



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor  
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Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Wayne McCulloch  
Deacon  
Mary Ann Mehes - Secretary  
Lad Mehes - Caretaker

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday — Friday  
9:00 am — 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12 — 1 pm  
CLOSED MONDAYS

## WINTER SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. Wed. Thurs. — 8:30 am  
Tuesday & Friday — 7:00 pm  
(except First Fridays-see below)  
Saturday — 9:00 am  
Statutory Holidays — 9:00 am

## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday — 5:00 pm  
Sunday — 9:00 am  
(with Children's Liturgy)  
Sunday — 11:00 am  
Sunday — 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 4:00 pm — 4:45 pm  
(or by appointment)

## DEVOTIONS

### Recitation of the Rosary

(Mon., 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.

## 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  
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
Lectors  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
R.C.I.A.  
Sacramental Preparation  
Social Committee  
Squires  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all new parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School  
333 Glad Park Ave.  
T: 905-640-2915

St. Brendan's School  
751 Hoover Park Dr.  
T: 905-642-6728

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!

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# PALM SUNDAY



## Working wonders for people locally and around the world...

ShareLife provides for everyone in our archdiocese to have access to a Catholic Family Services counseling office, regardless of their background or religious affiliation. Housebound seniors receive care from Society of Sharing volunteers. Our brothers and sisters in Christ receive assistance overseas through Development & Peace, Canadian Food for Children and the Pastoral Mission Fund. Immigrants and refugees are helped through Catholic Crosscultural Services and the Office for Refugees. ShareLife supports the education of our priests and deacons at Serra House, Redemptoris Mater and St. Augustine's seminaries. ShareLife creates a happier, brighter and safer community for us all. **Next ShareLife Sunday – May 4, 2014. Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

## Canadian Saints and Us Series

Tuesdays, April 29, May 6 and May 13 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm Facilitated by Jim Dunn, Archdiocese of Toronto. Come and join these interesting, informative and faith-filled discussions on how we can relate to the early Canadian servants of Christ (St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, St. Brother Andre Bessette and St. Kateri Tekakwitha).



Features CD's, Books & Booklets. For purchase by donation. All material faithful to Christ. Great way to rekindle our faith as Catholics and for sharing with family & friends

### Feature CD of the week: I'm Not Being Fed

Jeff Cavins explores and responds to some of the reasons why so many people have left the Catholic Church for evangelical Christianity. As he presents the story of his return to Catholicism, Cavins also builds a case for why the Catholic Church is the Church founded by Christ.

## 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.

*Pray for the Recently Deceased -America Prachter*

## 2014 OFFERTORY BOXES

**NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PICK UP**  
You must call the office and make arrangements to pick up your box.

## COINS FOR LIFE 2014

Please return your boxes the weekend **AFTER** Easter.  
Only one collection of these boxes weekend of April 26/27. *Thank you ~ St. Mark's Squires*

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997.**  
email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Tuesday, April 15th @ 7.00 pm

Glenn Allan+ req. by Frances Allan & Family

Joseph Lobo+ req. by Lobo Family

### Wednesday, April 16th @ 8.30 am

Domenico Metauro+ req. by Anna Metauro

### Thursday, April 17th @ 8.00 pm

For Pope, Bishops & Priests req. by Fr. Michael

### Friday, April 18th @ 12 Noon and 3 pm

Good Friday Service

### Saturday, April 19th at 8.30 pm

Thanksgiving

### Sunday, April 20th @ 9:00 am

Salvatore Battaglia+ req. by Dorothy Battaglia

### Sunday, April 20th @ 11.00 am

St. Mark's Community

### Sunday, April 20th @ 12.30 pm

Agnes Woodall+ req. by Philip & Richie Woodall

## MOBILE WEBSITE :

St. Mark Parish now has a mobile website. To access this on your cell phone, you may long on to [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca) which will inform you of our Mass times and special events. You can also scan the QR code here.



## Easter Cleaning Thank You

A very special thank you to all the ladies who gave of their time to clean the church after our difficult winter. Our thanks to: Frances Allan, Rose Cabrelli, Cellie Canaan, Nella Cassano, Dot Gourley, Jodi Harker, Susan Logan, Joan Murphy, Bernice van Herpt, Jeri-Lynn Vogan. Thanks to Lad Mehes for joining the team. May our Risen Lord bless you all for your devotion to His Church.

