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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
- Bantoc Family req. by Bantoc Family in Thanksgiving
- † Maria and Vito Murania req. by Caterina Guastella
- Joanne Taylor req. by The Flame of Love

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Beth Edwards req. by Peter Willan

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

- † Special Intention req. by Jeanette Woodley

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm**

- † Teresa Shaw req. by Parents

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- Don Reid and Doug Gibson req. by Fr. Michael
- † Dionico Quesada req. by Clemen Casil
- † Fiorina Castriota req. by Connie Quadrini
- † Larry Stadnyk req. by Bev Shewchuk

**@ 5:00 pm**

- † The Walsh Family req. by Guy & Elizabeth LeBlanc

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- † Polly Janiszewski req. by Cybruch Family

**@ 11:00 am**

- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 12:30 pm**

- † Frank Iannuzzi req. by Julia Iannuzzi and Family

**Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's**  
Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

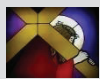


## “Living the Gospel” locally and around the world...

How do we “Live the Gospel” toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to “Live the Gospel” by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife.

**Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**



## Lenten Stations of the Cross

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

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,220

## 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.

“Although she was very sensitive, affectionate, and spirited by temperament, she suffered from almost continual aridity during the whole of her religious life. Her love of God then found expression in a generous concern to seize every opportunity of doing what was pleasing to God. She let no opportunity pass. It was in the ordinary details of community living that she sought, and found, these opportunities for acts of charity. She always sought what was more difficult in order to show more love, but she always allowed herself to be guided by obedience.” – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus

(Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)



**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa**

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup>

### National March for Life in Ottawa.

*The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day.*

**Rally on the Hill 12:30 – 1:30 pm**

**March for Life 1:30 – 3 pm**

**Silent No More speakers 3 – 4 pm**

**Closing prayer service 4 – 4:30 pm**

**Theme: Life, We Stand on Guard for Thee**



## NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Friday, May 12 – 7 to 9:15 p.m. and

Saturday, May 13 – 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

### Local Host Site: Holy Family Parish

**91 Ribblesdale Dr., Whitby**

The conference will livestream to the parish from Ottawa. This two-day conference will encourage, train and provide resources on how Catholics can evangelize effectively.

**COST: \$35, includes lunch PHONE: 905-665-6470**

**WEB: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/#map>**

## Alpha – Thank you!!!

Thank you to the following members of the **11 am Choir** for their generous contributions to the Alpha meal on February 28<sup>th</sup> – **Mary Chan Lee, Helen Chan, Peg Kirby, Teresa Kusatz, Carol Morin, Toy Majaralie, Erminia Petramala, Leona Ronco, Bruce Orr (Tania Orr) and Jeanette Woodley**

## Catholic Websites

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

**[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)**

**[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)**

**[www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com)**

**[www.lifesitenews.com](http://www.lifesitenews.com)**

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

# MARCH 26, 2017

## Archdiocese 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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of Toronto

and from Oshawa to Mississauga.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, **including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017.**

More information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175<sup>th</sup> celebrations can be accessed by visiting:  
[www.archtoronto.org/175](http://www.archtoronto.org/175)

## Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

**Join us for an evening of reflection, prayer journaling and stress relief!**

Lent is a good time for contemplation, so this month we are planning an evening to do just that. We will discuss our individual prayer life and rituals with each other, join in silent meditation, share our stories and ideas about how we pray, the prayers we've grown up with, talk in small groups and enjoy quiet music. Come comfortably dressed! Bring your slippers, and a rosary if you can. We can't wait to share this evening with you! Please join us, and as always, bring a friend. For more information, contact the Women's Ministry at [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com).

## St. Mark's Parish Day of Lenten Confessions

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm

	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Fr. Michael Hughes
	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Msgr. Conrad Dachuck
	12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Fr. Michael Hughes
	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Fr. Stephen Gilbert
	3:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Fr. John Duffy

## Church Cleaning for Easter

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am



It's that time of year again. Come join us for a church cleaning on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

Please bring a bucket, rubber gloves and rag.

Signup sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer or call/text Jodi 416-518-0338. Lunch will be served.

## St. Mark's Summer Camp



Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for Kingdom Camp at St. Mark's Church.

### 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

**Early Bird Special Pricing** (register before April 24)

1st Child - \$125

Each additional sibling - \$100

**Regular Pricing** (register after April 24)

1st Child - \$160

Each additional sibling - \$140

**Registration will take place at St. Mark's Church**

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

First come, first served basis. Registration forms are available for pickup in the church foyer or by going to:

[www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017)

## Rosary Apostolate Volunteers Needed



**Do you have a devotion to Mother Mary, love children and pray the Rosary?** If so, the Rosary Apostolate would like to hear from you. We are currently seeking volunteers to visit our Catholic elementary schools in Stouffville once a month from October to May. If you are interested in finding out more, **please contact Lisa Baker at 905-640-6954 or by email at [bakerkelly@rogers.com](mailto:bakerkelly@rogers.com).**

*There is a great need for volunteers.*

*Please take the time to prayerfully consider being an Apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*



## Catholic Corner

Confession..not a topic many of us like to talk about. Some may even dread going to confession but this sacrament is truly a gift from God that aids us on our path to holiness!

**Why do we have to confess our sins to a priest?**

The short answer is God designed it that way. In James verse 22-23, Jesus says to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." It would seem pointless for Jesus to give His disciples the power to forgive or to retain sins if he wasn't expecting people to confess their sins to his ministers, the priests. Jesus forgives and absolves us of our sins through the intercession of the priests. Jesus longs for us to come to Him in confession so He can be our divine healer.

**Let us enrich our Lenten journey and prepare ourselves for Easter by making a good confession. Let's receive God's mercy and forgiveness and be renewed in Christ!**


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**This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.**



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