



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
JULY & AUGUST
9 am - 12 noon
CLOSED MONDAYS

SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 18 - Oct 5, 2014

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 - 4:00 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy
(Before Friday pm Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
(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 to all new parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

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
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Finance Committee
- Funeral Luncheon Committee
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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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, September 23rd @ 7:00 pm

- † Bob Busato req. by Donna & Family
- † Franz Bronnenhuber req. by Brugger Family
- † Mike Shewchuk req. by Pat and Paul McGuire

Wednesday, September 24th @ 8:30 am

- † Clementina Mondelli

Thursday, September 25th @ 8:30 am

Msgr. Ken Robitaille req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, September 26th @ 8:30 am

- † John Greg Steffan req. by Milka Stipceovich

Saturday, September 27th @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Antonietta Mirabella req. by Daughters, Josie and Nina
- Akhil Bijo (birthday) req. by Bijo Family

Saturday, September 27th @ 5:00 pm

- † Concetta Cianffone req. by Quadrini Family

Sunday, September 28th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, September 28th @ 11:00 am

- † Salvatore Battaglia req. by Dorothy Battaglia

Vocations

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997** or by Email at vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Pray For The Sick

Beverly Semon, Robyn MacPherson, Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Edward O'Reilly, Patrick Mariana, & Douglas Ciceri Sr.

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Mike Shewchuk & Bill Sullivan

Prayer Box

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS - Please write out your prayer requests and place them in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Mark.



LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA KIOSK

Features CD's, Books & Booklets. For purchase by donation. All material faithful to Christ. Great way to rekindle our faith as Catholics and sharing with family & friends.

Feature CD of the week: 15 Things To Do In the Midst of Suffering

Suffering is a mystery we all face at some time in our lives. Whether it is physical, emotional or spiritual, it will test our faith. Internationally-known speaker Jeff Cavins shares personal insights he gained through his own physical pain. He shows us how we can join our sufferings with those of Jesus on the cross, bringing renewed meaning to the suffering we experience in our lives.

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.

Life Chain

Join pro-lifers in your community and across Canada to pray for an end to abortion. Life Chain will take place on **Sunday, October 5th from 2 pm to 3 pm at the intersection of McCowan and Hwy 7.**

Margaret Somerville Lecture

The topic of the lecture is: "Are one's religious beliefs the only reason to be anti-euthanasia?" The lecture will take place on **Wednesday, October 8th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the University of Toronto, St. Michael's Campus, Charbonnel Lounge, Elmsley Hall, 81 St. Mary St., Toronto.** The cost is \$10. For ticket information, please contact: Mary Hawkley at 905-668-1644 or mahawkley@sympatico.ca.

Catholic Family Services

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 10 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. The group will run on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning **October 2nd to December 4th at 1155 Yonge St.** Contact **Ian Singer** at 416-921-1163 for information.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday (**next meeting September 30th**). The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

First Communion Registration

For families with children attending public or private schools, please note that there is an important letter outlining this year's First Communion registration procedures and class dates that can be picked up in the church foyer or printed from the parish website. This letter was distributed to children attending Catholic Schools at the end of June.

- First Communion **Online Registration** is now open and is on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, September 24th, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.

Garden Volunteers - Thank You !!!

Thank you to the volunteers who worked so hard all summer to keep our gardens looking beautiful! In particular, we would like to thank: Fran Allan, Charles Barnes, Maureen Morrison, Vince Sequeira, Milka Stipceвич and Angeline Valera-Sue.

Squires Fundraiser

From September 20th to October 5th, a fundraiser will be conducted to support the **St. Mark Squire Circle**. The squires will be collecting **scrap metal and electronics**. If you have any of the following items that you wish to have recycled, please bring them to the parish starting on September 20th and drop them off inside the trailer parked on the grass by the church.

- Anything made of metal (steel, aluminum, etc.)
- Appliances (stoves, fridges, toasters, etc.)
- Electronics (tv, dvd players, lamps, computers etc.)

If you have a large item and need to have it picked up, please contact **Francis Kelly at 647-678-2107 or by email at bakerkelly@rogers.com.**

The profit that is collected will go towards helping the Squires and support their various circle and community service activities.

Thank you in advance - St. Mark Squire Circle 5486



Adult Choir



St. Marks 11 am Adult Choir is currently recruiting new members to join their team coming this fall.

No previous musical experience is required, but you do need to be ready to commit to weekly rehearsals (Thursday nights 7:30pm until 9:30pm) If interested, please see Bibiana after the 11 am mass or call the office to leave your contact information. Thank you for your consideration to be a part of St. Marks Adult Choir and we look forward to hearing from you!

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,536
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Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2014. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

New St. Mark's Women's Ministry

Ladies of St. Mark's Parish: A new women's group has been formed. The purpose of this group is to encourage community among women, but also to enhance our faith journey and gain knowledge along the way. We are looking to connect with all women in all walks of life: young, older, married, single, separated, divorced and widowed, mothers or not. We are all called to help one another along the journey. Our first meeting will be held on **Monday, September 29th at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** We will be addressing some of our biggest faith questions and discussing the direction of the women's ministry. *Hope to see you there!*

The Faith Explained Conference

On Saturday, September 27th from 10 am to 4:30 pm at St. Justin Martyr Parish (Markham), you're invited to an exciting day to grow in your faith while listening to inspiring talks by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Dr. Craig Evans, and Cale Clarke, Director of The Faith Explained. Tickets available at the door or online at TheFaithExplained.com/2014-conference.

Parish Council

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide this year's Council in their work for the Parish. Thank you to our retiring members, **Lloyd Pinnock** and **Amelia Chong Ling**, for their real interest and contributions. Thank you also to all those who let their names stand in the draw for this year's Council. We would like to welcome the three new Council members **Katie Boylan, Susan Dizon and Connie Quadrini.** Also, thank you to **Sal Lombardo** for agreeing to be reappointed for another year and **Monica Kavanagh** who has also been appointed.

Municipal Elections 2014

A municipal election will be held on Monday, October 27th. To help us get to know the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Collins has given permission for candidates to distribute literature to parishioners after Mass on September 27/28 and October 25/26.

Laser Quest – September 26th

This event is open to the youth of our Parish in Grades 9 to 12. Further details & signup sheet are in the foyer.


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