



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
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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
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Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
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751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
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VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
T: 416-968-0997
W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606
W: 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!

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, January 13th @ 7:00 pm

Penny and Dennis Lyon req. by Lynn Sullivan

† Pasqualina Raponi req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa

Wednesday, January 14th @ 8:30 am

† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family

Thursday, January 15th @ 8:30 am

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa

Friday, January 16th @ 7:00 pm

† Nina Rambarran req. by Maria and Mary Lyn

Saturday, January 17th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael Sani Fresh Owners req. by Fr. Michael

† Greg Steffan req. by Deacon John & Family @ 5:00 pm

† Maria Sebastian req. by Reynaldo Sebastian and Family

Sunday, January 18th @ 9:00 am

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa @ 11:00 am

† Romano Stipceovich req. by Milka @ 12:30 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Vocations

Jesus' identity is revealed as "The Son of God" through His baptism in the Jordan. Our identity as "children of God" is revealed through our baptism. Our lives then, must constantly witness Jesus as Lord. If you think that God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp & Douglas Ciceri Sr.

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Barbara Rozario, Beverly Semon,

Maria Giovanna Sansalone and Elfriede Mayer

Prayer Box

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS-Please place your prayer request in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Mark.

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity

January 25 at 4 pm

Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and other city wide religious leaders. The prayer service will take place at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church at 1585 Yonge Street. Parking is available. Refreshments to follow. For further information, please contact, the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or by email at vkwok@archtoronto.org.

Come And See Weekend St. Augustine's Seminary

January 30 to February 1

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call. This will be an opportunity for young men 18 years and older to spend a weekend with time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood. For more information, please contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or www.vocationstoronto.ca

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration has begun in all York Catholic schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, check the parish bulletin board or visit our website at www.ycdsb.ca and click on the Admissions icon.

New Defibrillator

We would like to announce that a defibrillator has been installed in the foyer of the Church.

This marvellous gift to the Parish came to us through the generosity of O'Neill Funeral Home and especially Mr. Patrick Leblanc, Managing Director.

If there are any parishioners, who have C.P.R. training, are familiar with the operation of a defibrillator and who could help in the event of an emergency, could you please identify yourselves by contacting the church office.

Urgent Notice

Two parishioners by the names of Maria Domenica Gerri and Michele Tersigni Defunto are asked to contact the office to provide their addresses for tax receipts. Or if someone knows these people, please call the office.

Thank You From The Clergy & Staff

We have been deeply touched by the kindness and generosity of the parishioners shown to us over the Christmas season. We would like to especially thank: The choirs, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers and greeters. We are also grateful to all those who worked to make the church look so festive. May the Lord bless all of you abundantly throughout the New Year!

JANUARY 11, 2015



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, January 17th



This month's movie: **Molokai, the Story of Father Damien**

Father Damien was the first priest to go to Molokai to alleviate the suffering of the lepers who were abandoned by the outside world and lived in miserable conditions. Little by little, Damien earned the trust of the lepers, and eventually, his appeals for nuns and supplies resonated throughout the world, much to the displeasure of his superiors. Father Damien is played by David Wenham (The Lord of the Rings). Also starring Kris Kristofferson, Sam Neill (Jurassic Park) and Peter O'Toole.

There will be no charge to attend the show.

Proceeds to go to the Knights of Columbus.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

Rated: PG

Running Time: 112 minutes

New Life in Christ DVD Series

Beginning January 27th at 7:30 pm

All parishioners are invited to come and view a four part DVD series entitled "New Life in Christ, God's Plan for Us" featuring a mission given by Fr. Roger Vandenkakker.

This will take place in the Parish Hall after the 7 pm mass on January 27th, February 3rd, February 17th and February 24th. Group discussions to follow each segment.

Bishop Ephrem

January 31st/February 1st

As you may recall, Fr. Ephrem visited us last year and gave some wonderful homilies complete with visual aids. Previously, he taught at the seminary, however, he has recently been consecrated a Bishop and is living in India. We are fortunate to be able to have him visit our parish once again on the last weekend in January. Let us all remember to offer up prayers for him in his new ministry.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

On behalf of the members of St. Vincent de Paul, we would like to thank you for your love and generosity. Our three schools – St. Mark, St. Brendan and St. Brigid did an outstanding job of organizing the gifts and making sure everyone would have a very special Christmas. There were also individual families that assisted with generous donations. DRYVIT staff contributed in assisting two families. In total, there were 23 families that had a Christmas knowing that others care.

Thank you and God Bless you this coming year!

Fundraising Feasibility Study

To see a copy of the Fundraising Feasibility Study, please see our parish website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca under the Church Expansion heading.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is Saturday night and I am still tidying up before turning my attention to packing for my vacation and flight to Ireland tomorrow night. This morning we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus and in the homily, I discussed the issue of how we often find ourselves faced with situations where those around us are taking His Holy Name without regard or disrespectfully to say the least. I wondered aloud how we might draw people's attention to this fact without appearing sanctimonious about it – perhaps with humour or maybe with a close friend or relative in a serious solemn manner. One thing for sure, when we witness people caught in natural or man-made disasters, people are not using Jesus' name carelessly, nor so on their deathbed. After Mass, one parishioner shared about the first time he noticed his daughter doing so casually and with serious intent corrected her on this such that this young girl in school pointed it out to another child and who knows the ripple effect from there. I would be interested in hearing and receiving ideas from others on this matter as to how best to witness to the love, honour and respect we owe to the Name of Jesus. Let us pray for the courage and wisdom to do so. *Happy New Year! Fr. Michael*

NET Ministries

Dennen Bouwmeister

One of our parishioners, Dennen Bouwmeister, is serving with NET Ministries of Canada to share the Gospel with over 25 thousand youth! In order to complete this mission, he needs to raise \$7,100. Currently he has raised \$6,354. If you are able to sponsor Dennen to help him reach his goal, please complete a flyer located in the foyer of the church and mail it directly to NET Ministries of Canada. Dennen also sent us a video clip that can be viewed at www.stmarkstouffville.ca.



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Feature CD of the week:

St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church

The holy and hidden figure of St. Joseph comes to light in this captivating presentation by Dr. Mark Miravalle. What is the dignity of this great man, and how do we convey the wondrous power of his intercession? Hear about the fascinating life of the man whom God chose to "substitute" for Himself when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Christmas Offering \$ 15,374

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