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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Camille Herrera - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday - 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday - 8:30 am
(except First Fridays when Mass is at 7 pm)
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am

HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration & Benediction
Every Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10 am
4 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Registration is required for the Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am and 11 am masses.

Registration for the upcoming weekend, begins on Wednesday at 7 pm. The registration link can be found on our website.

DEVOTIONS

Temporarily Suspended

Recitation of the Rosary
St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Mother of Perpetual Help
Prayer

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, due to COVID-19, please allow 3 to 6 months for an anticipated Baptismal date given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class

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 or on our website.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Suspended due to COVID-19.

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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T: 905-642-6728

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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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T: 416-934-0606
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!

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 30th @ 7 pm

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Doug Gibson req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, March 31st @ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Bruno Roti req. by Adele and Vic

Holy Thursday, April 1st @ 8 pm (also livestreamed)

Eucharistic Adoration 9 pm to 10:30 pm

Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Good Friday, April 2nd @ 12 pm and 3 pm (livestreamed@3 pm)

Divine Mercy Novena @ 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3rd @ 8 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Easter Sunday, April 4th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Domenica Lozito & Angelo & Domenico De Palma req. by Carmela Parente and Family

@ 11 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 1:30 pm

Church Office

The Church Office will be open on Tuesdays from 9 am to 3:30 pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 pm. Please make an appointment if you need assistance by calling 905-640-6954 ext. 101 to leave a message or email stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday (except April 3) at 9:30 am to 10 am and from 4 pm to 4:45 pm. When you arrive, please sign in.



Eucharistic Adoration Fridays from 9:30 am to 12 noon

We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time in Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Friday (except Good Friday, April 2nd) from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with Benediction. Registration is not required to attend Adoration; however, we would like to ensure there are at least two people in the church each hour. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Good Friday Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land is held this year on Good Friday, April 2.

Each year on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of Christians and the local population.

Reminder: There will also be a collection on Holy Thursday for the benefit of the poor which may go to refugee sponsorship.

Easter Obligation (Duty)

The Easter obligation is the grave duty that every Catholic has to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season, which concludes on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

The Eucharist is the sacrament that preserves the soul's union with God and fosters that union by making a person more holy. A person must be in a state of God's friendship (grace) when receiving, otherwise the reception becomes a sacrilege.

In the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist is contained truly, really, and substantially the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the necessary condition of the soul to be free of mortal sin and pleasing to God before reception of Holy Communion. If a soul is not in this state, they should refrain from receiving Holy Communion and perhaps just receive a blessing instead until they have gone to Confession.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY



As we enter Holy Week we are faced with the great paradox of the cross. The crucifixion

from a mere human standpoint was an utter and humiliating defeat for Jesus. How could God let Himself be killed by His own creatures? The only way we can recognize the sublime beauty and victory of the cross is if we view it through a Divine lens. The Jews resisted accepting the necessity of the crucifixion because they expected Him to be a wondrous king that would set them free from the political rule of the Romans. Jesus on the other hand comes as a poor and lowly carpenter sent to set them free not from political tyranny, but from the tyranny of sin. To do this, he "humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). Jesus hid all of His Divine majesty with His humanity and allowed Himself to die for love of us. It was because of this humility that "God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9). As stewards, we may sometimes forget the truth found in the paradox of the cross. It is not our own strength or achievements that make us great but it is rather our humility and obedience to God. The Lord can bring about tremendous good out of our willingness to humbly serve Him wherever He places us. As we enter Holy Week, let us take some time to meditate on the radical humility of Christ crucified and seek to imitate Him in our own lives as stewards.

Is God Calling You?

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director

at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

MARCH 28, 2021



Supporting mental health in our community

Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway.

ShareLife Sunday is April 18th.

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of ShareLife. Last year, generous ShareLife supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!



Lenten Stations of the Cross (Livestreamed & In-person)

The Stations of the Cross will be open to the public and livestreamed every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm.

For the livestream, go to our YouTube Channel:

<https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.

Women's Ministry Online Zoom Meeting

Monday, March 29th at 7:30 pm



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

The next Women's Ministry meeting will be held **virtually via Zoom on March 29th at 7:30pm.**

Let's pray the **Stations of the Cross** together on this Monday night of Holy Week. We're also going to talk about celebrating the **Holy Triduum** at home and share about the **Consecration to St. Joseph**.

No need to register, just join us on Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87093434937?pwd=a25Hd0wwTmt1a3ZhdFVoeTliVnlMQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 9343 4937 Passcode: 320172

Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Lenten Fundraiser



The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are holding a Lenten Wheelchair Fundraising Campaign to support the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation. You can donate

online at www.kofc10874.ca or donate in-person after mass. All donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt.

St. Mark Squire Circle 5486



Knights of Columbus
SQUIRES
Youth Organization.

The members of St. Mark's Squire Circle are boys who are 10 to 18 years of age. They meet virtually on the first

Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For more information or to join, please contact **Bob Tabone**, at GK10874@ontariokofc.ca.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth is online on Mar. 26th!

For further details, or to volunteer, email Camille at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com

EASTER TRIDUUM 2021



Seat Registration will open for the following Holy Week Masses on Monday, March 29th at 7 pm.

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 1)

NO MORNING MASS

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8 pm (also livestreamed)

Eucharistic Adoration 9 pm to 10:30 pm

Seat registration required

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 2)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Seat registration required

1st Celebration - 12:00 noon

2nd Celebration - 3:00 pm (also livestreamed)

Divine Mercy Novena - 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm

Veneration of the large wooden cross will not take place this year. Please bring your own small cross to venerate.

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 3)

NO MORNING MASS and NO 5:00 PM MASS

Blessing of the Food - 2:30 pm

Divine Mercy Novena - 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

Seat registration required

Bring bells to the Easter Vigil to ring during the Gloria

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 4)

Sunday Schedule with one additional Mass added:

9:00 am (also livestreamed), 11:00 am, & 1:30 pm

Divine Mercy Novena - 15 min. before all Masses

Seat registration required

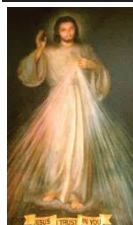
EASTER MONDAY (APRIL 5)

Easter Monday Mass - 9:00 am

Seat registration not required



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2021



Good Friday, April 2, at 7:15 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3, at 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4 - 15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses

Week of Easter Octave—after all masses

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021

15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses

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