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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

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
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Parish Council
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Prayer Groups
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T: 905-642-6728

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223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

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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!

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 3rd @ 7:00 pm

- † David Stainrod req. by Dominic and Laurie Sidoti
- † Maria and Gennaro Musto req. by Guiseppe Musto
- † Felicia Musto-Hosany req. by Guiseppe Musto
- † Dionicio Quesada req. by Clemen Casil

Wednesday, October 4th @ 8:30 am

- † Sean Sutton and Gerard Brito req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, October 5th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Petra Ward req. by Damiana and Family

Friday, October 6th @ 8:30 am

- † Wendy Chin Fee req. by Liza and Alfred Cadawas

Saturday, October 7th @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
 - † Gennaro Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno
 - For the Church req. by Fr. Michael
 - † Sebastiana Aprile req. by Aprile Family
- @ 5:00 pm**
- † Ferdinando Taddeo req. by Pat and Mario Trentini

Sunday, October 8th @ 9:00 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario Ciardullo
- @ 11:00 am**
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Winter Mass Schedule

The Winter Mass Schedule will begin on
Sunday, October 15, 2017.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 1st, 2017 at 2 pm

Join pro-lifers in your community and across Canada to stand together and pray for the end to Abortion.

St. Mark's Parishioners to meet at the corner of McCowan & Hwy 7 on Oct. 1st from 2 to 3 pm

Humanitarian Relief Mexico and Caribbean

In an effort to support people in Mexico and the Caribbean who have been impacted by recent earthquakes and hurricanes, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be sent through Catholic relief channels.

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

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, cheques payable to: St. Mark Parish – 2017 Hurricane, Earthquake – Disaster Relief

Thank You For Your Generosity

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Needs of the Church \$ 2,354

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.

"In 1895, she spoke to me about a grace she called 'a wound of love'. No doubt to test her, God permitted that I should pay no attention to this at the time. Still, I did not say a word to her until her last illness. I then wanted her to repeat what she had said in 1895 about this wound of love. She looked at me with a sweet smile and said: 'I told you about it the day it happened, and you hardly even listened to me.' I told her I was sorry, and then she went on: 'You didn't hurt me; I just said to myself that God permitted that for my greater good. What happened was this. I was just beginning to make the Stations of the Cross in choir when I felt myself suddenly wounded by a flash of fire so intense that I thought I would die. I don't know how to describe this experience; there is no comparison which could give an adequate idea of the intensity of this heavenly flame. It's something that the saints have often experienced. I experienced it only just that once, and then aridity returned immediately to take possession of my soul. You might say, I have spent all my religious life in that aridity. Only very rarely have I been consoled.'"

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

Archdiocese of Toronto 175th Anniversary – Eastern Region

Wed., October 4th at 7 pm St. Isaac Jogues

As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Thomas Collins extends an invitation for all to join him for Mass and a reception to commemorate this historic milestone.

The Eastern Pastoral Region celebration will take place at **St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 1148 Finch Ave. on Wednesday, October 4th at 7 pm.**

Inter-Faith Awareness Series

Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4 at St. Patrick's Parish

Inter-Faith Awareness Series with Guest Speaker

Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ Dean, Regis College School of Theology U of T

Location: **St. Patrick's Church, 5633 Hwy 7, Markham**

<u>October 7</u>	<u>October 21</u>	<u>November 4</u>
9 am to 11 am	9 am to 11 am	9 am to 11 am
One Body, One Lord, One Baptism	The Gift of the Jews: The Dynamism of Love	Islam and Christianity: Rivals & Friends

Reserve your seat today by email: parish@stpatrick.on.ca
Free will offering is greatly accepted at each event.

Intergenerational Healing Retreat Sat., October 21st Canada Christian College

Intergenerational Healing Retreat (Healing the Family Tree)

with Fr. Denis Phaneuf and Moira Noonan.

