



# 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. Asst.  
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister  
Lad Mehes - Custodian  
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)  
- 11:00 am  
- 12:30 pm

## RECONCILIATION

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

## FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Mass - 8:00 pm  
(except Statutory Holidays  
9:00 am Mass Only)

## 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

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### BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

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## 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  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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

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Serra House  
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W: [vocationtoronto.ca](http://vocationtoronto.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!

# PALM SUNDAY



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Judy Normandeau req. by Elizabeth Mitchel  
Mike and Fran Rozario req. by Bob and Consuella  
Tabone

† Teresa Shaw req. by Parents

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Vincenza Mireni req. by Anonymous

**Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 pm**

Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

**Good Friday Services, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 12 noon and 3 pm**

**Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 pm**

**Easter Vigil Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

† Kristopher Bhagwandat req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 11:00 am**

† Salvatore Battaglia req. by Dorothy Battaglia and  
Family

**@ 12:30 pm**

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio and Mary  
Benincasa

## Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's

Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

## SL ShareLife

### "Living the Gospel" by supporting the deaf community...

Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school, and was hired as a counselor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, "I'm grateful to ShareLife – supported Silent Voice and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me." Last year more than 600 deaf children received help through ShareLife-supported Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

**Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017.**

**Please give generously.**

## Catholic Websites

For current and informative news articles on the Church, check out the following websites:

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

[www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com)

[www.lifesitenews.com](http://www.lifesitenews.com)

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 7,287

ShareLife \$ 24,255

## 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 told me she would like to have been able to share in the vocation of priests and missionaries, in order to bring God's name to all the countries in the world and die a martyr for Jesus Christ. But since she could not, she thought she would make up for it by the intensity of her love and desires; if her desires were sufficiently intense, she argued, they would be as effective as deeds." – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the

Lisieux Carmel.)

## Men's High School Retreat

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm

**For Young Men in Grades 11 & 12**

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at

**St. Mary Immaculate Parish**

**10295 Yonge St., Richmond Hill**

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9am to 5pm**

Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information, please contact your pastor or call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## March For Life

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa

**Rally on the Hill 12:30 – 1:30 pm**

**March for Life 1:30 – 3 pm**

**Silent No More speakers 3:00 – 4 pm**

**Closing prayer service 4 – 4:30 pm**

**Theme: Life, We Stand on Guard for Thee**

## Alpha – Thank you!!!

Thank you to the following **Lectors and Family** for their generous contributions to the Alpha meal on March 21 – **Elena Medina, Connie Quadrini, Elaine Bautista, Mark Sullivan, Judy Selvadurai, Melanie Piedad, Marie Herrera, Charmaine Medina, Lynn Sullivan, Eugenie Villanueva-Landry and Alicia Gaerlan**

## Good Friday - Fast and Abstinence

**Fasting:** Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 is obliged to fast. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

**Abstinence:** Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Abstaining, in this context, is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. In lieu of fasting, one may substitute works of charity.

# APRIL 9, 2017

## Women's Recollection

**Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

The recollection includes 2 meditations by a priest of Opus Dei, a talk on living the Christian life in the middle of the world, an examination of conscience and an opportunity for confession beginning at 7 pm.



## Parish Movie Night

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**



### This month's movie: Little Margaret of Castello

Little Margaret is the story of a girl born blind and disabled. She was imprisoned by her family until 13 and then brought to a shrine in the hopes of a miracle. When no cure takes place, she is abandoned and cared for by the homeless. At her death, miracles begin to occur. She is the patron Saint of the poor, disabled and unwanted.

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

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

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 97 minutes

## St. Mark's Summer Camp

### Kingdom Camp

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for Kingdom Camp at St. Mark's Church.

#### Children entering Grades 2 to 4

Program Dates: Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14

#### Children entering Grades 5 to 8

Program Dates: Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21

#### Early Bird Special Pricing (register before April 24)

1st Child - \$125

Each additional sibling - \$100

#### Regular Pricing (register after April 24)

1st Child - \$160

Each additional sibling - \$140

#### Registration will take place at St. Mark's Church

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

or completed forms can be dropped off at the church office.

First come, first served basis. Registration forms are available for pickup in the church foyer or by going to:

[www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017)

### **Good Friday Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land**

On Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land, many of whom, depend on the collection for their lives. As a collection requested by Pope Francis, the donations will also help to maintain the Holy Places, and the pastoral, educational and social works of the Church.

**Reminder: There will also be a collection on Holy Thursday for the benefit of the poor.**

**Good Friday Church Office Hours  
9 am to 12 noon**

## EASTER TRIDUUM 2017

### Holy Thursday

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 pm**

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm

### Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1<sup>st</sup> Celebration – 12:00 noon

2<sup>nd</sup> Celebration – 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

### Holy Saturday

**NO MORNING MASS**

Blessing of the Food – 2:45 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm

Reminder: Bring your bells to the Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday

Normal Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 15 min. before all Masses

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2017

*Good Friday, April 14, at 7:15 pm*

*Holy Saturday, April 15, at 3:00 pm*

*Easter Sunday, April 16 - 15 minutes before  
all Sunday morning masses*

*Week of Easter Octave—after all masses*

*Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, 2017*

*15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses*



## Holy Week Confession Schedule

Tuesday, April 11	After evening Mass
Wednesday, April 12	½ hour before and ½ hour after morning Mass
Holy Thursday, April 13	After 8 pm Mass
Holy Saturday, April 15	10 am to 12 noon

## Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**




Confessions: 2 pm to 3 pm (Fr. Duffy)  
Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 2:30 pm  
Celebration of Mass: 3 pm (Fr. Duffy)  
Holy Hour: 4 pm to 5 pm (Fr. Michael)

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