



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## NOVEMBER 2019 - JUNE 2020

### 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**

### 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

### 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)

#### 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 or on our website.

### COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

### MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Cancelled during construction.

### 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  
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Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Groups  
RCIA  
Sacramental Preparation  
Squires  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Ushers  
Women's Ministry  
Youth Ministry

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School  
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### 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!

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



## Mass Intentions for the Week

*The Mass Intentions that have been booked for this week will continue to be offered by Fr. Michael in a private mass, along with the intention to ask God to bring an end to the COVID-19 virus.*

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**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael  
Sean Gilroy req. by Fr. Michael  
St. George, Selvadurai & Nathan Families for good health, peace and unity req. by Ida St. George

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

† Pasqualina & Valentino Raponi req. by Tony, Onesima Raponi & Family

**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

† Angelina Mastrovita req. by Peter & Micheline Zanet and Family

**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Pope, Bishops & Priests req. by Fr. Michael  
† Johnny Gilroy req. by Fr. Michael  
† John McKendry req. by Rose McKendry  
† Jim & Carmel Ryder req. by Rose McKendry  
† Frank Gallo req. by Sabina Gallo

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael  
† Pat O'Connor req. by Fr. Michael  
† Cheryl McCulloch req. by Deacon Wayne  
† Patrick Markey req. by Anna & Peter Gallagher  
† Michael & Beverley Semon req. by Russ & Pam May  
5:00 pm

† Quinto Rossano req. by Debora Rossano & Family

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Intention moved to April 25

11:00 am Intention moved to April 22

## Is God Calling You?

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact

**Fr. Chris Lemieux**, Vocation Director,  
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS



As good stewards of Christ we should first accept the mercy of God in our lives and then share it with others through our acts. Some spiritual works of mercy we can begin to cultivate are to "instruct the ignorant" and "counsel the doubtful" by helping with parish catechesis ministries. Likewise, some corporal works of mercy we can adopt are to "feed the hungry" and "clothe the naked" by taking part in parish organizations such as the St. Vincent de Paul society.



**May 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Online**

The National March for Life committee plans to have an online March for Life that will include events, interviews, candlelight vigil, a live March for Life mass, and more.

The March for Life online events will occur during the week of May 10 - 14.

More information will be available soon.

## Volunteers for Church Gardens



Volunteers are needed to care for one of the church gardens over the summer months. If you would be interested in

helping, please email [stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca)

## Support of Parish Offertory

In response to queries received from parishioners, here are the ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- **Mail** your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office at: St. Mark's Church, 345 Glad Park Ave., Stouffville, ON, L4A 1E4
- Contribute to the offertory by **credit card**. Go to: <https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=413>
- Contribute through **pre-authorized giving**. To obtain a registration form for pre-authorized giving, go to our parish website at [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca). Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- You can contribute to the offertory via **online banking**. To do this, the archdiocese will need to send you a unique account number. Please send an e-mail to [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org). In the body of the email provide: Your name, Address, Parish name, Municipality

## Donations to Sharelife

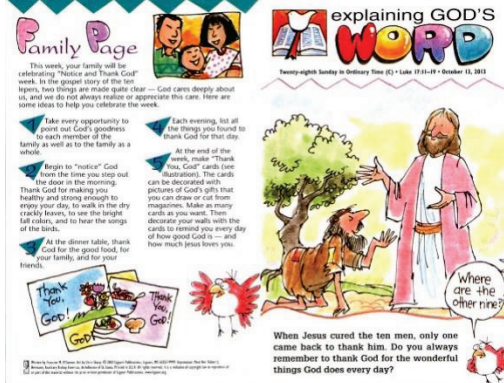


## Pray the Rosary Daily

**"I am Our Lady of the Rosary. Continue to say the Rosary every day."**

Our Lady's words to the three Fatima children (September 13, 1917)

## Explaining God's Word Children's Activity Pages



There is a link on the home page of St. Mark's website for any parents who might be interested in printing a copy of the Explaining God's Word pages for their children to complete.

<https://stmarkstouffville.ca/about-us/explaining-gods-word>

The pages currently posted are the only ones we have in stock at this time. Unfortunately, no further pages will be posted to the site until we reinstate the order at some point in the future.

## Community Resource Document Created by the Knights of Columbus

Wishing everyone in our St. Mark Community a Blessed Easter Season. Over the last few weeks, members of the **St. Mark Knights of Columbus** have been preparing a resource document to help our community during this pandemic. There are resources in the document for our seniors (specifically around grocery pick up/delivery), public health contacts, spiritual resources (Divine Mercy, Rosary, and the Live Stream Mass Schedule) and ways you can help if you are in a position to do so.

We hope it can provide you, your family, and friends with some assistance as we all journey through this unprecedented time in our lives.

Here is the link to the document or you can find it on our website home page at [stmarkstouffville.ca](https://stmarkstouffville.ca).

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ijfCIXBBxvXfv0vXw6aaGYNhlkX9OSRbX9L20h2ME4/ed?usp=sharing>

## The Season of Easter



*Alleluia!*  
Praise the Lord!

THE SONG OF OUR REJOICING

It is added to acclamations and antiphons and may be used as a refrain for the responsorial psalm and communion song.

**The Paschal Candle**  
is the central symbol of the Easter season, sign of the presence of the risen Lord, light of the world

## ASPECTS OF THE SEASON OF EASTER



Confirmation and  
First Eucharist are celebrated  
during the Easter season



The constant joy  
of the season  
continues  
throughout the  
*fifty days*  
and should be  
reflected in the  
festive decoration  
of the church  
building



**The Acts of  
the Apostles**  
is read at all  
celebrations in place  
of the Old Testament  
because it presents  
*the life, growth and  
witness of the  
early Church*



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As far back as the Council of Nicaea (325), the Church reflected Easter joy by prohibiting fasting and kneeling, which are signs of penance, throughout the season.

During the Easter season, we stand (rather than kneel) during the Litany of the Saints.

The sprinkling rite  
(with water blessed  
at the Easter Vigil)  
is often used at the  
beginning of Masses  
on Sundays



## Thank You!

We would like to sincerely thank the following parishioners:

- **Elena, Charmaine & Kyle Medina and Eugenie & Kiana Landry** for their help with daily broadcasting of the Divine Mercy Novena and Stations of the Cross.
- **Sara Seaward** for creating and administering our Parish Facebook page.

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