



# 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 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  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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](http://vocationstoronto.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!

# THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

- † Loreto Visco req. by Domenica Visco and Family
- † Antonia Ciancio req. by Children
- † Teresa Flagello req. by Children
- † Dionicio Quesada req. by Clemen Casil

### Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario Ciardullo

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

- † Wilma Willan req. by Peter Willan

### Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

- † Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

### Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Francesca Iannuzzi req. by Julia Iannuzzi & Family
- † Mario Raponi req. by Grace Raponi and Family
- † Preiss and Unger Families req. by Marianne and Mike Preiss

### @ 5:00 pm

- † Addorasio and Tamburo Families req. by Anonymous

### Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

- † Lorenzo DeFilippis req. by Dina and Michael Simon

### @ 11:00 am

- † Knights of Columbus Deceased Members req. by Fr. Michael

### @ 12:30 pm

- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael



## Is God Calling You?

“The greatest among you will be your servant.” Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org.**

## Project Rachel

**Weekend Retreat: November 17 - 19**

Let God show you his love.  
Are you still hurting from an abortion experience?  
We can help.

Call 416-629-8264 or e-mail  
[ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org)

A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion: November 17-19, 2017.  
Project Rachel is private and confidential.  
This is a ministry of healing for adults who are suffering from a past abortion experience.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering                      \$ 6,708

## 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.

“On 29 September, the day before she died, she was in such terrible pain that she called out: ‘I can’t take any more. Pray for me!’ After Matins she joined her hands and said: ‘Yes, God; I want it all.’ The morning of 30 September her pain was unutterably excruciating. She joined her hands and looked at the statue of our Lady which had been placed opposite her bed. ‘Oh!’ She said, ‘I’ve prayed so fervently, but it’s sheer agony, without a trace of comfort.’ About 3 p.m. she crossed her forearms and said to the prioress: ‘Mother, introduce me to the Blessed Virgin quickly, please; prepare me to die well.’ She also repeated: ‘All I have written about my desire for suffering is quite true; I do not regret having offered myself to Love; quite the contrary.’ A few minutes after 7 pm, the poor victim sighed: ‘Mother, is it not the agony yet? Am I not going to die?’ ‘Yes, my child’ replied the prioress, ‘it is the last agony, but perhaps God wants to prolong it for a few hours.’ She answered bravely: ‘All right then...let’s go on...I wouldn’t want the time of suffering cut short.’ Fixing her eyes on the crucifix, she slowly said: ‘Oh!...I love him...My...God!...I...love...you!’”

Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## Senior Men’s High School Retreat

Our Lady of the Airways Parish

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am to 5 pm

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at Our Lady of the Airways Parish, Mississauga, on Saturday, November 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) (under Programs) or <http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA>

For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

## Month of the Holy Souls

### Remembrance of the Faithfully Departed

During November, the *Month of the Holy Souls*, we join the whole Church, in prayerful remembrance of the faithful departed members of our families and our parish community. **We remember them, both on All Souls Day, November 2nd and each of our Friday evening Masses during this month.** If you want your loved ones to be remembered in our Masses, please write down their names on the ALL SOULS envelopes available in the foyer. **For the entire month of November, there will be a glass vase in front of the altar.**

You may place your ALL SOULS envelope in the receptacle.

# NOVEMBER 5, 2017

## Squires' Raffle November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>



The St. Mark's Squires will be holding a raffle to raise money for future development and charity initiatives.

*Prize: Basket of Gift Cards*

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

## Special Collection for Our Parish

# YOUTH

November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

A special collection will be taken up at the Masses on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to support the ministry activities of our EDGE and High School youth ministries.

Thank you for your generosity.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Marketplace at St. Brendan Catholic School Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 9 pm

**50+ Vendors! Including: Jewelry \* Gifts \* Holiday Décor \* Health and Wellness \* Skincare \* Home Services \* and many more.**

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Santa will also be visiting that night for Santa Photos. Pre-order will be available.

For more information, email [sbnfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:sbnfundraising@gmail.com)

\*An initiative of St Brendan Catholic Elementary School Council\*

## Development and Peace

"Women are among the most vulnerable during times of war. But they are also important when it comes to creating and sustaining peace. You are invited to participate in an Archdiocesan action next weekend to put **women at the heart of peace** by signing a simple postcard from Development and Peace. It asks the federal government to give women around the world the resources they need to be at the heart of peace. Read more about it in the pamphlet in your bulletin today. Thank you!"

## Recruiting Altar Servers



If you have a child in Grade 4 to 8, who would like to join the Altar Server Ministry, please pick up a registration form in the church foyer and **submit it to the church office by November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## Invitation to All Children of Our Parish! 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT SUNDAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 3 pm



## IT'S PAGEANT TIME ONCE AGAIN!

Invitation to ALL Children of St. Mark's Parish to Participate In our  
12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT  
Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at 3 PM

Come and Have FUN singing, acting and telling the story of Jesus' birth. We are looking for YOU to cast in the role of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Soldiers, Innkeepers and many more! We are also looking for Parent & High School Volunteers to assist with this event.

## FIRST REHEARSAL & ROLE ASSIGNMENT Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4.00 P.M

For further details please contact Eugenie V. Landry at Cel: 647-828-3884 or email [EugenieVLandry@rogers.com](mailto:EugenieVLandry@rogers.com) with SUBJECT LINE: 2017 ST. MARK'S Christmas Pageant

- 1) **\*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR : REGISTER ONLINE\*\*\***  
<https://form.jotform.com/72877163384265> **OR**
- 2) PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM IN THE CHURCH FOYER **OR**
- 3) Download the Registration Form or click on the link to register ONLINE on St. Mark's Website.

## Quote from Ven. Pope Pius XII



"As you well know, venerable brethren, it is true that venial sins may be expiated in many ways that are to be highly commended.

But to ensure more rapid progress day by day in the path of virtue, we will that the pious practice of frequent confession, which was introduced into the Church by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, should be earnestly advocated. By it genuine self-knowledge is increased, Christian humility grows, bad habits are corrected, spiritual neglect and tepidity are resisted, the conscience is purified, the will strengthened, a salutary self-control is attained, and grace is increased in virtue of the sacrament itself."

Ven. Pope Pius XII, *Mystici Corporis*, 1943

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