



# 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.  
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-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  
Weekly 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

## 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)

***Mother of Perpetual Help***

***Novena***  
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

***Divine Mercy***  
(Before Friday 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. 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  
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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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

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

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions For The Week

### Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

- † Teresa Shaw req. by Elizabeth & Domenic Flagello
- † Giovanni and Teresa Flagello req. by Elizabeth and Domenic Flagello
- † Mario Raponi req. by Rosary Apostolate

### Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

Andrew Mehes req. by Fr. Michael

### Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:30 am

- † Antonio, Angelina and Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

### Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 8:00 pm

- † Luigia, Fedele and Jon Perini req. by Oriana Lommori

### Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 am

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

- † Angelita Herrera req. by Marie and Camille Herrera

Justin req. by Jeannine Amyotte

- † Elfren Salceda req. by Rosary Apostolate

- † Ercole, Toni and Lina Mauro req. by Maria Mauro

@ 5:00 pm  
St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

- † Aldo Nardi req. by Maria and Guido Biadi

@ 11:00 am  
† Mary Carole Lant req. by Tony Lant and Family

@ 12:30 pm  
Thanksgiving to Our Lord req. by Tony, Shirley and Family

## Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Denise Kennedy, Connie Desousa, Mario Raponi

## Liturgical Decorators Needed

If you enjoy decorating for special occasions, St. Mark's Church is in need of your talents.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Sanctuary and in front of the Altar for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, etc.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101 or by email at [stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca)

## Religious Christmas Cards



The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 will be selling Religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all Masses over the next few weekends.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,175

Shepherds' Trust \$ 7,509

## 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.

"In her audience with the supreme pontiff, she overcame great timidity and asked him for his permission to enter Carmel at fifteen years of age. Pope Leo XIII's answer to the Servant of God was: 'Do what the superiors tell you to.' She insisted: 'But, Holy Father, if you were to say yes, they would all agree.' 'Come, come,' replied the Pope, 'you will enter if God wills it.'" – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's sister and prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## Vocation Discernment Retreat

The Office of Vocations invites single Catholic men, 17 years and older to attend a Vocations Discernment Retreat from

**Dec 9 to 11, 2016**

**at Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering.**

This is a good retreat for men who are at crossroads in discerning God's desired Vocation for them. The retreat offers Guided reflections, Holy Mass, Adoration, confession and the assistance of a vocations team. Suggested donation of \$150 to help cover costs. For more information, please call 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**



**Parish Confession Times: 9:30 am to 5 pm**

9:30 am – 10 am Fr. Michael Hughes

10 am – 12 noon Fr. Conrad Dachuck

12 noon – 1 pm Fr. Michael Hughes

1 pm – 3 pm Fr. Stephen Gilbert

2 pm – 4 pm Fr. Jacob Mado

4 pm – 5 pm Fr. Michael Hughes

## Gum Ball Machine Raffle

**An Exciting Raffle, Just in Time for Christmas!**

The St. Mark's Youth will be raffling off a **Vintage Beaver Gumball Machine** guaranteed to delight someone on your gift list! This lovely gift has been generously donated to help the St. Mark's Youth raise funds for all their events & activities.

Raffle tickets will be sold after all the masses on **Nov. 26/27, Dec. 3/4, and Dec. 10/11**

**3 tickets for \$5**

**7 tickets for \$10**

(The winning ticket will be drawn after the last mass on Dec. 11)

## Building Expansion Corporate Donors

We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their generous contributions to our Parish Building Expansion Fund.

With their donations they are contributing to the future of our parish growth.

**THANK YOU to**

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**Lindy's Florist** situated at 6287 Main St.

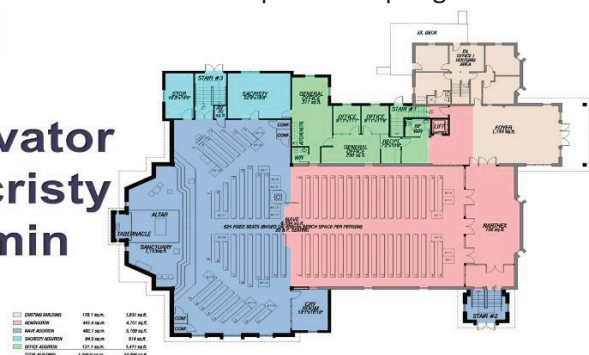
# NOVEMBER 27, 2016

## St. Mark's Church Expansion

**Update: November 2016**

As announced at the masses on the weekend of November 19/20, our expansion plans are well underway. We await with optimism the response from the town to our Site Plan. With the support of the archdiocese, our new plan for the expansion includes: doubling our seating capacity to 625, including 20 barrier free seats placed throughout the worship area, our elevator, an expanded administrative space and a new sacristy. All this in \*1\* phase, in our current construction plans for Spring 2017.

**625  
20  
Elevator  
Sacristy  
Admin**



## St. Mark Columbian Squires

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at St. Brendan School**



Knights of Columbus  
**SQUIRES**  
Youth Organization

### To all Young Men aged 10-18

*Have you ever wanted to get more involved in your parish community?*

*Do you want to join a group that helps develop leadership and builds your Catholic faith?*

### Then come join the Columbian Squires!

We want to invite all interested individuals to a basketball night to be held on Friday, December 2nd at the St. Brendan CES gym.



The evening begins at 7 pm and pizza will be served.

**Come and join us for a fantastic night of fun!**

If you have any questions, please email Joe McConkey at [joemcconkey@rogers.com](mailto:joemcconkey@rogers.com)

-St. Mark's Squire Circle 5486-

## Invitation to St. Mark's 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

**SUNDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3 pm**

### PRESENTING

**The Children Of St. Mark's Parish  
In The Advent/Christmas Play**

*"Soon and Very Soon,  
We Are Going To See The King"*  
&

Congregational Hymn Sing and Concert  
Performance by the Music Ministries.

### NEW THIS YEAR!

Come and take a Family Photo!

A "Christmas Manger" Photo Booth will be set up after the Concert downstairs with props and costumes.

*Hosted by the Pageant Volunteers.*

*Light Refreshments and Fellowship in the Parish hall following the concert.*



## Women's Recollection

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

The recollection includes 2 meditations by a priest of Opus Dei, a talk on living the Christian life in the middle of the world, an examination of conscience and an opportunity for confession beginning at 7 pm.

## Church Cleaning Day

**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**

### Church Cleanup!

Beat the holiday stress with a morning of scrubbing! Volunteers needed to help with Advent church cleaning.

Tuesday, December 6 at 9:30 am.

Bring a bucket and some rubber gloves.

Signup sheet in foyer of church or call/text

Jodi Harker at 416-518-0338. Lunch to be served after!



## Café Night

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parish Hall**

*Fellowship Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the arrival of our Cafe Night!*

Join us on Friday, December 9th from 7:00-9:30 PM to hear the sweet sounds of our talented performers and indulge in some sweet treats while you're at it!



Donations will be graciously accepted & go toward a charity of Fellowship's choosing!

***What better way to celebrate the coming of our King than to rejoice with His people?***

## Alpha

***Alpha is coming.....watch for upcoming Bulletin and Mass announcements***

**Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.**

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

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