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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions For The Week

- Tuesday, December 22nd @ 7:00 pm**
 † Matthew Benincasa req. by Ida Altomare
 † Josefina and Cresencio Dumanat Sr. req. by Cris and Angel Dumanat
- Wednesday, December 23rd @ 8:30 am**
 † Leonor Cuenca Canaon req. by Family
- Thursday, December 24th @ 8:30 am**
 † Bob Busato req. by Donna and Family
@ 5:00 pm
 Parish Families req. by Fr. Michael
@ 7:30 pm
 Anonymous
@ 10:00 pm
 Anonymous
- Friday, December 25th @ 10:00 am**
 † Michael Shewchuk req. by Bev Shewchuk
@ 12:00 noon
 † Anunciacion Basilio req. by Basilio Family
- Saturday, December 26th @ 9:00 am**
 Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
 Deacons John and Wayne and their families req. by Fr. Michael
 † Austin Kenny req. by Fr. Michael
 † Beverly Semon req. by Michael Semon
@ 5:00 pm
 St. Mark Families req. by Fr. Michael
- Sunday, December 27th @ 9:00 am**
 † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
@ 11:00 am
 St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
@ 12:30 pm
 † Joan Bogdan req. by Anna Metauro

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

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

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.

Marriage Sunday 2016



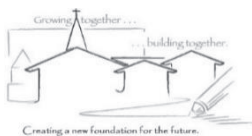
In 2016, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday at the parish level on the weekend of February 6/7. **Cardinal Collins**

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 25th, 40th or 50th 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 to register.** For information, please contact Dane & Anne MacCarthy at 416-964-8694.

DECEMBER 20, 2015

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged
to date:
\$1,074,240



Our Family of Faith Campaign is taking a break from visiting until January. Visits will resume in the New Year. The parish office will remain open to receive any pledges until December 31st.

Tax receipts for 2015 can only be issued for pledges received in the 2015 calendar year. Please consider making a pledge to our campaign!

Questions? Email us at stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

A website with the locations of the Holy Doors, information about how to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence and other resources for the Year of Mercy can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/mercy/>.

Partial List of designated churches with a Holy Door of Mercy:

- St. Paul's Basilica – 83 Power Street, Toronto
- St. Theresa's Parish – 2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough
- Martyrs' Shrine – 16163 Highway 12 West, Midland
- Marylake Shrine – 13760 Keele St, King City

St. Mark Parish - Confessions

December 22nd



Parish Confession Time:
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Fr. Michael

2015 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2015 donations on Tuesday, December 29th, 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 20th.

Pray Out the Old Year Pray in the New Year

December 31st 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.

Pastor's Christmas Message

With the launch of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, and the upcoming celebration of the great Feast of Christmas, we give thanks to God our Father for the wonder of His love and ask Him for the grace to seize this opportunity to cooperate and respond in kind. St. John of the Cross taught that "Love is repaid by Love alone." Blessed Mother Mary intercede to make it so for us all.

*Wishing you all a Blessed
and Happy Christmas!
Fr. Michael*



2016 Offertory Donation Boxes

The boxes have been removed from the lobby until the New Year. If you wish to pick up your box, you may do so from the office during regular office hours until such time as the Christmas decorations have been removed and the lobby has more space.

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

St. Mark's Project Hope Update

We have now raised \$13,000 to sponsor a refugee family. The Refugee Sponsorship Steering Committee would like to thank you for your generous donations. If you have not made a donation, cheques may be made payable to St. Mark's Church. Further updates will be posted on the St. Mark's website. Please pray for the success of the sponsorship process.

Steering Committee Chairpersons

Tom and Denise MacPherson

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Thank you!

We sincerely thank At Your Service Janitorial Professionals Inc. and Sandro Velocci for the wonderful job they did cleaning the carpets in the Church and Parish Hall.

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