



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor  
Deacon John Schwarzbauer  
Deacon Wayne McCulloch  
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister

## STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator  
Lisa Baker-Admin. Asst.  
Lad Mehes - Custodian  
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9 am - 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12-1pm

## 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  
Sunday - 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 - 4:00 - 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. 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  
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Counter's Ministry  
Eucharistic Ministers  
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Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
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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!

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Francisco Lomibao & Natividad req. by Carlos and Emy De Asis
- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa
- † Judy Normandeau req. by Family

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Antonio and Angelina Spedalieri req. by Mary Di Pasqua

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Renato Colosimo req. by Colosimo Family

**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

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

- † Catherine, Clement and Mary Kelly req. by Kelly Family

- † Maureen Kelly req. by Baker Family

- † Vincenzo Turco req. by Francka Turco and Family

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- † Paul MacDonald req. by MacDonald Family

- † Charlie and Winnie Dawson req. by Carol Morin

**@ 12:30 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

## Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Phyllis Hillick and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Helene Neal, Jack Flanagan, Grace Bodogh

## Dynamic Catholic – Year of Mercy

Seeing a great need for mercy and healing in the world, Pope Francis called for the Year of Mercy. This is a special time for us as individuals and as a Church to take an entire year to study and reflect on mercy, receive mercy, and be merciful towards others.

At Dynamic Catholic, we are passionate about helping you grow spiritually. That's why we have put together **8 simple yet powerful ways to experience the Year of Mercy**. Check out all our great resources for the Year of Mercy at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com).

## Christmas Schedule 2015



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Thursday, December 24, 2015**

- ◆ 4:30 pm Caroling (Voices of Glory Choir)
- ◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 7:30 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 9:30 pm Caroling (St. Mark's Choir)
- ◆ 10:00 pm Mass

**Friday, December 25, 2015**

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon



### MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

**Thursday, December 31, 2015**

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

**Friday, January 1, 2016**

- ◆ 10:00 am
- ◆ 12:00 noon

## New Beginnings Event

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to helping people who have suffered loss through death, separation or divorce. They will be hosting guest speaker, **Connie Price**, MDiv., PhD, who will discuss the role of music in grieving. Presentation to take place at the **Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St. 4<sup>th</sup> Fl. (free underground parking available)**. All are welcome to attend. There is no cost for this event.

## Marriage Sunday 2016

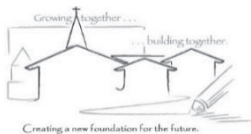
In 2016, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday at the parish level on the weekend of February 6/7. Cardinal Collins has also announced a special archdiocesan-wide gathering to honour married couples that will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Kim Parish in North York.

His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2016 to join him for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a local lay movement, is helping to co-ordinate the gathering.

Loved ones and family members of those honored are most welcome to attend. To ensure special reserved seating for honored couples, pre-registration is required. Visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register. For information, please contact Dane & Anne MacCarthy at 416-964-8694.

# DECEMBER 13, 2015

## FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged  
to date:

**\$1,040,690**



**Our Family of Faith Campaign is taking a break from visiting until January. The parish office will remain open to receive any pledges until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please consider making a pledge to our campaign!**

Thanks to all who have worked so hard!  
Thanks to those who have been so generous!  
We wish each and every one of you  
a joyous and blessed Christmas!  
Our campaign will resume in the New Year.



Questions? Email us at [stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca)



## Light Up The Tree of Life

December

The St. Mark Squires will be conducting their Light Up the Tree of Life Advent Fundraiser. In the foyer, the Squires have set up a tree. We invite all parishioners to select one or more of the candle tags that have suggested items for babies and their young mothers (ex. diapers, clothes etc.) **By the December 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> weekend, we ask that you bring what is written on the tag and drop it off underneath the tree.** You can then hang the candle tag on the tree to help light up the "Tree of Life." All donations support the Rose of Sharon. Thank You - St. Mark Squire Circle

## St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

December 16<sup>th</sup>



### Parish Confession Times:

8 am – 10 am Fr. Michael  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm Fr. Michael  
5 pm – 7 pm Msgr. John Pilkauskas  
7 pm – 9 pm Fr. Jacob & Fr. Michael



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**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm  
For Youth in Grades 6 to 8**

## 2015 Tax Receipts

**The books will be closed for 2015 donations on  
Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Any donations you wish to make for 2015 must be received by this date. Anything after this date will apply to the 2016 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office before December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Pray Out the Old Year Pray in the New Year

December 31<sup>st</sup> 11 pm

St. Mark's Parish will host a Holy Hour for the last hour of 2015. We will then commence the New Year celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Mark the date on your calendar and start the New Year with Jesus by your side.

## The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group Tuesday Afternoons

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group meets **every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.** Prayers and the Rosary are said to blind satan and save souls. Everyone is welcome.

## Catholic School Tax Support

In order to demonstrate to the government your support of our publically funded Catholic Schools, please make sure to indicate on your property taxes that you are an English-Language Separate School Supporter. Thank you.

## Holiday Office Hours

Regular Hours 9 am to 3:30 pm	Dec. 22 and Dec. 23
Mornings only 9 am to 12 noon	Dec. 24, Dec. 29, Dec. 30 and Dec. 31

## Christmas Pageant

Congratulations to all the performers in our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mark's Christmas Pageant! It was a beautiful event that expressed the true meaning of Christmas. We especially thank Eugenie Villanueva-Landry for organizing and directing the pageant as well as her team of wonderful volunteers. May God bless you all!

## Prayer Box

Please leave your prayer requests in the prayer request box in the foyer and the Charismatic Prayer Group will be pleased to pray for your intentions at their bi-weekly meetings.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offering \$ 7,935**  
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