



# 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

## 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

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Altar Society  
Children's Liturgy  
Counter's Ministry  
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Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
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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

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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!

# TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Claire Sutton req. by Fr. Michael
- † Albertina Pierotti req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti
- † Corey Hay req. by Hay Family
- † Maria Castro req. by Dodie and Tessie Castro

**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Bill Gierkink req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

- † Margaret Tumino req. by Larry Tumino and Patricia Hartford

**Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Loretta Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

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

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

- † Mario Raponi req. by Grace Raponi
- † Peter O'Boyle req. by Tabone Family
- † Gail Rae req. by Moya Quinton

**@ 5:00 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario Ciardullo

**@ 11:00 am**

- † Guillermo Tuason req. by Crespo Family

## Winter Mass Schedule

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




## Is God Calling You?

"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord.

If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.**

## Thank You Garden Volunteers

 Thank you to the volunteers who kept our flower gardens around the church looking so beautiful all summer - Anna Bonkowski, Natalia Horscroft, Damiana McQuigge, Maureen Morrison, Mario Petramala, Vince Sequeira (ENVISION this) and Milka Stipcevic

## Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2017 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. **Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.**

## Thank You For Your Generosity

## Weekly Offering \$ 4,702 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.

"At the age of ten and a half, Therese was struck down by a strange illness. It consisted of attacks of terror, with horrible visions and an urge to throw herself head-first off the bed. She said afterwards that she never lost the use of her reason for one moment, and that when she seemed to be unconscious she actually heard and understood everything that was being said around her. She was always convinced, too, that the devil had a lot to do with these phenomena. The illness disappeared suddenly on 10 May, 1883, and never troubled her again. The circumstances attending this sudden end were as follows: during a novena we were making to Our Lady of Victories, she had a more violent attack than usual. Those of my sisters who were present started to pray to the Blessed Virgin before a statue in the room. In spite of the attack, Therese joined in invoking Mary's help. She told me that she suddenly saw the statue come to life, and that the Blessed Virgin moved towards her, smiling. From that moment there was no further trace of her illness." Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus

(Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## Ecumenical Prayer Service

**St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**

### Prayers for Peace

All are welcome to an ecumenical prayer service, hosted by Cardinal Thomas Collins, to remember victims of violence, terror and persecution around the world, especially our Christian brothers and sisters in Egypt and throughout the Middle East.

Location: St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond St., Toronto

## Rosary Sunday

**Martyrs' Shrine, Midland**

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon**



33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rosary Sunday

At Martyrs' Shrine, 16163 Highway 12 West

- 12:00 pm Outdoor Mass at the Polish Altar
- Outdoor Confessions prior to Mass
- 2:30 pm Procession for the Blessed Sacrament with the Living Rosary and Benediction at the Papal Altar

Celebrant and Homilist: Most Reverend Douglas Crosby  
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For information: [living-rosary@rogers.com](mailto:living-rosary@rogers.com)

## Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal

**October 25<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

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For more information, please contact  
Amelia at 647-977-6991 or email:  
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# SEPTEMBER 3, 2017



## First Communion Registration

First Communion Online Registration will open on

- Monday, **September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** and will be on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the church.

For more information, go to [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca)



## Parish Movie Night Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>



### This month's movie: **Bella**

An international soccer star is on his way to sign a multimillion dollar contract when a series of events unfold that brings his career to an abrupt end. A beautiful waitress, struggling to make it in New York City, discovers something about herself that she's unprepared for. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down...until a simple gesture of kindness brings them together, turning an ordinary day into an unforgettable experience.

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**Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm**

**Movie to start at 6:30pm**

The movie is free of charge.

Running Time: 91 minutes Rated: PG-13

## Fall Seminar at St. Mark's Parish given by Cale Clarke

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

### **"Homecoming"**

#### ***How to bring loved ones home to the Catholic Church***

*We all have loved ones who have left the Catholic Church. They are our children. Our grandchildren. Siblings and other relatives. Friends, neighbours and coworkers. Our hearts break for them as they brave the wilderness of life, outside the hearth and home of the Catholic Church.*

***How do we bring them home?  
And why did they leave in the first place?***

*Understanding the answer your loved one gives to that last question is just as important as the first—if we don't grasp the real reasons people leave the Church, we'll never be effective in our attempts to help them home.*

*This is the subject of "Homecoming: How to Bring Family and Friends Home to the Catholic Church" by Cale Clarke, Director of The Faith Explained Seminars, here at St Mark's Parish. Hope to see you there!*



## ALPHA

### Coming this Fall to St. Mark's

#### Alpha will begin **September 27, 2017!**

The program will run for 10 weeks on Wednesday nights in the Parish Hall.

The evenings consist of a warm meal, followed by a video and a group discussion. If you would like to participate or volunteer, please sign up at the bookstall.

### **Bible Study at St. Mark's** Beginning October 3, 2017

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Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Tim Gray, this dynamic bible study series explores the power and joy of life in Jesus Christ and the partnership to which we are called in sharing the Gospel—in the early Church and today.

**Location: St. Mark's Church**

**Date: Beginning October 3, 2017**

(Tuesdays at 7:30 pm for 6 weeks)

**For more information email:**

[stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca) or sign up at the bookstall after any of the weekend Masses.

### **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**

Our parishioners have the option to give their offertory donations via the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program.

With PAG your offering is deducted automatically by direct debit from your bank account on a monthly basis.

PAG allows you to support your parish when you are away—a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long. PAG only applies to offertory; other special collections and the Building Fund are not part of the PAG program. You are encouraged to use numbered offertory envelopes even if you use PAG. You may continue to place your Sunday envelope in the offertory basket—simply write "PAG" on the front. We currently have 64 parishioners using this method.

### **How to register for the Pre-Authorized Giving Program**

PAG pamphlets are available in the church foyer.

Enrolment is ongoing.

**Simply fill in the tear off registration portion of the pamphlet, attach a void cheque and submit to the parish office or place in an envelope marked 'PAG Confidential' and place in the weekly collection basket.**

**- SAVE THE DATE -**


**Fr. John Yake will be hosting a Retreat at St. Mark's Church on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The day will include lunch and a copy of a book entitled *The Gospel of Contemplation*. Contributions of \$20 would be appreciated to cover the food, book and retreat master. Registration details will follow in future bulletins.**

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