



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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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
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W: 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!

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 8th @ 7:00 pm

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, September 9th @ 7:00 pm

† John Munro req. by Munro Family

† Giovanni Altomare req. by Maria Altomare

† Mike Shewchuk req. by Marie & John
Linthwaite

Wednesday, September 10th @ 8:30 am

† Daniel Ciardullo req. by Mario & Lucy
Ciardullo

Thursday, September 11th @ 8:30 am

† James Lyons req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, September 12th @ 8:30 am

† Olga Lopes req. by Rozario Family

Saturday, September 13th @ 9:00 am

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

† Mike Shewchuk req. by Don & Susan
Dizon & Family

Saturday, September 13th @ 5:00 pm

† Filomena & Pasquale Defilippis req. by
Dina & Michael Simon

Sunday, September 14th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, September 14th @ 11:00 am

† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro

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.

Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday will take place in the Parish Hall on **September 14th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.** All are welcome!

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.

Margaret Somerville Lecture

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) of Canada, Toronto Diocesan Council is sponsoring a lecture on euthanasia. The guest speaker, Dr. Margaret Somerville, is the Founding Director, McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law. Her topic is: "**Are one's religious beliefs the only reason to be anti-euthanasia?**" The lecture will take place on **Wednesday, October 8th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** at the University of Toronto, St. Michael's Campus, Charbonnel Lounge, Elmsley Hall, 81 St. Mary St., Toronto. The cost is \$10. For ticket information, please contact: Mary Hawkley at 905-668-1644 or mahawkley@sympatico.ca.



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Feature CD of the week: Answering Atheism

How can we evangelize an unbelieving world? In this talk, Ken Hensley uses simple, effective logic to show how the atheistic worldview inevitably leads to contradictions that can't hold up to sound reasoning. After hearing this talk, you will be empowered to conclusively demonstrate how unbelief leads to the destruction of morality, meaning, and even knowledge.

Greater Toronto Festival Of Hope

This three-day festival runs from **September 12th to 14th at the Air Canada Centre**. Each evening will feature Christian musicians and the Gospel message from Franklin Graham. This is a non-ticketed event with free admission (www.festivalofhope.ca).

Terry Fox Run

This year's event to raise funds for cancer research will take place on **Sunday, September 14th**.

Registration at 12 noon and official start at 1:00 p.m. at the Whitchurch Stouffville Leisure Centre. For more information, contact Sandy Schell Kennedy at 905-640-4705 or schellkennedy@rogers.com.

Vocations

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider consecrated life or priesthood. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park. **Phone: 416-968-0997** or Email: vocations@vocations.ca Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

SEPTEMBER 7, 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 15th, 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 24th, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.

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

Fax: 416-934-3431

Email: formation@archtoronto.org

Charismatic Prayer Group

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



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!

Pray For The Sick

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

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,979

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Adult Faith Formation

A six week adult faith formation program called **33 Days to Morning Glory** by Fr. Michael Gaitley is scheduled to begin on **Monday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall following Mass.**

After the first evening, the next five sessions will take place on **Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.** This program leads participants to a closer union with Jesus through consecration to Mary and will be facilitated by Monica Kavanagh. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact the parish office or speak with Monica after the weekend masses.

Healing Mass

Fr. Coughlin will celebrate a Healing Mass at our parish on **Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish and we are very blessed to have such a gifted priest visiting us.

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: Tickets are 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

Life Chain

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

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

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