



# 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  
Prayer Groups  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School  
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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!

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Romano Stipceвич req. by Milka Stipceвич  
Intentions of Jeanette Woodley req. by Jeanette Woodley

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 pm**

In Thanksgiving req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

† Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael  
@ 7:30 pm

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**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 8:00 pm**

† Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Marg Sunnoucks req. by Fr. Michael

† Albertina & Hugo Biondi req. by Ossi & Ann Pierotti

† Salvatore Battaglia req. by Dorothy Battaglia and Family

@ 5:00 pm

† Cahal Stewart Sr. req. by Kay Stewart and Family

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Ida Altomare

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 12:30 pm

† Morgan Chung req. by Tony, Shirley and Family

## World Mission Sunday – Thank You

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. It's a blessing for young dioceses, priests, sisters, brothers and catechists who depend on it. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain strong in faith and in their vocation as they go about proclaiming the Good News of Christ.



### Is God Calling You?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

Contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997 or by email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto: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 \$ 5,588**

**World Mission Sunday \$ 3,143**

## 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.

"She always hoped to die of love; she was even certain she would: 'I always hope to die of love,' she told us. 'To die of love does not of course mean to die rapturously: our Lord died of love on the Cross, and look at the agony he endured.' Another day she said to me: 'I am not looking forward to enjoyment and rest in heaven; all that attracts me is love: to love, to be loved and to return to the world to make God loved, to help missionaries, priests and the whole Church. I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth.' To my mind, the qualities that stood out most during her last illness were simplicity, distrust of herself, humility, constant recourse to prayer, and trust in God."

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

## Annual All Souls' Day Mass Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 2 p.m. All masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga, Liturgy in English
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham, Liturgy in English
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, Liturgy in Italian and English
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge, Liturgy in Italian and English
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby, Liturgy in English

All are welcome. If you have any further questions, please call Amy Profenna at 416-733-8544.

## 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

## 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.

# OCTOBER 29, 2017

## Squires' Raffle

October 28/29 and November 4/5



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 weekends of October 28/29 and November 4/5.

Thank you for your support.

## St. Mark's Women's Ministry Meeting

October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm



Women of the Church

Please join us at our next meeting on Monday, October 30 at 7:30PM. This month's theme is always a member 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.

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

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

## 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



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**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.

## 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.

## Thank You!

On behalf of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, we thank you for your financial and food donations to the food bank this Thanksgiving.

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