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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve

@ 9 am (St. Mark Church)

@ 5 pm (St. Mark School)

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

@ 7:30 pm (St. Mark School)

† Austin Kenny and Niall Hamill req. by Fr. Michael

@ 10 pm (St. Mark School)

Thanksgiving req. by Fr. Michael

Tuesday, December 25th Christmas Day

@ 10 am (St. Mark School)

@ 12 noon (St. Mark School)

† Savatore Battaglia req. by Battaglia Family

Wednesday, December 26th @ 9 am (St. Mark Church)

Our Deacons req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, December 27th @ 9 am (St. Mark Church)

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, December 28th @ 9 am (St. Mark Church)

The Unborn req. by Fr. Michael

† Prospero Gerardo req. by Family

† Carmel Ryder req. by Ryder Family

Saturday, December 29th

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark Church)

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

Politicians req. by Fr. Michael

† Beverley & Michael Semon req. by Semon Family

† Sandy Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family

@ 5:00 pm (St. Mark School)

† Joe and Maria Dias req. by Tavares Family

Sunday, December 30th

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Renato Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo & Family

@ 11:00 am (St. Mark School)

Tony Heber & Family req. by The Heber Family

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

To sign-up for St. Mark's Church Pre-Authorized Giving program,

Please go to:

www.stmarkstouffville.ca, click

on the "Contact" heading then

"Donations" to print off the form.

Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket.

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

Christmas Schedule 2018



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, December 24, 2018

◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass

◆ 7:30 pm Family Mass

◆ 10:00 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

◆ 10:00 am Mass

◆ 12:00 noon Mass



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Monday, December 31, 2018

◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

◆ 10:00 am Mass

◆ 12:00 noon Mass

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, religious or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love?

If you think God is calling you, contact

Fr. Chris Lemieux,

**Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto
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DECEMBER 23, 2018



Pastor's Christmas Greeting



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Firstly, wishing you a blessed Christmas and that through our meditation upon the gift of God our Father's only Son, Jesus, sent to save us, by becoming one with us, the Emmanuel, we grow in faith, wonder, and love in return for God's love for us.

God thirsts for our love. He gives Himself totally, through His only Son as we know from the gift of His saving life, death and resurrection. Our Father wants us to know His love and His plan of loving goodness for each and everyone of us - eternal life and happiness with God in Heaven and then this knowledge and appreciation in return becomes the foundation of our lives.

Wishing you all a most happy and blessed Christmas!
Fr. Michael



Church Office - Holiday Hours

December 24, 25 and 26	Closed
December 27 and 28	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
December 31 & January 1	Closed

2018 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2018 donations on Sunday, December 30th, 2018



Any donations you wish to make for 2018 must be received by **December 30th, 2018.**

Anything after this date will apply to the 2019 year.

Thank You
FOR YOUR HELP

- **O'Neill Funeral Home** for donating the lovely Poinsettia arrangements.
- **Teresa Tomory** for lending us the lovely Nativity scene displayed at the school.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is a non-profit, community based counselling agency.

See the bulletin board outside the gym at St. Mark's School for their 2019 Calendar of Activities.

Conversion: Following the Call of Christ Beginning February 5, 2019

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



St Mark's Parish will be running this 6 week program on Tuesday evenings starting February 5th at 7:30 pm at St. Mark's School in the library.

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

Sign-up sheets are now available at the desk outside the gym.

There is no fee to attend the program; however, the cost of the workbook is \$15.

Description of the Program:

Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Raising Catholic Children

By: Dorothy Pilarski, Founder of CatholicMomsGroup.com

10 Tips for Raising your Kids Catholic

- 1) Watch saint videos with your kids, and discuss them.
- 2) Take your children to different parishes like St. Michael's Cathedral.
- 3) Pray with your children and for your children.
- 4) Discuss spiritual books you are reading with your children.
- 5) When travelling, make a Catholic Church one of your very first stops, if not the very first stop.
- 6) Creatively establish that saints, the Church and being Catholic is cool. Tell young children that they have a guardian angel or tell older children about St. John Bosco's dreams to inspire them.
- 7) Establish relationships with families that practice their faith. Children need peer-faith relationships.
- 8) Place a religious article, statue, crucifix, etc. in every room.
- 9) Have your house blessed. Invite a priest over when you are having a party, wedding, lunch, anniversary, etc.
- 10) Maintain parental authority. When it comes to Sunday mass, there is no choice.

See bulletin board at St. Mark's school for complete newsletter.

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