## ST. MARK'S PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

### Friday, April 25th at 7:30 pm

To coincide with the canonization of Pope John Paul II, our movie for this month will be "Karol: A Man Who Became Pope". This is a beautiful film which begins with 10 year old Karol in Poland in the 1930's and follows him through his journey that eventually leads him to become a priest and finally to become the man we all now know, as Pope John Paul II. Once again, there will be no charge to attend the show but goodwill offerings towards our parish's youth activities are gratefully accepted. Snacks and drinks will be sold for a small fee. **Running time : 186 minutes**



## RETRouvaille: Help for Troubled Marriages Upcoming Weekend April 25, 26, 27

A live-in weekend and Post sessions to help couples experiencing troubles in their marriage relationships. For further confidential information and no-obligation information, call 416-281-6007 or visit the web site at: [www.torontoretrovaille.com](http://www.torontoretrovaille.com)

April 12th, 2014

**MOVING ???**  
Please inform the Parish Office.  
This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.

*St. Mark's Parish*  
**EASTER TRIDUUM 2014**

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
 NO MORNING MASS  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 pm  
 Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Until 11:00 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
 1<sup>st</sup> Celebration – 12:00 noon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Celebration – 3:00 pm  
 Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
 NO MORNING MASS  
 Blessing of the Food – 2:45 pm  
 Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
 Normal Sunday Morning Schedule  
 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

**HOLY THURSDAY**—There will be the traditional collection for the poor taken up during the Mass.  
**EASTER VIGIL BELLS**—Remember to bring your bells to the Easter Vigil to ring at the time of the Gloria.

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES HOLY WEEK**  
**Tuesday**, April 15th after evening Mass  
**Wednesday**, April 16th after morning Mass  
**HOLY THURSDAY**, April 17th After Mass of the Lord's Supper

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2014**  
**Good Friday**, April 18, at 11:45 am & 2:45 pm  
**Holy Saturday**, April 19, at 3:00 pm  
**Easter Sunday**, April 20, 2013  
 — 15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses  
**Week of Easter Octave**—after all masses  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**, April 27, 2013  
 — 15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses

**HOLY WEEK OFFICE and CHURCH HOURS**  
**Holy Thursday:** Office—Regular Hours  
 Church—during day until 3:30 pm,  
 evening 7pm-11pm only  
**Good Friday:** Office—9am to noon only  
 Church—9am to 5pm & 7pm to 8pm  
**Holy Saturday:** Church—9am to 1 pm  
 —2:30 pm to 3:15pm  
 (Blessing of Food & Divine Mercy)  
 —7:30pm opening for Easter Vigil

✠ **PRAY FOR THE SICK** ✠  
 Beverly Semon, Roybn MacPherson, Darrel Boddington,  
 Debbie Beauchamp, Patrick Mariani and James Villanueva

**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION FOR CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN**  
 Canadian Food For Children is a registered charity with the Canadian government. Their goal is to feed the poor. All donations collected go towards feeding the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world. Each dollar that you donate can provide 20 nutritious meals. CFFC is entirely run by volunteers and no one gets paid. Joan and Andrew Simone started working with Blessed Mother Teresa in 1980. In 1981, Mother Teresa requested that they send food to the poor in Tanzania and Ethiopia where people were suffering from malnutrition due to severe drought. Food could not be purchased there and therefore the food they sent was a tremendous blessing. With the approval of Mother Teresa, CFFC became an official charity in 1985 and presently sends food to 18-22 developing countries throughout the world. The teachings of Jesus in the Gospels and their Catholic faith inspire them to do this work.

**GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**  
 This year, the Paper Collection for the Holy Places will be held on Good Friday, April 18, 2014. We realize as a Church that Jesus is the bread of life: "Whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:51) By sharing in the upkeep of the Holy Land and the mission of the Custody, we give witness to commit our life to help others; the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. It is the assurance of a true friendship for LIFE.

**REMINDER...GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF Fast and Abstinence**  
**Fasting:** Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 is obliged to fast. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink—typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. **Abstinence:** Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Abstaining, in this context, is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. In lieu of fasting, one may substitute works of charity .


**BAKE SALE ON**  
**Sat. May 3rd & Sun. May 4th**  
 after the 5 pm, 9 am and 11 am Masses  
 We need help from all the bakers in our Parish.  
 Sign up sheets will be in the foyer.  
**Variety of Baked Goods needed**  
**PIES- CAKES - CUPCAKES - TARTS - MUFFINS - LOAVES & MORE!**  
 Bake at Easter and freeze some goodies to be donated to the bake sale! Bring your contribution to the Church Hall on Sat, May 3rd, between 12:30 pm and 5 pm. It would help if you could package cookies by the dozen, muffins, tarts or cupcakes by the 1/2 dozen. Although not necessary, all goods packaged and priced ahead of time is much appreciated.  
**RAFFLE:** Beautiful Fondant Mother's Day Cake in time for Mother's Day! Tickets \$2/ticket, \$5/for 3, \$10/for 8.  
 Tickets available for Purchase from April 12th at the Church Book Store after all Masses.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Totus Tuus Summer Camp July 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
 Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for the Totus Tuus Summer Program at St. Mark. **The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm.** The cost is only \$75 for the first child in the family and \$60 for each additional sibling. **The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12 runs Sunday to Thursday from 7pm to 9pm and is free.** Registration forms will be available for pickup at the church, St. Brendan school, St. Brigid school, St. Mark school, or can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website at [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca). **Registration will take place at St. Mark Church on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and after all masses on April 27<sup>th</sup>.** First come, first served basis. More information about the program is also available at [www.totustuutoronto.ca](http://www.totustuutoronto.ca)

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