



# 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  
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Women's Ministry  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School  
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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!

# THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Loreto Visco req. by Domenica Visco and Family
- † Fred Cimone req. by D'Ulisse Family
- † Ken Sharpe req. by Bruce and Tania Orr

**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

Universal Church req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Wilma Willan req. by Peter Willan

**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael  
Tamburro Family req. by Anonymous

**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

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

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa

† Juanito Tejada req. by Sagolili Family

† Giusseppe Forte req. by Lucy Scala

Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima req. by Antonietta Campanale

**@ 5:00 pm**

† Sonia Velocci req. by Velocci Family

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 11:00 am**

† Mario Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo and Family

**@ 12:30 pm**

† Clarita Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

## Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Denise Kennedy

## 2017 Offertory Boxes

*For new parishioners and current parishioners who do not use offertory boxes but wish to do so, please be advised that - Offertory Boxes will not be issued for the remainder of 2016. For 2017 Offertory Boxes, please fill out a request form which can be found in the lobby and submit it to the office. You can pick up your 2017 box during the general distribution. Please do not use the 2017 boxes until January. You can use the pink visitor envelopes until the end of the year.*



**Is God Calling You?**

Our God is a God of the living not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called to the priesthood or religious life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org**

## 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.

“When out walking in the country with her father she used to ramble off by herself, while he was fishing and think of eternity, as she put it. When I became a Carmelite in 1882 her thought then turned towards that form of religious life, and from the time she was nine she was determined to be a Carmelite herself. This determination became clearer as the years passed, and she took the first steps towards realising her ambition when she was fourteen.” – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's elder sister and future prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## Young Men's High School Retreat St. John Vianney Parish, Barrie Saturday, November 26 from 9 am to 5 pm

The office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat for young men in Grades 11 and 12. During the retreat, Priests and Seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. There will be time for prayer, Mass, Adoration, Confession and time to interact and socialize.

**For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org**

## Holy Door at Marylake

With just two weeks remaining in the Year of Mercy, we would like to invite you to visit the Holy Door at the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Marylake, 13760 Keele St., King City.

Open from 6 am to 10 pm, seven days a week.

**In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to do the following to receive a plenary indulgence:**

- receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
- receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy,
- make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and
- pray for the Holy Father and for his intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended).

## New Postal Codes Needed

**Canada Post is updating rural postal codes and will phase out those ending in "7X3", "7X4" and "7X5".**

Some residents of Newmarket will also receive new postal codes. For anyone in this situation, we ask that you please submit your new address information to the church office.

**Please note that 2016 Tax Receipts for parishioners without correct postal codes will not be mailed out in the New Year. They will have to be picked up at the office.**

## Recruiting Altar Servers

If you have a child in Grade 4 to 8, who would like to join the Altar Server Ministry, please pick up a registration form in the church foyer and **submit it to the church office by November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

# NOVEMBER 6, 2016



## Parish Movie Night

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>



### This month's movie:

### Amazing Grace

Based on the true story of William Wilberforce, Amazing Grace follows his courageous quest to end the British slave trade. Along the way, Wilberforce meets intense opposition from members of Parliament but his minister, John Newton, a reformed slave ship captain who penned the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace," urges him to see the cause through.

**Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm**  
**Movie to start at 6:30pm**

The movie is free of charge.

Rated: PG Running Time: 118 minutes

## St. Mark Parish Mission

November 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

Everyone is invited to our St. Mark's Parish Mission, in preparation for Advent, given by Fr. Peter Marsalek.

Fr. Marsalek will give the homily at the masses on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> as well as at the weekday evening masses on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 40 Hour Adoration at St. Mark's

November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>



We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with Our Lord during our 40 Hour Adoration on the evening of November 25<sup>th</sup> and all day on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer.**

## Annual Advent Wreath Making Event

Saturday, November 26

The Women's Ministry would like to invite you to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Advent Wreath making event!

**Come join us and make lighting your wreath part of your Advent tradition.**

This activity is open to the whole family, but pre-registration is required in order to have enough wreath kits available.



**Date:** Saturday, November 26

**Time:** 10 am-2 pm

**Location:** Parish Hall

**Wreath Cost:** \$ 10 **Candle Cost:** \$ 6

This is a popular event so please sign up to participate, signup sheets are in the foyer.

For more information: [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com)

P.S. Don't forget your pruning shears and decorations.

Invitation to All Children of Our Parish!

**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

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



Come and Have Fun singing, acting and telling the story of Jesus' birth. We're looking for **you** to be Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Soldiers, Innkeepers and many more!

### FIRST REHEARSAL & ROLE ASSIGNMENT

Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.

We are also looking for Parent & High School Volunteers.

For further details please contact

Eugenie Villanueva-Landry at 647-828-3884 or email

[StMarksPageant2016@eugeniev.com](mailto:StMarksPageant2016@eugeniev.com)

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER.

## Apostolate of the Shrine

*Would you like to receive Our Lady in your home one day a month, so that her Son Jesus can be brought forth and reign in your family?*



We are looking for fifteen families who would like to join the Apostolate and receive the shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary once a month.

On the appointed day, each respective family reads a Gospel passage, recites the rosary and makes an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart.

**Happy are those families which welcome in their homes the shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary every month! For wherever the Mother of God comes, so also comes her Divine Son.**

To join, please contact Lisa Baker at 905-640-6954 or by email at [stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca)

## Youth Collection – Thank you!

### Thank You for Supporting the St. Mark's Youth Ministry Special Collection

On behalf of our EDGE ministry (Gr. 6-8) and our high school youth ministry, we want to extend our thanks to our parish family for their generous support.

We received a total of **\$2,317** which will go to support our youth ministry activities for this upcoming year and successfully reached our goal of making these two ministries free to attend.

May God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity as He has blessed us!

## Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offering \$ 6,710**

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

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