



# 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.  
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister  
Lad Mehes - Custodian  
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)  
- 11:00 am  
- 12:30 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

## FIRST FRIDAY

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

## 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  
Media Stand & Bookstall  
Ministry of Hospitality  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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T: 905-642-6728

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

## 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 OF LENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael  
Alain Tohme req. by Fr. Michael,  
Special Intention req. by Jeanette Woodley

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Mary Boriskewich req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

† Bryceson Sheehan req. by Bernadette Sheehan

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm**

† Gerrard Goodhind req. by Jim & Margaret Jordan

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

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

† Paul Ignagni req. by Tony, Onesima Raponi and Family

**@ 5:00 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

† Lenore Brush req. by Kathryn Clark  
**@ 11:00 am**

† Dino Raponi req. by Tony, Onesima Raponi and Family

**@ 12:30 pm**

† Paul Ignagni req. by Frank & Antonietta Ignagni

## Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's

**Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am**

Every Thursday morning from 9 am to 10 am, there is a Holy Hour at St. Mark's Church after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and spend some quiet time with our Lord.



## Is God Calling You?

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org**

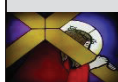
## Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offering \$ 6,612**

**Ash Wednesday Poor Collection \$ 5,500**

(To be split 50/50 between Anyi Peru

Mission and Sr. Regina Pakistan Mission)



## Lenten Stations of the Cross

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

## Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

**St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her Testimonies from the process of beatification**

Edited and translated by Christopher O'Mahony.  
Published by Veritas Publications.

"She expected as much from God's justice as she did from his mercy. 'How nice it is to think that God is just!' she said. 'It means he takes our weakness into account and knows full well how frail we are by nature.' She also said that she would prefer to live without consolation, because in that way she could give God greater proof of her trust in him. The Servant of God relied solely on God's help for everything. She told me herself how once, when she had tried in vain to comfort and encourage Celine in the parlour, she turned to God with complete confidence and asked him to console Celine himself and to make her understand a certain matter, telling him what it was. After that, she worried no more about it. Her trust was never disappointed: every time Celine needed it, she received the necessary comfort and enlightenment." – Testimony of Mother

Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## Join The "Call For Conscience"

### Contact your Member of Provincial Parliament

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country or province in Canada does this! Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your MPP.

## ShareLife

### "Living the Gospel" by providing for vocations to the priesthood...

"Living and studying at St. Augustine's can bring untold blessings into the lives of those entering ministry," shares Matt McCarthy, a current Seminarian. Matt's interest in sports and his desire to enter the priesthood and minister to those in his community, gives him an opportunity to serve the Church in a unique way. At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, St. Augustine's and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations to the priesthood and inspire discernment for God's call. Last year ShareLife helped support 70 seminarians in their formation studies.

**Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

# MARCH 12, 2017



## Parish Movie Night

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>



### This month's movie: The Staircase

The Staircase is a 1998 television film about the story of the spiral staircase, believed by some to be miraculously built, at the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The film stars Barbara Hershey as Mother Madalyn in charge of the Chapel and William Petersen as Joad, the traveling carpenter with spiritual talent as well as woodworking skill.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 95 minutes

## Solemnity of St. Joseph

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

There will be no morning Mass on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Instead, there will be an evening Mass at 7:30 pm.

## Poverty Lunch

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 third 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 Sunday, March 26th after the 11 am Mass and before the 12:30 pm Mass in the Parish Hall.**

There is no cost but a donation would be appreciated.

Everyone is welcome. See you on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

## St. Mark's Parish Day of Lenten Confessions

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm

9:30 am – 10:30 am	Fr. Michael Hughes
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Msgr. Conrad Dachuck
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Fr. Michael Hughes
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Fr. Stephen Gilbert
3:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Fr. John Duffy



## Church Cleaning for Easter Volunteers Needed

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

### Church Cleanup!



It's that time of year again. Come join us for a church cleaning on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Please bring a bucket, rubber gloves and rag.

Signup sheet in the foyer or call/text Jodi at 416-518-0338. Lunch will be served after.

## SAVE THE DATE St. Mark's Summer Camp

### Kingdom Camp

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for Kingdom Camp at St. Mark's Church.

#### Children entering Grades 1 to 4

Program Dates: Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14

#### Children entering Grades 5 to 8

Program Dates: Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21

**\*\* Registration information and further details will be Published in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks. \*\***

## FORMED

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### Have a Lent to Remember with Forgiven.



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Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### To view this program and many others

- Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)
- Scroll down and Click on [Register](#)
- Create your Free account by entering the Parish Code and your email address
- Our Parish Code is **7FF83T**

## Parish Mission – Thank you!!!

Our Parish Mission with Fr. Jacques Philippe was a great success. We would like to sincerely thank **Teresa Tomory** for bringing this wonderful opportunity to St. Mark's, as well as promoting it and for her hospitality in hosting Fr.

Jacques while he was here. Also, a huge thank you to **Sylvia Usling** for organizing ticket sales and logistics around the evenings along with the many other volunteers.

## Websites

For current and informative news articles, check out the following websites:

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

[www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com)


[www.lifesitenews.com](http://www.lifesitenews.com)

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