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Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant

Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Monday, December 25th @ 10:00 am**
Fr. Fred Schmid req. by Fr. Michael
@ 12 noon
† Salvatore Battaglia req. by Dorothy Battaglia and Family
- Tuesday, December 26th @ 7:00 pm**
For our Deacons req. by Fr. Michael
† Carmel Ryder req. by Jim Ryder
† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
- Wednesday, December 27th @ 8:30 am**
Austin Kenny req. by Fr. Michael
- Thursday, December 28th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**
For the Unborn req. by Fr. Michael
- Friday, December 29th @ 7:00 pm**
† Sandy Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family
- Saturday, December 30th @ 9:00 am**
Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
Politicians req. by Fr. Michael
† Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon
@ 5:00 pm
† Fiorina Castriota req. by Adele Castriota
- Sunday, December 31st @ 9:00 am**
† Yolanda Zogheib req. by Kassermelli Family
@11:00 am
† Aldo Nardi req. by Nella Nardi and Family
@12:30 pm
Thanksgiving to Our Lord req. by Tony, Shirley and Family
@5:00 pm
St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
@12 Midnight
Anonymous



Is God Calling You?

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!" ...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.**

Sunday Missals

The 2018 Sunday Missals are available in the foyer of the church for \$5.

Christmas Schedule 2017



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, December 25, 2017

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Sunday, December 31, 2017

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

Monday, January 1, 2018

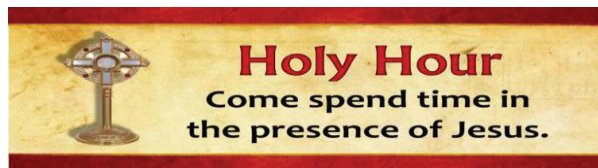
- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

Church Office - Holiday Hours

December 25 and 26	Closed
December 27, 28 and 29	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
January 1	Closed

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Marks

Every Thursday from 9 am - 10 am



Prayer Box

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

Café Night and Raffle

Thank you to everyone who attended the Café Night held on Friday, December 8th organized by

The St. Mark's EDGE and High School Youth Ministry
It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, treats and entertainment!

The youth performers were all outstanding and put on a wonderful show!

The Youth Ministry would also like to sincerely thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the gumball machine. A total of \$820 was raised which will go towards youth activities.

DECEMBER 24, 2017



Pastor's Christmas Greeting



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
"God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever might believe in Him would not perish but have eternal life."
We know and believe this TRUTH that God has loved us first beyond all our imaginings. We are told, "God is love" and He has proven it.
Let us rejoice in that love at the Nativity of His Son and ask our Heavenly Father to further bless us by enabling us to love Him in return.

Wishing you all a most happy and blessed Christmas!
Fr. Michael



Women's Ministry

From all of us in the St Mark's Women's Ministry, we thank you from the very bottom of our hearts for your support this year: attending our monthly meetings, participating in the Martyr Shrine pilgrimage, supporting the Vendor Sale and our Covenant House charity efforts, enjoying the Advent Wreath event and more. We are grateful for all of you who share your wisdom, faith and friendship with us. We wish you all a very blessed and joyful Christmas season!

2017 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2017 donations on Wednesday, December 27th, 2017

Any donations you wish to make for 2017 must be received by **December 27th, 2017**. Anything after this date will apply to the 2018 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box.

2018 Envelope Boxes

The 2018 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.



Family of Faith Donation Deadline

Donations submitted to the Parish must be received and stamped by the Parish on or before **December 31, 2017** to receive a 2017 tax receipt.

Light up the Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon



The St. Mark's Squires Circle would like to sincerely thank all of the parishioners that so generously contributed to the Tree of Life Christmas Campaign for the Rose of Sharon. Your donations of baby clothes, toys, blankets and other items were greatly appreciated!

SYMBOLON: Living the Faith Beginning January 16, 2018

You're invited to enrich and immerse yourself in this amazing program!



St Mark's Parish will be running this 10 week program on Tuesday evenings starting January 16th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Each session will consist of a video presentation and small group discussion.

Perfect for RCIA candidates, Alpha participants or anyone wanting to know more about our Catholic Faith.

Signup sheets are now available at the bookstall.

Hosted by Sylvia Usling and Mark Sullivan.

Here is a small sample of some of the topics:

- A Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy
- Virtue, Grace and the Path to Holiness
- A Love That Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love

Thank You
FOR YOUR HELP

Our sincere thanks to:

- **Maureen Morrison, Christina Viggiani and Francis Kelly** for the beautiful decorating of the foyer and church.
- **Maria and Anna Bonkowski** for cleaning the Eucharistic Minister gowns.
- **O'Neill Funeral Home** for donating the lovely Poinsettia arrangements.
- **Teresa Tomory** for displaying the Nativity scene in the Parish Hall.

Pulpit Announcements

Please contact the church office at least two weeks in advance to arrange for your Ministry Group to make an announcement after Mass.

Please remember St. Mark's Church in your will.

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