St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor Rev. Mr. John Schwarzbauer Deacon

Rev. Mr. Wayne McCulloch Deacon

Mary Ann Mehes - Secretary Lad Mehes - Caretaker

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday — Friday 9:00 am — 3:30 pm Closed for lunch 12 — 1 pm **CLOSED MONDAYS**

WINTER SCHEDULE WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. Wed. Thurs. — 8:30 am Tuesday & Friday — 7:00 pm (except First Fridays-see below) Saturday — 9:00 am Statutory Holidays — 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday — 5:00 pm Sunday — 9:00 am (with Children's Liturgy) Sunday — 11:00 am Sunday — 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 4:00 pm — 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary (Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. BOUND

before Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercv

(Before Friday pm Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena (Saturday Morning Mass)

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the fover of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, please allow for up to 3 PARISH MINISTRIES months for an anticipated Altar Servers Baptismal date given only Altar Society after the parents attend the Children's Liturgy Preparation Class. This time Counter's Ministry delay is because of the very Extraordinary Eucharistic large number of baptisms and Ministers because we limit the number Finance Committee 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.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE-

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.

Funeral Luncheon Committee Knights of Columbus

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Ministry of Hospitality Parish Council

Parish Music Ministry

R.C.I.A.

Sacramental Preparation

Social Committee

Squires

St. Vincent de Paul Society

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School 333 Glad Park Ave. T: 905-640-2915

St. Brendan's School 751 Hoover Park Dr. T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School 223 Millard St. T: 905-642-5100

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

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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!



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT SERMON!

A member of the church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

Is there a God?

New debate series tackles life's big questions.

This question will be explored at the inaugural event of the Chesterton Debate Series, sponsored by the Office of Catholic Youth and the Archdiocese of Toronto. The debate takes place on Friday, Feb 7, 2014 at 7 pm at the Isabel Bader Theatre (93 Charles St. W) Fr. Philip Cleevely, CO, an Oxford and Cambridge educated philosophy professor at St. Philip's Seminary, will argue the Catholic position. Representing the atheist position is Justin Trottier, the founder of the Centre for Inquiry Canada and one of the country's foremost advocates of secularism and sceptical inquiry. Stephen LeDrew, longtime host and commentator of CP24, will moderate the debate. Tickets cost \$ 10. Sales begin Jan. 10 through oneline registration at www.ocytoronto.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Tuesday, January 28th @ 7.00 pm

Godofredo Garcia Baca+ reg. by Fr. Michael *Matthew Benincasa+ reg. by Ida Altomare* Wednesday, January 29th @ 8.30 am Anne Mary Bijo req. by Parents Thursday, January 30th@ 8.30 am Phyllis Casados reg. by Matthew, Sarah & Emma Sullivan Friday, January 31st @ 7.00 pm M.A. Mehes & Reyanne Achong reg. by Fr. Michael Saturday, February 1st at 9.00 am Pope, Bishops & Priests Hughes & McConville Families Mark Toland+ reg.by Mark Magill Anna Schon+ reg. by Marienne Preiss Cungetta & Eduardo Pucci+ reg. by Ida Naccarato *Joe Nacarrato+ reg. by Ida Naccarato*

St. Mark's Community
Sunday, February 2nd @ 9:00 am

Saturday, February 1st@ 5.00 pm

Daniel Ciardullo+
req. by Mario & Lucy Ciardullo & Family
Sunday, February 2nd @ 11.00 am
Dino Raponi+ req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa
Sunday, February 2nd @ 12.30 pm

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Tom & Denise MacPherson (25th Anniversary)
req. by Evan & Taylor

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest or religious? If God is calling you, **contact**Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997

email <u>vocations@vocations.ca</u> www.vocationstoronto.ca

"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.

January 31st to February 2nd, 2014 St. Augustine's Seminary

There will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

RETREAT WEEKEND WITH FR. RON ROLHEISER, OMI. February 7—9, 2014 at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga.

Theme : "Entering The Soul Through Stories" Call 905-278-5229 to register

MOVING ??? Please inform the Parish Office.

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Beginning TUES. Feb. 11 at 7.45 PM until 9 PM

"Untold Blessings" A Faith Development Program by Fr. Robert Barron, facilitated by Mary Kelly for 6 consecutive Tuesdays.

SOCIAL NIGHT

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Saturday, February 15, 2014

Doors open at 6 pm - Dinner at 7 pm

Menu: pasta with homemade sauce, sausages, meatballs, salad and much more.

Parish Youth Group will be hosting

open mike entertainment.

Cost: \$12.50 per adult; \$8.00 per youth.

Beverages available.

Keep your calendars free for this exciting parish event.

"Prayer is the glue that holds a marriage and a family together."

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of Feb 8-9, 2014 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. This event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage convenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend. Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. For more information and resources on marriage enrichment, visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

INVITATION FROM THE 9 AM MASS VOICES OF GLORY. Come & join Us. All ages welcome. Practices: Mon 7-9 PM

For further information call

Eugenie Villanueva-Landry @647-828-3884

ANNOUNCEMENT BY YCDSB

The York Catholic District School Board offers many educational programs such as Adult General Interest Courses, English as a Second Language, international Languages, Elementar Programs, and Secondary School Credit Programs throughout the school year to serve the people of York Region. Registrations are now open for our Winter programs, please take notice that our programs have closing dates. To view a full lisiting of our programs and courses or to register online, please visit York Catholic School Board website at www.ycdsb.ca and click on "Continuing Education. We thank you for your continued support.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Beverly Semon, Roybn MacPherson, Debbie Beauchamp, Lou Kennedy, Patrick Mariani and James Villanueva

Offertory Donation Envelopes

2014 Offertory Boxes are once again available for general pick-up in the lobby of the Church. If you are currently not a box user and wish to be, please fill out a "Request for Offertory Envelopes 2014" slip located in the lobby on the opposite side of the boxes.

Only request a numbered box if you plan to be a regular user.

Kindergarten registration begins January 6, 2014 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.

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THREE DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO DIVINE MERCY SHRINE IN STOCKBRIDGE .MA. FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 26—28 2014

Visit: St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine,
Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Cost: \$ 245 pp based on double occupancy.
Deposit of \$ 100 by Jan 27th. Balance due by Mar 17, 2014.
Included: Hotel Accommodation, luxury air conditioned coach, two continental breakfasts (Gratuities—not included)
Documents needed for travelling: Valid Canadian
Passport. For more information, please call Amelia
@ 905-591-1570 or email ameliachongling@yahoo.com

MASS CHANGES IN THE NEW YEAR

Please take note that beginning in January 2014, there will no longer be a Monday morning mass. Both the church and office will be closed Mondays.

"In the Path of Abraham" - MARCH 4—13, 2014

This Interfaith Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a good opportunity to experience and educate about the interfaith heritage and realities of the Holy Land as a community of Christians, Jews and Muslims. For more information, including the itinerary and registration form for the pilgrimage, please visit http://bit.ly/InThePath or contact the Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or email dmacpherson@archtoronto.org.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2014 ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE:

Come and join us in prayer with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pazak, Anglican Bishop Mark Macdonald and other city-wide religious leaders on :

JANUARY 26th, 2014 at 3.00 p.m.
At St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street
(1 block East of Queen and Parliament Streets.)
Homilist: Anglican Bishop Right Rev. Mark Macdonald (Canada's first National Indigenous bishop)

Parking is available, refreshments to follow in parish hall. For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext 527 or vkwok@archtoronto.org



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