreads all around us. Its climax is the Day of the Lord, a day of fire.

In a number of sermons, Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman wrote prophetically about the near future that was looming in his own times: "I know that all times are perilous, and that in every time serious and anxious minds, alive to the honour of God and the needs of man, are apt to consider no times so perilous as their own. At all times the enemy of souls assaults with fury the Church which is their true Mother, and at least threatens and frightens when he fails in doing mischief. And all times have their special trials which others have not. And so far I will admit that there were certain specific dangers to Christians at certain other times, which do not exist in this time. Doubtless, but still admitting this, still I think that the trials which lie before us are such as would appall and make dizzy even such courageous hearts as St. Athanasius, St. Gregory I, or St. Gregory VII. And they would confess that dark as the prospect of their own day was to them severally, ours has a darkness different in kind from any that has been before it. The special peril of the time before us is the spread of that plague of infidelity, that the Apostles and our Lord Himself have predicted as the worst calamity of the last times of the Church. And at least a shadow, a typical image of the last times is coming over the world." **To read the rest of this article go to:**

[www.data.lifesitenews.com/images/pdfs/The\\_Great\\_Apostasy-O'Brien.pdf](http://www.data.lifesitenews.com/images/pdfs/The_Great_Apostasy-O'Brien.pdf)

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