



# 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. Assistant  
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister  
Lad Mehes - Custodian  
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant  
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9 am - 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12-1pm  
CLOSED MONDAYS

## WINTER SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm  
(except First Fridays-see below)  
Wednesday & Thursday - 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  
(with Children's Liturgy)  
Sunday - 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

## FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Mass - 8:00 pm  
(except Statutory Holidays  
9:00 am Mass Only)

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 - 8:55 am  
4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

## DEVOTIONS

**Recitation of the Rosary**  
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

**St. Therese of Lisieux**

**Novena**

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

**Holy Hour**

(Thursday 9 - 10:00 am)

**Divine Mercy**

(Before Friday Mass)

**Mother of Perpetual Help**

(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. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

## COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-

### BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

## MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Please see website for policy explanation.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

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Altar Society  
Children's Liturgy  
Counter's Ministry  
Edge  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
Lectors  
Media Stand & Bookstall  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Groups  
RCIA  
Sacramental Preparation  
Squires  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
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Women's Ministry  
Youth Ministry

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## VOCATIONS TORONTO

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W: [vocationtoronto.ca](http://vocationtoronto.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!

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

Tyrone Anandarajan req. by Anata Francis

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Ida Altomare

† Walter, May and Ivy req. by Brenda

**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† David MacDonald req. by Hyla Boyle

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am  
and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

† Fred Marcon req. by Anna Biondi

**Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Niall Hamell req. by Fr. Michael

† Aldo Nardi req. by Nella Nardi

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9:00 am**

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

Gerry Headon req. by Fr. Michael

† Romano Stipceovich req. by Milka Stipceovich

**@ 5:00 pm**

† Jerry Talampas req. by Talampas Family

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**@ 9:00 am**

† Dino Raponi req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi

**@ 11:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 12:30 pm**

† Antonio and Giovana Guzzo req. by Angela Colosimo and Family

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

A good vocation prayer to say every day – from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact

**Fr. Chris Lemieux,**

**Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto  
at 416-968-0997 or by email at  
vocations@archtoronto.org.**

## ShareLife 2017 Report

The ShareLife office has released a Report to Donors sharing the results of the 2017 campaign and demonstrating how our support has made a difference. Copies of the report can be downloaded from the ShareLife website at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org).

## Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offering \$ 5,105**

**Saint Vincent de Paul**

**Christmas Family Assistance \$ 3,459**

## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins

**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3 pm at Blessed Trinity**

As part of Marriage Sunday celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you are celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to join in this special celebration.

**Location:** Blessed Trinity, 3220 Bayview Ave, North York

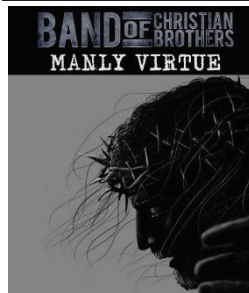
**Date and Time:** Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

**To register:** [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or call

(416)934-3400 ext. 523

## Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**



**One Day Intensive**

**Men's Retreat**

**consisting of spiritual talks,  
Mass, Adoration, Confession,  
fraternity and prayer.**

The theme is "Manly Virtue".

**Date:** Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9 am to 4:30 pm

**Location:** Canadian Christian College

50 Gervais Dr., Toronto

**General Admission:** \$45 **Father/Son Admission:** \$36

**Information:** [www.serviamministries.com](http://www.serviamministries.com)

## Development and Peace

A most grateful thank you to all parishioners who made a stand for justice and peace by signing the action cards sent to our Prime Minister in the recent Development and Peace Campaign. 524 signed cards from St. Mark parishioners were sent. This was a tremendous response! There are promising signs that our Federal Government is already showing more awareness of the need for increased development assistance especially in supporting the role of women in peace making.

## Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

On behalf of the St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul committee, we would like to thank the St. Mark's parishioners for their very generous Christmas Collection cheque, in the amount of \$3,459. This is a heartfelt demonstration of how much parishioners care about the less fortunate in our community. The funds will go a long way towards providing support to our clients. We would also like to thank parishioners for their ongoing donations to the Poor Box throughout the year. We are truly blessed!

# JANUARY 14, 2018

## Ushers Needed



The usher ministry is in great need of new members. Faithful, regularly attending parishioners, both men and women over the age of 18 are encouraged to apply.

### There is a signup sheet at the bookstall.

Once you have provided your volunteer information, our Usher Coordinator will contact you. Volunteer screening is required.

## First Communion Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm



There will be a First Communion Parent Catechetical Session in the church on

### **January 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm.**

For parents who have volunteered to help teach the children, a training session will take place at 7 pm in the Parish Hall on this same evening.



## Parish Movie Night

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>



### This month's movie:

### The Case for Christ

Based on the true story of an award-winning journalist who, working to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife, begins chasing down the biggest story of all time...with unexpected, life-altering results.

An intriguing faith-based detective story.

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

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

The movie is free of charge.

Rated: PG Running Time: 112 minutes

## Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

The first preparatory Confirmation class will take place on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Hall.



Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

## Blessed Candles for Your Home



Candlemass candles will be available for purchase in the church foyer at a cost of \$3 each beginning on January 20<sup>th</sup>. These candles are traditionally blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. **Bring your candles for blessing to the Mass on Friday,**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> (7 pm Holy Hour and 8 pm Mass).**

## Beloved: Marriage Course

February 15, March 1 and April 19



**Thinking about getting married?**

**Newly wed?**

**Married outside the church?**

**Married for many years and need some invigoration?**

**This Course is for you!**

Classes will be in video format.

Because marriage is a personal matter there will be no formal small group discussion.

**Class Dates:** February 15, March 1, April 19

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Location:** St. Mark's Church, Parish Hall

No cost to attend. Spaces are limited.

**Sign up sheet located at the bookstall in the foyer.**

## Divine Renovation

### 2018 Conference

June 11 – 12, 2018 in Halifax, Nova Scotia



## Divine Renovation

Are you feeling called to move your parish from maintenance to mission? The Divine Renovation 2018 conference will bring together people like you from around the world to explore principles and tactics of parish renewal.

Join Fr James Mallon, the Divine Renovation and Saint Benedict Parish teams for several days of talks, networking opportunities and worship. In addition to the keynotes, there will be breakout sessions on a range of topics including hospitality, youth ministry, sacraments and many more.

This conference is for: pastors, priests, lay leaders, and passionate parishioners who want to be part of moving their parish from maintenance to mission.

Divine Renovation conferences sell out quickly. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

## *Thank you!*

Sincere thanks to **Francis Kelly** for transporting the many gifts donated by parishioners this Christmas to the Squires' Campaign for the Rose of Sharon.

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