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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

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

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T: 416-968-0997
W: vocationtoronto.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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 6th @ 7:00 pm

- † Charles Delahey req. by Barbara Bristow
- † Louise Pezzarelo req. by Madeline Lehman
- † Christopher Brown req. by Coreen Doucett

Wednesday, March 7th @ 8:30 am

- † Hugo Biondi req. by Ossi & Anna Marie Pierotti

Thursday, March 8th @ 8:30 am

and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Mario & Lucy Ciardullo

Friday, March 9th Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

- † Paul David Ignagni req. by Ignagni Family
- John & Mary Quike & Family req. by Madeline Lehman

Saturday, March 10th

@ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

- † Sandy Rozario req. by Mike Rozario & Family

- † Maurice & Luis Carreiro req. by Tavares Family

@ 5:00 pm

- † Saveria Dascoli req. by Anonymous

Sunday, March 11th

@ 9:00 am

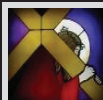
St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

- † Marie & Edward Windle req. by Maureen Irwin & Family

@ 12:30 pm

- † Domenic Giusti req. by Giusti Family



Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux,

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



Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own.

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

Vespers & Public Lecture with Cardinal Robert Sarah

Monday, March 12th at 7 pm at St. Basil's



The University of St. Michael's College is happy to announce the visit of **His Eminence Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the**

Sacraments, to campus for a public lecture.

Cardinal Sarah is the author of such books as *God or Nothing* and *The Power of Silence*.

Location: St. Basil's Parish, 50 St. Joseph St., Toronto
Free Admission

Registration required at:

www.stmikes.utoronto.ca/cardinalsarah

Lenten Retreat

March 16-18th at St. John's Hall, Mississauga

Preaching will be on capital sins, meditation on the word of God, Sacrament of Penance, the Holy Eucharist, family prayer and laying our lives down in service of the Church.

Dates: March 16 from 6 pm to 9 pm

March 17 & 18 from 9 am to 6 pm

Location: St. John's Hall,

2185 Stave Bank Rd., Mississauga

Cost: \$30 for 3 days

For tickets call: 905-896-2854

Senior Men's High School Retreat

March 17th at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting young men in Grade 11 & 12, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with the Lord. Seminarians offer reflections on practical aspects of faith. Retreat offers opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Confession and socializing.

Saturday, March 17, 9 am - 5 pm

Location: St. Augustine's Seminary

Please register online at

www.vocationstoronto.ca.

For more information email:

vocations@archtoronto.org

A Lenten Prayer



How am I going to live my Lenten Journey?

Fast from fear, feast on faith

Fast from despair, feed on hope

Fast from depressing news, feast on gratitude

Fast from anger and worry, feed on patience

Fast from negative thinking, feast on positive thinking

Fast from bitterness, feed on love and forgiveness

Fast from words that wound, feast on words that heal

Fast from sins, feast on Grace, Mercy and

Compassion of God.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,597

Ash Wednesday Collection \$ 2,086

MARCH 4, 2018

Church Cleaning for Easter Volunteers Needed

Tuesday, March 6th at 9 am



It's time to make St. Mark's shine!

The Lenten church cleanup is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 at 9:00 am. Please bring a bucket, rubber gloves and some rags. A light lunch will be served afterward. For more info or to sign up contact: **Jodi Harker at 416-518-0338 or email jodi@enigmaresearch.com** or you can sign up in the foyer. Thanks for your continued support!

Worship and Adoration Night

Saturday, March 10th from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Our Youth Ministry Worship Team presents...

An Evening of Eucharistic Adoration

A parish-wide, family-friendly event

Saturday March 10, 2018

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Fr. Michael will be available to hear confessions.

Come join us in adoration of our Lord for a time of worship, prayer, and reflection.

All are welcome!

St. Mark's Parish Day of Lenten Confessions

Saturday, March 17th

from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm

9:30 am – 12 noon Fr. Stephen Gilbert

12 noon – 2:00 pm Msgr. Conrad Dachuk

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Fr. Jacob Mado

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm Fr. Michael Hughes



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, March 17th



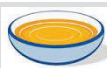
This month's movie: Patrick

Few historical figures inspire more celebration than Ireland's St. Patrick. Many believe him to have been an Irishman who drove the snakes from Ireland, but neither is true. *Patrick* offers a dramatic new look at one of the best-loved and least understood icons of world religion. The story of the real St. Patrick is part adventure tale and part spiritual awakening, with the future saint rising from slave to liberator; learning to forgive and ultimately love his enemies; taking up a cause no one believed in; and finally lighting a fire that kept western civilization alive. *Patrick* was filmed entirely on location in Ireland.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 60 minutes



Poverty Lunch

March 18th after the 11 am Mass

Many of us do not know what it is like to go without food so this Lent the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting its annual poverty lunch that includes a bowl of homemade soup, bun and a bottle of water to remind us of how lucky we are. **This will take place on March 18th after the 11 am mass and before the 12:30 pm mass in the Parish Hall.** Everyone is welcome. There is no cost but a donation would be welcomed. See you on the 18th!

Help raise funds for Pro-Life Summer Internship Program!

Campaign Life Coalition

Every year, Campaign Life Coalition hires students to train as future pro-life leaders.

This year, because of Trudeau's resolve to deny government subsidies to organizations that support life, CLC is fundraising to hire interns for this summer.

Interns will gain experience in pro-life Activism, Apologetics, Research, Social Media Management, Event Planning, Fundraising, and Administration.

Please donate to help defend life and help youth procure jobs by visiting:

www.wonderwe.com/prolifeinterns

or call 1-800-730-5358

Thank you for your support!

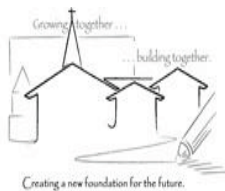
Request from Cardinal Collins

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the beginning of March 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

Please take a moment to provide your contact information by going to the following link

<http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration>

St. Mark's Church Expansion Update



Our building permit has been picked up and drawings have been sent to tender with seven contractors (closing date - March 20th). **Please continue to pray that we find a good contractor and stay on budget.**

2017 Tax Receipts

The 2017 income tax receipts, which were not picked up over the last few weekends, have now been mailed via Canada Post.

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