



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PLEASE REMEMBER ST. MARK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL



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
JULY & AUGUST
9 am - 12 noon
CLOSED MONDAYS

SUMMER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 7:00 pm
Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 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

FIRST FRIDAY

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 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
Prayer Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ushers
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

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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: vocationstoronto.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!

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, June 27th @ 7:00 pm

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
- † Teresa Shaw req. by Parents
- † Tony Sidoti and Joyce Stainrod req. by Dominic and Laurie Sidoti

Wednesday, June 28th @ 8:30 am

- † Michael Schoneveld req. by Romano and MaryLou Acciaccaferri

Thursday, June 29th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

- For the Papacy req. by Fr. Michael
- Joe and Josie Schwarzli req. by Fr. Michael
- Jim and Louise Beauchamp req. by Jim Beauchamp (60th Wedding Anniversary)

Friday, June 30th @ 8:30 am

- For Catholic Witness req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, July 1st @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Sara Girard req. by Fr. Michael
- † Noel Sanchez Alparaz req. by Carmela Tence Bannon Family req. by Fr. Michael

@ 5:00 pm

- † Zachary Barill req. by David and Sylvie Foster

Sunday, July 2nd @ 9:00 am

- † Jaime Dumanat req. by Angel and Cris Dumanat
- @ 11:00 am**
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Humanitarian Relief Famine in Africa

In response to the desperate food crisis in South Sudan, Yemen, Nigeria and Somalia, the Archdiocese of Toronto is launching a joint appeal with other faith communities to help the approximately **20 million people on the brink of starvation**. The Government of Canada has also created a "Famine Relief Fund" which will match every donation made until June 30, by individuals to registered Canadian charities participating in this campaign.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: <https://community.archtoronto.org>
- By phone through the Development Office at 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to "St. Mark's Church-African Famine-Humanitarian Relief"

Summer Office Hours

JULY 3 TO SEPTEMBER 1

Tuesday – Friday from 9 am until 12 noon only

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,967

***Our Parish has reached our ShareLife Goal!
Thank you very much!***

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.

"There were plenty of occasions during her last illness when she might well have been annoyed or impatient. But she hardly ever showed the slightest feeling. When she did, she admitted her weakness, and asked the person concerned to forgive her and pray for her. Later on she said to me: 'The fact that people find me imperfect brings me real joy, and what brings me even more joy is to realise this myself and to feel the need for God's mercy at the moment of dying.' As she progressed towards more perfect humility, the simplicity with which she acknowledged God's gifts became greater, until it became quite daring. But no matter how precious these gifts were, one felt that when she spoke about them, she did so in utter simplicity and without a trace of pride." Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Msgr. John Pilkauskas 50th Ordination Anniversary July 8th/9th weekend

This year Msgr. John Pilkauskas, from Sacred Heart Parish in Uxbridge, is blessed to be celebrating two milestones – his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood (June 3, 2017) and his 80th birthday (July 13, 2017).

Sacred Heart Parish will commemorate these special occasions with celebrations on the weekend of July 8th/9th.

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| Saturday, July 8 th at 5 pm at 6:30 pm | Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins Dinner at Wooden Sticks Golf Club (cost \$85 call 905-852-6944) |
| Sunday, July 9 th at 11 am | Mass celebrated by Msgr. John followed by a reception in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall |

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal October 25th to November 1st 2017

**A once in a lifetime opportunity!
Only 5 seats left.**



7 Day Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal

For more information, please contact Amelia at 647-977-6991 or email: ameliachongling@yahoo.com

Summer School at St. Mark's School

St. Mark CES will be offering a summer school program whereby children, JK-Gr.8 can learn a language (Italian, Spanish, Greek, French) as well as Gr.7 & 8's can develop their Literacy and Numeracy Skills. The program will run Monday to Friday from 9:30-12 pm from July 4 to 21 2017. Register on site on July 4th or online at <http://ce.ycdsb.ca/>

JUNE 25, 2017

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with Your holy gifts. Let my weakness be penetrated with Your strength this very day that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just. Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and hurt no one's feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me. Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect me in temptations and console me in afflictions. Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour Your light into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and grace. Amen

Charismatic Prayer Group

June 26th at 7 pm

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday, June 26th at 7 pm in the St. Anne's room. All are welcome.

St. Mark's Summer Camp

Kingdom Camp

Children entering Grades 2 to 4

Program Dates: Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14

Children entering Grades 5 to 8

Program Dates: Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21

Our Youth Ministry is pleased to share that registration for Kingdom Camp and Kingdom Camp Jr. has been so successful that we have decided to **extend our Early Bird pricing.**

First child is \$125, Each subsequent child is \$100

We encourage families to consider this fun and memorable faith-enriching experience for their children.

www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017

Fall Seminar at St. Mark's Parish given by Cale Clarke

Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30 pm

"Homecoming"

How to bring loved ones home to the Catholic Church

We all have loved ones who have left the Catholic Church.

They are our children. Our grandchildren. Siblings and other relatives. Friends, neighbours and coworkers. Our hearts break for them as they brave the wilderness of life, outside the hearth and home of the Catholic Church.

How do we bring them home? And why did they leave in the first place? Understanding the answer your loved one gives to that last question is just as important as the first—if we don't grasp the real reasons people leave the Church, we'll never be effective in our attempts to help them home.

This is the subject of "Homecoming: How to Bring Family and Friends Home to the Catholic Church" by Cale Clarke, Director of The Faith Explained Seminars, here at St Mark's Parish. Hope to see you there!

Thank You to everyone who helped with our Corpus Christi Procession!



ALPHA

Coming this Fall to St. Mark's

Alpha will begin September 27, 2017!

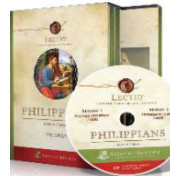
The program will run for 10 weeks on Wednesday nights in the Parish Hall.

The evenings consist of a warm meal, followed by a video and a group discussion. If you would like to participate or volunteer, please sign up at the bookstall.

Bible Study at St. Mark's

Fall of 2017

PHILIPPIANS BY: AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Tim Gray, this dynamic bible study series explores the power and joy of life in Jesus Christ and the partnership to which we are called in sharing the Gospel—in the early Church and today.

Location: St. Mark's Church

Date: Beginning October 3, 2017

(Tuesdays at 7:30 pm for 6 weeks)

For more information email:

stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca or sign up at the bookstall after any of the weekend Masses.

Parish Council – Retiring Members



A very sincere thank you to the retiring members of our Parish Council who have completed their term: Our wonderful Chairperson, **Connie Quadri**, and the great work done by **Katie Boylan, Judy Selvadurai and Mark Sullivan**. May God bless you all for your dedication and enthusiasm.



Catholic Corner

Spiritual Growth Plan

If someone asked you.....**What do you want out of life?**
You might answer: to be happy, healthy or retired.

What are you working hard on?

Raising your children, caring for elderly relatives, long hours at work or juggling home, life and work.

So, what's the objective? Do you have a plan?

Some of us have a financial plan or an educational plan but very few of us have a spiritual growth plan.

It's hard to nurture a relationship with anyone if we do not spend time with that person. The same point applies to God. Finding time for spiritual growth in our busy world requires a plan which may include:

- Children's spiritual education
- Attending Mass each week
- Reading the bible/attending a bible study
- Daily prayer/praying as a family/the Rosary
- Spiritual reading
- Volunteering-church or community

So, what about taking a piece of paper and writing down some personal plans and objectives today.

Take some first steps on a wonderful journey and deepen your relationship with Christ.

Please remember St. Mark's Church in your will.

