



# 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. Assistant  
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister  
Lad Mehes - Custodian  
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant  
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  
Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

### SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am  
*(with Children's Liturgy)*  
Sunday - 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)*

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

## DEVOTIONS

### Recitation of the Rosary

*(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)*

### St. Therese of Lisieux

### Novena

*(Tuesday Evening Mass)*

### Holy Hour

*(Thursday 9 - 10:00 am)*

### Divine Mercy

*(Before Friday Mass)*

### Mother of Perpetual Help

*(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  
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St. Brigid's School  
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!

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Francisco and Natividad Lomibao req. by Carlos and Emy de Asis
- † Loreta Russo req. by Romano and MaryLou Acciaccaferri
- † Aldo Nardi req. by Maria and Guido Biadi

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Reginaldo Nunes and Family

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

- † Antonio, Angelina and Stan Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Charlie and Winnie Dawson req. by Carol Morin

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Leonor Cuenca Canaan req. by Cellie Canaan and Family

- † Renato Colosimo req. by Angela and Family
- Mary Willan Mason req. by Peter Willan

- @ 5:00 pm
- † Anunciation and Roberto Sr. Basilio req. by Basilio Family

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- † Stanley Janiszewski req. by Cybruch Family
- @11:00 am
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
- @12:30 pm
- Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael



### Is God Calling You?

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call

**Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.**

### Sunday Missals

The 2018 Sunday Missals are available in the foyer of the church for \$5.

### Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offering \$ 5,259**

## Christmas Schedule 2017



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

*Sunday, December 24, 2017*

- ◆ 4:30 pm Caroling (Voices of Praise)
- ◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 7:30 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 10:00 pm Mass

*Monday, December 25, 2017*

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon



### MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

*Sunday, December 31, 2017*

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

*Monday, January 1, 2018*

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

### Weekly Holy Hour at St. Marks

**Every Thursday from 9 am - 10 am**



## DAILY TV MASS

WARMING FAITHFUL HEARTS

The Daily TV Mass is now available online Monday to Saturday any time from any place. Take a moment to visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) to watch Mass and to find out more about how to stay connected with our faith.



### LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA KIOSK

Features CDs, Books & Booklets. Great way to rekindle our faith as Catholics and share with others. These items make great Christmas gifts for family and friends.

### Saint Quote

*"If angels could be jealous of men, they could be so for only one reason: Holy Communion."*  
- Saint Maximilian Kolbe -

# DECEMBER 17, 2017

## 2017 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2017 donations on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Any donations you wish to make for 2017 must be received by **December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Anything after this date will apply to the 2018 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office before December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Light up the Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon

Christmas is fast approaching, and as is tradition, the St. Mark Squires will be conducting their Light Up the Tree of Life Advent Fundraiser. In the foyer, the Squires have set up a tree. We invite all parishioners to select one or more of the candle tags that have suggested items for babies and their young mothers (ex. diapers, baby clothes etc.) **By the December 23/24 weekend, we ask that you bring what is written on the tag and drop it off underneath the tree.** You can then hang the candle tag on the tree to help light up the "Tree of Life." All donations support the Rose of Sharon.  
Thank You - St. Mark Squire Circle 5486



## XLT Resolve

Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7 pm to 9:30 pm  
At Flato Markham Theatre, Markham

### How will you welcome in 2018?

Join Joel Stepanek, Joe Zambon, Jenn Reitzel, Andrew Santos and Msgr. Vid Vlastic (Pastor, St. Justin Martyr) for an evening of Prayer, Praise & Worship, Witness and Eucharistic Adoration.

This ministry team will help teens and adults alike discern what they need to "Resolve" so that 2018 can be a new, transformative and faith-filled year. All done in a fun, unique and spiritually engaging way. Don't miss out on this perfect opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus and the universal Church.

This night promises to change your life.

Be sure to usher in 2018 like you've never done before - at the Flato Markham Theatre.

**CONTACT:** St. Justin Martyr Parish

**PHONE:** 905-479-2463

**EMAIL/TICKETS:** youth@stjustin.com

## Church Office - Holiday Hours

December 22	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
December 25 and 26	Closed
December 27, 28 and 29	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
January 1	Closed

## 2018 Envelope Boxes

Please do not interfere with the 2018 envelope boxes. **Only take the box assigned to you.** If you had a numbered box and cannot find your box for 2018, please contact the office.

Parents: do not allow your children to play with the boxes. Thank you.

## SYMBOLON: Living the Faith Beginning January 16, 2018

*You're invited to enrich and immerse yourself in this amazing program!*



**SYMBOLON**  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

St Mark's Parish will be running this 10 week program on Tuesday evenings starting January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Each session will consist of a video presentation and small group discussion.

Perfect for RCIA candidates, Alpha participants or anyone wanting to know more about our Catholic Faith.

Signup sheets available at the bookstall in January.  
Hosted by Sylvia Usling and Mark Sullivan.

**Here is a small sample of some of the topics:**

- A Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy
- Virtue, Grace and the Path to Holiness
- A Love That Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love

*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR HELP

### Our sincere thanks to:

- **Anna Bonkowski** for cleaning the Eucharistic Minister gowns.
- **Susan Dizon** for repairing the Altar Server gowns.
- To the following people who did such a wonderful job cleaning the Church for Christmas and to Jodi Harker for preparing a delicious lunch afterwards!

**Edna Billsborough**  
**Rose Cabrelli**  
**Cellie Canaon**  
**Kitty Cheng**  
**Navis Cruzada**  
**Yayeen Gavieres**  
**Dot Gourley**  
**Maureen Handley**

**Jodi Harker**  
**Natalia Horscroft**  
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