



# 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.  
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.  
Lad Mehes - Custodian

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9 am - 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12-1pm  
**JULY & AUGUST**  
9 am - 12 noon  
**CLOSED MONDAYS**

### WINTER SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm  
Wed. & Thurs. - 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  
-11:00 am  
-12:30 pm

#### FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration &  
Benediction  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### 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 to all new parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

### COMMUNION FOR THE

### SICK AND HOUSE-

### BOUND

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

### MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Please see website for policy explanation.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

- Altar Servers
- Altar Society
- Children's Liturgy
- Counter's Ministry
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Finance Committee
- Funeral Luncheon Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Lectors
- Ministry of Hospitality
- Parish Council
- Parish Music Ministry
- Prayer Group
- Sacramental Preparation
- Squires
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Women's Ministry
- Youth Ministry

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223 Millard St.  
T: 905-642-5100

### VOCATIONS TORONTO

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### 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!

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Teresa Innamorato req. by Nina and Michael Simon

† Annunciation Basilio req. by Basilio Family

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

Sick of the Parish req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Jim Lacey req. by Sig and Teresa Kusatz

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Virginia Dimanlig req. by Cruz Family

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael  
Dylan Carroll req. by Fr. Michael

† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family

† Anselma Namocatcat req. by Dodie & Tessie Castro and Family

† Linda Butler req. by John Butler  
**@ 5:00 pm**

† Doreen Singh and Michael Singh req. by Singh Family

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael  
**@ 11:00 am**

† Francesca Schirripa req. by Gina Mazzone and Family  
**@ 12:30 pm**

† Girolamo Montanari req. by Maria Montanari and Family

## Vocations

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997** or by email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Douglas Ciceri Sr. and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Barbara Rozario, Beverly Semon, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Rena McMullen and Loreta Russo



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## ShareLife Sunday

**March 1, 2015**

**Together we are continuing to work wonders...**

**“(The common good...) It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about.” – Pope Francis**

Pope Francis encourages us to show loving concern for each other, and in so doing care for those who are often forgotten. As a Catholic community, how does the challenge to show this love for our neighbour manifest itself across our Archdiocese? Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. As we begin the ShareLife Campaign, please consider ways of supporting ShareLife, our annual Archdiocesan appeal, during this approaching Lenten season. —*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto*

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

## Support Physicians' Rights

**Catholics urged to Support Physicians'**

**Charter Right of Freedom of Conscience and Religion**

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: “Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient”. Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an “effective referral” is a violation of a physician's rights, as it *compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place.* The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed “effective referral” mandate for doctors whose Charter Right of Freedom of Conscience and Religion must be respected. **The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to [www.ccrl.ca](http://www.ccrl.ca) to find out more and to get involved.**

# FEBRUARY 8, 2015

## Women's Recollection

February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

A recollection is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith. The recollection includes two meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei, a talk on living the Christian life in the middle of the world and an examination of conscience. **There will be an opportunity for confession starting at 7pm and the mediations will begin at 7:30 pm.**

## Ash Wednesday

February 18<sup>th</sup> - Mass at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm

This is a universal day of fasting and of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 – 59 years of age.

Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

## Stations Of The Cross

Fridays during Lent

Each Friday of Lent, there will be **Stations of the Cross at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm.** Make this Lent special and let God bless you by drawing you closer to the Sacred Heart of His Son, Jesus.



## Parish Movie Night

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>



### This month's movie:

### Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Born in a village in Sudan, kidnapped by slavers, often beaten and abused, and later sold to Federico Marin, a Venetian merchant, Bakhita then came to Italy and became the nanny servant of Federico's daughter, Aurora, who had lost her mother at birth. Bakhita gradually comes closer to God with the help of the kind village priest, and embraces the Catholic faith. (Italian with English subtitles)

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

**Proceeds to go to St. Mark's Youth.**

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

**There will be no charge to attend the show.**

**Rated: PG13      Running Time: 190 minutes**

## Parish Lenten Mission

Our Parish Lenten Mission will be launched at all masses on the weekend of February 28/March 1 and will continue on the evenings of Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> with Fr. Alan McDonald, CC. of the Companions of the Cross. Further details to come in the weeks ahead. We invite you to come and bring a friend.

## Free Estate Planning Seminar

March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services and the Archdiocesan Development Office will be hosting an Estate Planning Seminar at **Christ the King Catholic Cemetery, 7770 Steeles Ave. E., Markham.** The program will last about one hour and will be followed by refreshments and time for questions. An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. **RSVP to Frank Jannetta at 416-733-8544 ext. 2023 or [fjannetta@cc-fs.ca](mailto:fjannetta@cc-fs.ca)**

## EDGE Youth Ministry (Grade 6-8)

COMING SOON TO ST. MARK'S...



**Registration is now OPEN!** Registration forms for this NEW youth ministry program are now available in the parish foyer! Completed forms and registration fee can be given to the Sunday Office Assistant after Sunday masses or dropped off to the Parish Office.

**Want to know more?** We will be holding a **Parents Information Session** in the parish hall on **Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 pm** where you can get more information about the program, meet some members of the EDGE CORE leadership team who will be running the program, and get specific program dates and details.

### PROGRAM LAUNCH DATE:

Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month  
from 7:30 - 9 pm (Feb-Jun)

### REGISTRATION FEE:

\$50 for first child, \$30 for each additional sibling

If you have any questions, email Ben and Krystiana at [stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com](mailto:stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com)

## A Special Thank You

### Bishop Ephrem's Celebration

We would like to thank everyone who was involved in making last weekend's celebration for Bishop Ephrem such a wonderful success. A special thank you to those who brought in and prepared food especially **Molly McManingwell, Rose Cabrelli, Mary Raybould, Beverly Shewchuk, Maureen Irwin, Carol Hainschwang, Dorothy Gourley, Marlene Robitaille, Cellie Canaan, Audrey Gibson, Louis and Elena Medina.** Thanks go out also to the Squires and gentlemen who helped clean up and put away the tables. God bless you all!

## 2014 Tax Receipts

The 2014 Tax Receipts have been mailed out.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

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