



# 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.  
Emy Lomibao-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**

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 18 - Oct 5, 2014

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 7:00 pm  
Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 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

## 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  
Knights of Columbus  
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Ministry of Hospitality  
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St. Brendan's School  
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223 Millard St.  
T: 905-642-5100

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House  
T: 416-968-0997  
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!

# THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † William M. Elliott req. by Martha Robertson
- † Mary McLaughlin req. by Munro Family
- † Mike Shewchuk req. by Marlene & Maurice Vella

**Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Francis MacMullin req. by Margaret & George MacPhee

**Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

Ochaniiano Family req. by Fr. Michael

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Kata & Ivan Katekovic req. by Milka Stipceвич

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

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

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm**

- † Dino Raponi req. by Onesima & Tony Raponi

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 am**

Mr. & Mrs. Lee req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

## Vocations

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." If you are being called to service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997** or Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Pray For The Sick

Beverly Semon, Robyn MacPherson, Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Patrick Mariana, & Douglas Ciceri Sr.

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Mike Shewchuk & Bill Sullivan

## Prayer Box

**OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS** - Please write out your prayer requests and place them in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Mark.



## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA KIOSK

Features CD's, Books & Booklets. For purchase by donation. All material faithful to Christ. Great way to rekindle our faith as Catholics and sharing with family & friends.

**Feature CD of the week: Anger and Forgiveness**  
Catholic psychotherapist Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald provides hope for anyone trying to overcome or prevent sinful anger and its terrible consequences. Speaking from a wealth of experience, he offers a proven psychological and spiritual prescription for overcoming this common malady that holds so many in bondage and pain. His recommendations prepare the way for healing, forgiveness and freedom.

## Planning To Be A Catholic Teacher

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, you should contact the pastor, ideally a year in advance. Please plan to speak with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress when applications are to be submitted. Please also refer to our Reference Letter Policy posted on our Parish website.

## Life Chain

Join pro-lifers in your community and across Canada to pray for an end to abortion. Life Chain will take place on **Sunday, October 5th from 2 pm to 3 pm at the intersection of McCowan and Hwy 7.**

## Praying With Scripture



Are you looking for new ways to experience Scripture in your prayer life? Take time to discover this ancient prayer form and to pray with others who are seeking God in their lives.

Location: Our Lady of Grace Parish,  
15347 Bloor St. West, Aurora

Dates: Tuesday evenings from Sept. 23 – Nov. 25  
from 7 pm to 9 pm

To Register, call the Office of Formation for  
Discipleship at 416-934-3400 ext. 523

On-Line Form: [www.archtoronto.org/discipleship](http://www.archtoronto.org/discipleship)

Fax: 416-934-3431

Email: [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org)

## Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday (**next meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>**). The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

# SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

## First Communion Registration

For families with children attending public or private schools, please note that there is an important letter outlining this year's First Communion registration procedures and class dates that can be picked up in the church foyer or printed from the parish website. This letter was distributed to children attending Catholic Schools at the end of June.

- First Communion **Online Registration** will open on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and will be on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.

## Thank You !!!

**Thank you to the volunteers** who worked so hard all summer to keep our gardens looking beautiful!

In particular, we would like to thank: Fran Allan, Charles Barnes, Maureen Morrison, Vince Sequeira, Milka Stipceovich and Angeline Valera-Sue.

## Squires Fundraiser

From September 20<sup>th</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup>, a fundraiser will be conducted to support the St. Mark Squire Circle.

The squires will be collecting scrap metal and electronics. If you have any of the following items that you wish to have recycled, please bring them to the parish starting on September 20<sup>th</sup> and drop them off inside the trailer parked on the grass by the church.

- Anything made of steel, copper, aluminum or other metal
- Appliances (i.e. stoves, fridges, etc.)
- Electronics (televisions, dvd players, lamps, etc.)

The profit that is collected will go towards helping the Squires and support their various circle and community service activities.

**Thank you in advance - St. Mark Squire Circle 5486**

## Adult Choir

**St. Marks 11 am Adult Choir is currently recruiting new members to join their team coming this fall.**

No previous musical experience is required, but you do need to be ready to commit to weekly rehearsals (Thursday nights 7:30pm until 9:30pm) If interested, please see Bibiana after the 11 am mass or call the office to leave your contact information. Thank you for your consideration to be a part of St. Marks Adult Choir and we look forward in hearing from you!

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering     \$ 5,938

Mission Co-op        \$ 1,256

## Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2014. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

## New St. Mark's Women's Ministry

**Ladies of St. Mark's Parish:** A group of seven women from our parish have joined together to form a new women's group. The purpose of this group is to encourage community among women, but also to enhance our faith journey and gain knowledge along the way. We are looking to connect with all women in all walks of life: young, older, married, single, separated, divorced and widowed, mothers or not.

We are all called to help one another along the journey.

Our first meeting will be held on **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. We will be addressing some of our biggest faith questions and discussing the direction and furthering of this women's ministry.

*Hope to see you there!*

## The Faith Explained Conference

You're invited to an exciting day to grow in your faith alongside other believers. Listen to inspiring talks by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Dr. Craig Evans, and Cale Clarke, Director of The Faith Explained.

**Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2014

**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:30 pm (Doors open 9:45 am)

**Location:** St. Justin Martyr Parish

3898 Highway 7 East, Markham, ON

**Tickets:** Available at the door or online

at: TheFaithExplained.com/2014-conference

## Parish Movie Night



We will be resuming our Parish Movie Nights!!!!!!

**This month's movie: "The Way"**

A powerful and inspirational story starring Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. The story follows Tom (Sheen) on a life changing pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago, also known as The Way of Saint James to honor his deceased son's desire to finish the journey.

*There will be no charge to attend the show but goodwill offerings towards our parish's youth activities are gratefully accepted.*

**Date:** Saturday, September 20th

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

**Movie to start at 6:30pm.**

Rated: PG 13

Running Time: 123 minutes

**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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