



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
Lisa Baker-Admin. Asst.
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.
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
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
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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!

PALM SUNDAY



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, March 31st @ 7:00 pm

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa

† Corneilia De Las Alas req. by Cruz Family

† Teresa Shaw req. by Elizabeth and Dominic Flagello

Wednesday, April 1st @ 8:30 am

† Barbara Rozario req. by Fran Allan

Holy Thursday, April 2nd @ 8:00 pm

Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Good Friday Services, April 3rd @

12:00 noon and 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4th @ 8:00 pm

In Thanksgiving req. by Fr. Michael

Easter Sunday, April 5th @ 9:00 am

† Michael Shewchuk req. by Bev Shewchuk @ 11:00 am

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Michael @ 12:30 pm

† Michele Tersigni req. Maria Ferri & Family

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Douglas Ciceri Sr. and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Alieda Hulshof and Norman Agnew

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.

Holy Week Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 31 - After evening Mass

Wednesday, April 1 - ½ hour before and ½ hour after morning Mass

Holy Thursday, April 2 - After 8 pm Mass

Church Office Hours for Good Friday

The Church Office will be open on Good Friday from 9 am to 12 noon.

Coins for Life 2015 - Wrap Up

Volunteers will be at the back of the church for all the masses on the weekend of **April 11/12** to receive the toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies you have saved.

Campaign Life Coalition and the Colombian Squires of St. Mark thank you for your generosity.

EASTER TRIDUUM 2015

Holy Thursday

NO MORNING MASS

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Until 11:00 pm

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1st Celebration - 12:00 noon

2nd Celebration - 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

Holy Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

Blessing of the Food - 2:45 pm

Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

Reminder: Bring your bells to the Easter Vigil to ring at the time of the Gloria

Easter Sunday

Normal Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2015



Good Friday, April 3, at 7:15 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4, at 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses

Week of Easter Octave—after all masses

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2015

15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses

ShareLife Sunday

Next Sharelife Sunday: April 12, 2015



Working wonders in our livelihoods...

When he was presented with a top youth achievement award at a recent gala at The Carlu, Kiwayne was only a short distance from the streets where he had been homeless, and a world away. In the building's food court a few years ago, he recalls falling asleep at the table - exhausted - trying to avoid having to go back outside. "I was going down the wrong path and didn't know if I'd live to be 21," he says. But for the past two years since moving into his own place, Kiwayne has been studying construction engineering at George Brown College and working part-time at the Provincial Advocate's Office. Kiwayne grew up in foster care and, at 17, he found himself on the street until a friend told him about Covenant House. "Covenant House gave me stable housing that allowed me to go back to school and learn life skills." says Kiwayne.

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

MARCH 29, 2015

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, March 30th at 8 pm

All the women of our parish are invited to attend our meeting on March 30th in the Church Hall. Mary Kelly, a fantastic woman of faith who excels in describing how to put "concepts" into every day practice, will be leading a discussion about prayer. Come out...and bring a friend!

National Catholic Mission 2015 On VISIONTV

Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st

The National Catholic Mission 2015, "Beware of the Holy Spirit!" will be broadcast on VISIONTV on Monday, March 30 (Pt. 1) and Tuesday, March 31 (Pt. 2) at 6:00 pm and repeated at 10 pm. It will be hosted by Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick and feature Spiritan Fr. Anthony Gittins.



Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 31st at 7:30 pm

Our Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday (next meeting March 31st). The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Pontifical Collection of Good Friday

Friday, April 3rd for the Benefit of the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 3, 2015. As we respond to this appeal, the visit of Pope Francis in the Holy Land from May 24 to 26, 2014 vividly comes to mind and we revisit the words of Scripture that marked his prayer at the Holy Sepulchre: "I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as He said. Come; see the place where the Lord lay." (Matthew 28: 5-6)

The Pontifical Collection of Good Friday is a unique moment of loyalty to the Resurrection of the Christ Jesus and of solidarity with the Christians who are the "living stones" of those consecrated places. We are invited to this gesture of commemoration and unity for the benefit of the Holy Places and Christians so as to give a tangible form to the remembrance of Christ Jesus and the constant support of our present day brothers and sisters! With gratitude, Gilles Bourdeau, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Sr. Rose Pacatte Book Signing

Tuesday, April 7th from 7 pm to 9 pm
at Pauline Books & Media

Sr. Rose will give a brief reading and presentation on the experience of writing the spiritual biography of Martin Sheen, one of Hollywood's most beloved actors. She will then sign copies of her new book; "Martin Sheen: Pilgrim on the Way." This will take place on April 7th at Pauline Books & Media at 3022 Dufferin St., Toronto.

For more information, please call 416-781-9131 ext 0.

Healing Mass at St. Mark's Church

Monday, April 13th at 7:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join us for a healing Mass at St. Mark's. The celebrant will be Fr. Ben St. Croix. For further information, please call the Church office at 905-640-6954.



Spring Vendor's Sale St. Mark's Parish Hall

Saturday, April 11th from 9am to 1 pm

Come shop for Mother's Day gifts, First Communion gifts, Confirmation gifts and more. A wide variety of vendors will be displaying and selling their products in the St. Mark's Parish Hall on April 11th. There will be jewellery, beauty supplies, home goods as well as many other items. The funds raised will go to JOY Women's Ministry and the Church Building Fund. This event is open to the public so we encourage you to invite your friends from outside the parish to come out for a fun morning of shopping. For more information or to book a table, contact Antonietta at antoniettab@sympatico.ca

Retreat for Single Women

April 24 to 26, 2015

A weekend of prayer and contemplation

Single women are invited to a retreat weekend, on Lake Simcoe in Orillia. Offered by a team of Sisters of St. Joseph. The cost is \$150 (subsidies available). Registration deadline is April 10th. For more information, contact Sr. Rosemary Fry at rfry@csj-to.ca or 416-285-4166.



SAVE THE DATE! Totus Tuus Summer Camp

July 12th - 17th, 2015

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for the Totus Tuus Summer Program at St. Mark. The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The cost is only \$75 for the first child in the family and \$60 for each additional sibling. The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12 runs Sunday to Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm and is free.

Starting March 30th, registration forms will be available for pickup at the church, St. Brendan school, St. Brigid school, St. Mark school, or can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca. Registration will take place at St. Mark Church on April 18th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and after all masses on April 19th. First come, first served basis. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuutoronto.ca or email stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca

Poverty Lunch - Thank You

On March 15, we held our first poverty lunch to make us aware of how fortunate we are to have so much when there are others who have very little. After the 11 o'clock mass, we had over 70 people enjoy the lunch and then after the 12:30 mass approximately 60 people. A fantastic turnout for our first endeavour. Costco donated \$50 to cover the cost of water, some buns and serviettes. No Frills \$30 to cover the cost of dinner rolls. Our only expense was the rental of soup bowls and spoons. Everyone seemed to enjoy the varieties of soups and were very generous with their donations, which came to \$543.23. We thank you for your generosity so that we can help our neighbours in need. Thank you so much! Members of St. Vincent de Paul

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