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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, December 29th @ 7:00 pm

† Teresa Shaw req. by Elizabeth and Dominic Flagello

Fr. Leslie Tamas req. by Milka Stipceovich

Wednesday, December 30th @ 8:30 am

† Claudine Pope req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, December 31st @ 8:30 am

Our Political Leaders req. by Fr. Michael

@ 5:00 pm

Anonymous

@ 11:00 pm Holy Hour and Midnight Mass

In Thanksgiving req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, January 1st @ 10:00 am

† Michael Shewchuk req. by Bev Shewchuk

@ 12:00 noon

Our Families req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, January 2nd @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

Anne Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

† Trevor O'Connor req. by Steffo Family

† Anne Coady req. by Pat and Paul McGuire

† All the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by

Anonymous

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, January 3rd @ 9:00 am

† Clarita Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

@ 11:00 am

Fran and Mike Rozario req. by Milka

Stipceovich

@ 12:30 pm

† All the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by

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Pray For The Sick

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

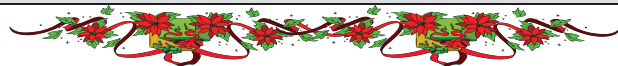
Pray For The Recently Deceased

Helene Neal, Jack Flanagan, Grace Bodogh

Vocations

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org website: www.vocationstoronto.ca**

Christmas Schedule 2015



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

THE EPHIPANY OF OUR LORD

Saturday, January 2, 2016

◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 3, 2016

◆ 9:00 am Mass

◆ 11:00 am Mass

◆ 12:30 pm Mass



Holiday Office Hours

December 29, 30 and 31 9 am to 12 noon
January 1st to January 4th Closed

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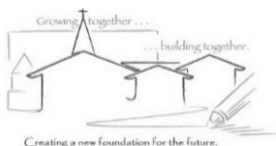
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DECEMBER 27, 2015

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged
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\$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

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.

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.

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.

Pastor's New Year's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
As we cross the threshold into this New Year, we are reminded of the fact that Jesus is not only gifting this to us, but is also inviting us to walk through the Holy Door into this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us pray to God for the grace to seize the day of His Visitation, make His Salvation our own and work to extend this invitation to our "neighbour". Then God's loving plan of goodness will take further hold in our lives and with His grace be brought to fulfillment.

*Wishing you all a Blessed
and Happy New Year!
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.

Steubenville Youth Conference

July 22 – 24, 2016



The Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference will be coming to the UOIT Campus in Oshawa from July 22 – 24, 2016. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2016

up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2016 can attend this exciting conference. **Registration forms can be found in the church foyer. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be paid when booking a spot.** Please visit the website for further details www.steubenvilltoronto.com

Christmas Thank You's!

We would like to sincerely thank the following people who helped prepare the church for the Christmas Season:

- Thanks to **O'Neill Funeral Home** for donating the beautiful poinsettias.
- Thank you to **Irma Pescador, Mary and Wayne Raybould** for decorating the church.
- Thank you to **Teresa Tomory** for setting up the crib in the hall.

Emergency Bible Numbers

Upset	John 14
Worried	Matthew 8:19-31
Lonely	Psalms 23
Struggling Financially	Psalms 37
Need Direction	Psalms 73:21-26

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.

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