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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. 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     |
| Neekday Solemnities | - 7:30 pm onl |

### 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 you to register using the Mass) St. Therese of Lisieux

Novena (Tuesdav Evening Mass) Holy Hour (Thursday 9 - 10:00 am) **Divine Mercy** (Before Friday Mass) Mother of Perpetual Help (Saturdav Morning Mass)

### BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the explanation. 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 RCIA parish one year in advance. Sacramental Preparation If either party has previously Squires gone through any form of civil St. Vincent de Paul Society or religious marriage no date Ushers may be set until the Bishop's Women's Ministry office has been consulted.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome. We encourage **Registration Forms** available from the foyer.

#### **COMMUNION FOR THE** SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

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### MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Please see website for policy

#### **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 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!

# TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## **Mass Intentions** for the Week

| Tuesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm                |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Tony Guastella req. by Caterina Guastella                  |  |  |  |  |
| Tony Trentadue req. by Marlene and Maurice Vella           |  |  |  |  |
| Intention of Daniel Burke req. by Jeanette Woodley         |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am              |  |  |  |  |
| 🕇 Giovanni Petramala and Gabriele Teresina                 |  |  |  |  |
| Petramala req. by Mario Petramala                          |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday, October 26 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour |  |  |  |  |
| from 9 am to 10 am   |  |  |  |  |
| 🕇 Teresa Shaw req. by Parents                              |  |  |  |  |
| Friday, October 27th @ 7:00 pm                             |  |  |  |  |
| ${f T}$ Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael                     |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am               |  |  |  |  |
| Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &                           |  |  |  |  |
| McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael                    |  |  |  |  |
| 👖 John Niedra req. by Fr. Michael                          |  |  |  |  |
| T Ryan L'Abbe req. by Fr. Michael                          |  |  |  |  |
| T Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon                     |  |  |  |  |
| _ @ 5:00 pm  |  |  |  |  |
| 🕇 Dan Roller req. by Munro Family                          |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday, October 29th @ 9:00 am                             |  |  |  |  |
| St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>_</b> @11:00 am   |  |  |  |  |
| 🕇 Carmela DeLigio, Paolo and Rosa DePalme req. by          |  |  |  |  |
| Domenica Lozito  |  |  |  |  |
| @12:30 pm  |  |  |  |  |
| Augustinho and Maria Grilo req. by Tavares Family          |  |  |  |  |
| World Mission Sunday                                       |  |  |  |  |
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# October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday! We are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Christ. We are asked to reach out to the peripheries, people in remote villages, towns, and cities by using the witness and work of missionaries and local priests. Please keep all missionaries in your daily prayers.

# **Is God Calling You?**

"Give ... to God the things that are God's" That includes you! Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?

To be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. Please refer to our Parish website for more information about the Reference Letter Policy.

#### **Thank You For Your Generosity** Weekly Offering \$ 8,329

# **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.

'Because of her temptation to disbelieve in heaven, her soul remained plunged in the darkest night till the very end. When confiding this painful experience to me, she said: 'Must one

have such thoughts when one loves God so much?' The following note, written on 3 August, sums up her sentiments in the face of physical and moral suffering: 'O God, how good you are to the little victim of Merciful Love! Even now, when you have added physical pain to my spiritual trials, I still

cannot say: 'The anguish of death is all around me' (PS 17:5). Mine is a cry of gratitude: 'I have gone down into the valley of the shadow of death, but I fear no evil, Lord, for you are

with me' (Ps 22:4)." Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

# 27th Annual Mass of Memory Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at St. Paul's Basilica



The Mass of Memory is dedicated to the memory of the many victims of the Irish Famine of 1847 who died of typhus on arrival in Toronto and in memory of the many who gave their lives in service of the Irish in the summer of 1847.

Sacred/Celtic Music by: The Irish Choral Society Principal Celebrant: Fr. Bernard Kelly, CSSp Homilist: Fr. Patrick Fitzpatrick CSSp Location: St Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto Reception to follow downstairs in the Basilica Hall

**Come and See Weekend** Friday, November 3 (begins at 7 p.m.) to Sunday, November 5 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's



call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Register online at **www.vocationstoronto.ca**. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For further information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

**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.

http://stmarkstouffville.ca PARISH WEBSITE

# **OCTOBER 22, 2017**

# YOUTH

### October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 10 pm

We invite all high school teens to our first high school youth ministry event of the year at St. Mark's.

On Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> between 7:30 - 10:00 PM, bring a friend, meet new people, play some board games, and treat yourself to free drinks and ice cream sandwiches on us!

|      | Parish Movie    | Night                |     |
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| W    | Saturday, Octob | per 28 <sup>th</sup> |     |
| This | month's movie:  | The 13 <sup>th</sup> | Day |

The incredible true story of three shepherd children from the village of Fatima in Portugal who experienced six apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary between May and October 1917, which culminated in the Miracle of the Sun. Our Lady gave a secret to the children told in three parts, from a harrowing vision of hell to prophetic warnings of future events.

### Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 85 minutes

St. Mark's Women's Ministry Meeting October 30th at 7:30 pm



Please join us at our next meeting on Monday, October 30 at 7:30PM. This month's theme is always a member Women of the Church favourite - Topics in a Basket! We will

break into small groups and discuss topics related to charitable work, faith in times of disaster and helping our adult children carry their faith forth into the world. Small group provides an excellent opportunity to support each other, share our personal experiences and feel God's presence among us. We hope you will

join us, and bring a friend! See you then.

# 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 fover. 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.

Invitation to All Children of Our Parish! 12th 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 with SUBJECT LINE: 2017 ST. MARK'S Christmas Pageant

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

# **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 fover and submit it to the church office by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

# **Project Rachel**

November 17 - 19

Do not be far off and alone any longer. Come near. We can help.

### Call 416-629-8264 or e-mail 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 an abortion experience in their past.

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