Date & Time: October 21st, 9 am to 6 pm

Location: Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr., Toronto
Free Admission

Register at: www.avemaria.events or 416-251-4245

OCTOBER 1, 2017



First Communion Parent Meeting Monday, October 2nd at 7 pm

There will be a **First Communion Parent Catechetical Session** in the church on October 2nd beginning at 7pm. For those 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.

St. Mark's Retreat with Fr. John Yake Saturday, October 7th from 10 am to 2:30 pm

Last Weekend to Sign-Up

Jesus counseled that we should pray always. He did not mean that we should endlessly recite prayer formulas, but that we need to remain present to God's love in all the ups and downs of our lives because Divine Love is reality.

St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) described the journey of prayer in her book Interior Castle which Sr. Mary Niere has translated into contemporary language in her book entitled **The Gospel of Contemplation.**

This book will be used for St. Mark's Day of Reflection with Fr. John Yake on Saturday, October 7th.

The day will include lunch and a copy of the book.

Contributions of **\$20** would be appreciated to cover the food, book and retreat master.

Registration sign-up sheet located at the bookstall.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 7th and 8th

Donations for the Thanksgiving Food drive will be accepted at all the Masses on **October 7th and 8th.**

The following items are **urgently needed** by the food bank: canned fruit, tins of ravioli, tins of spaghetti, gravy, jam and Jello. Please make sure the items are not expired.

Should a cash donation be made over \$10, a tax receipt will be given at the end of the year. Please put it in an envelope with your name, address and postal code.

Thank you for helping our neighbours in need.

Enrolment in the Brown Scapular

October 7/8 and October 14/15



For anyone who would like to be enrolled in the brown scapular, Fr. Michael will be performing a short ceremony after each of the weekend

Masses on October 7th and 8th and 14th and 15th.

Scapulars will be provided by the Parish.

Offertory Box Requests

*Offertory Boxes will no longer be issued for the remainder of 2017. To request a 2018 Offertory Box, please fill out a request form which can be found in the lobby and submit it to the office. You can pick up your 2018 box during the general distribution which should take place at the beginning of November. **Please do not use the 2018 boxes until January.** You can use the pink visitor envelopes until the end of the year.*



Confirmation Registration

- Confirmation Online Registration for Grade 7 students begins **Tuesday, October 10th at 9 am** and is on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.**

Saint Vincent de Paul – Bundle Up October 14th and 15th



What an opportunity!

Clean out your closets and drawers because a Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the Church parking lot on October 14th and 15th. Your donation of gently used clothing and household goods will be given or sold to benefit those in need. Thanks for your support.

Women's Ministry Vendor Sale Sunday, October 22nd from 9 am to 2 pm

THIRD ANNUAL

WOMEN'S MINISTRY VENDOR SALE

The St. Mark's Women's Ministry invites you to attend their Third Annual Vendor Sale, on Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:00AM-2:00PM in the Church Hall. More than 25 vendors will be in attendance! Come join us, and buy that perfect gift for yourself or someone else. It's a great time to get some early Christmas shopping done too! We thank you for your support in helping us to raise funds for our Ministry and the St. Mark's Church expansion. Vendors are still needed. If you'd like to participate as a vendor, please contact Antonietta Botticelli at antoniettab@sympatico.ca.

Trip to St. Michael's Cathedral

Thursday, October 26th



The bus for the trip to St. Michael's Cathedral is now full!

For those registered to go on the trip, please note the meeting time in the Church parking lot is 8:15 am and the bus will leave promptly at 8:30 am. Thank you for your interest.

Josie Schwarzli 905-640-1693

Dinner for Christians in Middle East October 28th Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

Support the work of Catholic charities in Egypt, Syria and Iraq and give your faith a boost of energy in the presence of Cardinal Collins and priest, author and scholar Father Henri Boulad from Alexandria, Egypt. Net proceeds of this dinner go to Caritas Egypt and Catholic Near East Welfare Association for projects in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. Tickets start at \$60. Transfiguration of our Lord Parish, 45 Ludstone Drive, Etobicoke. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Visit boulad.eventbrite.ca or call 416-275-2151 for tickets.

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