



# 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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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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223 Millard St.  
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W: [vocationstoronto.ca](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

### 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!

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Kathleen Fitzgerald req. by Fr. Michael and Fitzgerald Family
- † Gilda Maria Iaconetti req. by Morsillo Family
- † Angelo Covello req. by Morsillo Family

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Orlando Mirenzi req. by Anonymous

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- Matthew Foley req. by Ron and Merv Ellert

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm**

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Roger Davey req. by Fr. Michael
- † Cahal Stewart Jr. req. by Family
- † Beverly Semon req. by Michael Semon

**@ 5:00 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 am**

Gerardo and Antonietta Quadrini (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) req. by Children and Grandchildren

**@ 11:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 12:30 pm**

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family

## Vocations

Lent: the springtime of the soul... is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be 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

Kathleen Fitzgerald, Rena McMullen and Loreta Russo



## ShareLife Sunday

**March 1, 2015**

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

"Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart... I love doing it because this is what the Lord has taught me. But you too must help us and help each other always. And thus in helping each other we will do good for each other." - Pope Francis

This reminder from our Holy Father demonstrates the importance of caring for one another and our commitment to Catholic charity in a meaningful way. 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. Please consider supporting ShareLife, our annual Archdiocesan appeal, during this Lenten season. - Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

**Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015**

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

## Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm**

A monthly ecumenical prayer meeting takes place on the **fourth Sunday of each month at 7 pm in the Town Hall, Councillor's Chambers**. This month the prayer intention will focus on the new *sex education curriculum* coming from the Ministry of Education. Everyone welcome.

## Women's Ministry Meeting

**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 pm**

The next Women's Ministry Meeting is fast approaching and we would like to encourage all of the ladies of our parish to attend and to bring a friend.

**The plan for February's meeting is to make Rosaries and watch the movie "Heaven is for Real".**

*We hope you can join us!*

## St. Mark's Pasta Night

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm**

*Come and enjoy a delicious meal!*

Penne Pasta, Home Made Sausage & Meatballs, Cold Cuts, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

**Adults \$15 Youth \$8 10 & under \$5**

Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks and Water available

**Tickets will be sold after the Masses**

Tickets will not be sold at the door.



## Embracing Christ Of The San Damiano Cross

**Feb. 28 9:30am to 3:30pm at St. Clare's Church**

A retreat hosted by Catholic Family Services of Toronto – New Beginnings will take place at St. Clare's Church, 1118 St. Clair Ave. W. Led by Br. Ignatius Feaver, OFM. Light lunch will be provided. Pre-registration required. For information, please email [mabenincasa@cfstoronto.com](mailto:mabenincasa@cfstoronto.com)

# FEBRUARY 22, 2015

## St. Mark Parish Lenten Mission

February 28/March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Theme: "From Ashes Back to a Flame"**

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.

**Schedule for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6:30 – 7:15 pm Confessions

7:30 pm Mass with extended homily

After Mass Confessions & Prayer Ministry

**We invite you to come and bring a friend.**

## EDGE Youth Night (Grade 6-8)

March 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9 pm

Our first EDGE Youth Night took place last Friday and it was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship for our young people!

If you have a child in Grades 6 to 8, we invite them to come out and enjoy the excitement of our next EDGE Night on **March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE:**

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

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

## The Art Of Discernment

March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4:30 pm at Loretto College

Hearing the Whispers in My Heart – A day to reflect on making choices in life. To take place at Loretto College, 70 St. Mary St., South of Bay/Bloor Subway. Suggested Donation \$25 (breaks and lunch included). **To register contact, Sr. Lynn Cira at [ibvm.lynn@sympatico.ca](mailto:ibvm.lynn@sympatico.ca)**

## Coins For Life 2015

*Would you and your family put aside your **toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels and dimes** during the next six weeks and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion in Canada, and create a culture of life?*

**If so you will be offered a small container at the back of the church on the February 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> weekend.** There will be a bulletin announcement reminding you of the return date, **April 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> (Divine Mercy Sunday).** Please remember that every coin helps. Make it a family or school project. Remember that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land as we work towards the right to life of the most defenseless among us – the baby in the womb. Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto has said that **"The Coins for Life project is a most appropriate way to support the important pro-life efforts of Campaign Life Coalition."** Please pray for all God's preborn babies in the womb and their parents.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

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\$ 5,103

## New Evangelization Summit

Ottawa April 24 – 25, 2015

*Come and experience firsthand the excitement and dynamic workings of the Holy Spirit today through eight of North America's top Catholic speakers. Come and be equipped to answer the call to evangelize.*

**EVENT TICKET:**

MUST BE PURCHASED EITHER ONLINE OR BY PHONE BY APRIL 4, 2015. THE PURCHASE CAN BE DONE ON THE EVENT WEBSITE [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca) OR BY CALLING (613) 292-5356. THE EVENT TICKET PRICE IS \$125.00 PER PERSON. CONFIRMATION OF YOUR TICKET PURCHASE IS REQUIRED BY YOUR PARISH CONTACT WHO WILL THEN MAKE YOUR BUS RESERVATION. PLEASE CONFIRM BY PROVIDING HER WITH YOUR TICKET # BY APRIL 1, 2015. LUNCH ON SATURDAY IS INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION FOR FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 24, 2015 ALSO MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 1, 2015 AND SHOULD BE MADE WITH THE OTTAWA MARRIOTT COURTYARD EAST 613 741-9862 (PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WHEN BOOKING. THE RATE IS \$125.00 PLUS TAX PER ROOM (MAXIMUM 4 PERSONS PER ROOM).

**BUS INFORMATION:**

THERE WILL BE A BUS PICKUP AT: ST MARK'S STOUFFVILLE PARISH (ROUND TRIP TO OTTAWA) – BUS TRANSPORTATION COST IS \$25 PER PERSON, PAYMENT DUE ON SIGN-UP.

**PARISH CONTACT:**

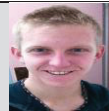
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**SIGN-UP FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER AFTER 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM MASS ON SUNDAYS UNTIL MARCH 29, 2015.**

## Thank You From Rose Of Sharon

The Rose of Sharon for Young Mothers would like to sincerely thank all of the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish for your donations to the Christmas Basket Program. Your contributions, that were organized and delivered by the St. Mark Squires, helped 169 young mothers and their children to have a special Christmas this year!

*Thank you all for your generosity.*



**Dennen Bouwmeister**

**NET Ministries**

Hi friends! Dennen here! I pray all of you are doing well. I am beyond thankful for all you have done to make NET happen this year! *I'm so happy to say that, together, we have raised a total of \$6,915.00 for the mission!! The total needed is \$7,100.* WOW so close! All funding past that point will continue to go towards efforts to bring youth closer to Christ through NET. I miss you all so much and I'm praying for you every day! -Dennen Bouwmeister **To support Net Ministries, please use the donation forms and envelopes which can be found in the foyer.**

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

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