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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
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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!

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, September 30th @ 7:00 pm

- † Irene Breglia req. by Lena Guarisco
- † Bill Sullivan req. by Penny and Dennis Lyon
- † Mike Shewchuk req. by Penny and Dennis Lyon

Wednesday, October 1st @ 8:30 am

Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, October 2nd @ 8:30 am

- † Evangeline Ong and Greg Steffan req. by Mary Raybould

Friday, October 3rd @ 8:30 am

- † Petra Ward req. by Damiana McQuiggie

First Friday, Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 4th @ 9:00 am

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

- † Sean Sutton req. by Fr. Michael
- † Gerard Brito req. by Fr. Michael

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, October 5th @ 9:00 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Mario and Lucy Ciardullo and Family

@ 11:00 am

- † John Innamorato req. by Dina and Michael Simon

Vocations

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? **Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997** or by Email at vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Pray For The Sick

Beverly Semon, Darrel Boddington, Edward O'Reilly
Debbie Beauchamp & 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: I'm Not Being Fed

In this dynamic talk, Jeff Cavins explores some of the reasons why so many have left the Catholic Church for evangelical Christianity. He responds to the most commonly heard complaint of these former Catholics – that they simply were not being “fed” by their Church. As he presents the story of his own return to Catholicism, Cavins builds a case for the unique character of the Catholic Church as the church founded by Christ.

Planning To Be A Catholic Teacher

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. Please refer to our Parish website for more information about the Reference Letter Policy.

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.**

Margaret Somerville Lecture

The topic of the lecture 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.

Catholic Family Services

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 10 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. The group will run on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning **October 2nd to December 4th at 1155 Yonge St.** Contact **Ian Singer at 416-921-1163** for information.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday (**next meeting September 30th**). The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Confirmation Registration

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

- **Confirmation Online Registration begins Tuesday, October 14 at 9 am and is on a first-come first-serve basis.**
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.**

Winter Schedule & Mass Book

- **Winter Mass Schedule** - Will begin on the weekend after Thanksgiving-**Sunday, October 19th**
- **Mass Intentions Book** - For those wishing to arrange for a Mass intention for next year, the 2015 book will be made available beginning **Tuesday, October 14th.**

Squires Fundraiser

From **September 20th to October 5th**, 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 20th and drop them off inside the trailer parked on the grass by the church.

- Anything made of metal (steel, aluminum, etc.)
- Appliances (stoves, fridges, toasters, etc.)
- Electronics (tv, dvd players, lamps, computers etc.)

If you have a large item and need to have it picked up, please contact **Francis Kelly at 647-678-2107 or by email at bakerkelly@rogers.com.**

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

The Art of Discernment

A workshop on the Art of Discernment will be given by a team of men and women religious and a married couple on **Saturday, October 4th from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at Loretto College, 70 St. Mary St., Toronto.** The cost is \$25 (lunch included). For more information, please contact Sr. Rosemary Fry at rfry@csj-to.ca or 416-285-4166.

Thank You For Your Generosity

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Church Expansion Plans

We are delighted to bring forward the proposals for the expansion of our Church. We are looking forward to hearing your suggestions and ideas which can be sent by email to stmarkschurch@bellnet.ca. **Everyone is invited to join us for tea and coffee after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Parish Hall to view the plans.**

New St. Mark's Women's Ministry

Ladies of St. Mark's Parish: A new women's group has been formed. 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 29th at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall**. We will be addressing some of our biggest faith questions and discussing the direction of the women's ministry. *Hope to see you there!*

Saint Vincent de Paul

We have been active in this parish for over 8 years and helped many families in need during this time with food, clothing, furniture, helping with payments for utilities among other things. We always visit people in their homes where they are most comfortable. Camp in summer for girls and boys is always a highlight for them and they look forward to the following year at camp. Christmas is a time for giving and all the families are so thankful for all the gifts they receive. All this is made possible through your generous donations in the boxes in the foyer so that we can continue helping those in need.

Thank you and God Bless you!

Feast of St. Therese – Zephyr

Fr. Dominic Borg will be celebrating a Mass for the **Feast of St. Therese at the Carmel of the Infant Jesus in Zephyr at 12519 Concession Road 2.** The Carmelite sisters would like to extend an invitation to our parishioners to join them for this special day on **Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30 pm.** There will also be the blessing of the roses and a reception after Mass. Please RSVP to the following link and indicate the number of attendees in brackets after your name: <http://doodle.com/tmpbfa8987ic8tr3>

Pulpit Announcements

To arrange for your Ministry Group to make an announcement after Mass regarding a special project or collection, please contact the church office at least two weeks in advance.


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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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