



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PASTORAL TEAM

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

STAFF

Lisa Baker - Pastoral Administrator
Marcel Raes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday - 9:00 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holiday - 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 am
4:00 - 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 12 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 backlog, please allow 3 to 6 months for a 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 Form available in foyer or on 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

See website for policy if outside Priest available.

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

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 25th @ 9 am, St. Mark's Feast Day

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

Tuesday, April 26th @ 7 pm

† Cheryl McCulloch req. by Wayne McCulloch

† Rudolph Meyer req. by Meyer Family

† Souls in Purgatory req. by Cong Family

Wednesday, April 27th @ 9 am

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, April 28th @ 9 am

† Sequeira and Pereira Families req. by Marie and Patrick Pereira

Friday, April 29th @ 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 1 pm

† Gerry Ryan req. by Fr. Michael

† Signorina Medina req. by Medina Family

† Siblings of Rose Marie Scott req. by Ann Marie Munro

Mary Anne & Garry Watson 50th Anniversary req. by Watson Family

Saturday, April 30th

@ 9 am

The Unemployed req. by Fr. Michael

† Domenico and Michelina Acierno req. by DiRienzo Family

† Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

† Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family

† Leonor Cuenca Canaon req. by Canaon Family

@ 5 pm

† Frank Altomare req. by Nellie and Joe Lombardo

Sunday, May 1st

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Lucia Lombardo req. by Nellie and Joe Lombardo

@ 11 am

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

Pray For the Sick

Hedley Thomas, Jeanette Woodley,
Umberto DeFuria, Maria Biadi

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Elmer Burnie, Marie Burnet, Maurice Vella



Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9 am to 1 pm ending with Benediction**. We ask for help to ensure at least two people in the church each hour of Adoration by **signing in beforehand** either with the **paper registration sheet at the back of the church or on our Friday Holy Hour Eventbrite registration at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>**.

Please consider attending for even 5 minutes to offer up prayers for peace in our world, especially in the Ukraine.

SL ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is next weekend

When you support ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here's how your support makes a difference for the work of this agency:

"Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite."

Thank you for supporting ShareLife! The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1.

Learning from Doubting Thomas



Similar to St. Thomas in the Gospel, we too may experience many moments of doubt. Jesus does not reprimand us for our doubt but constantly sends us providential opportunities to help us grow in our faith.

However, let us strive to do our part by educating ourselves through good books and websites on topics of the faith and by praying for the gift of understanding.

The Great Walk for Restore

Saturday, May 14th at 10 am

Restore is a world-class organization for those in distress. Our staff and volunteers walk alongside individuals and families at their most vulnerable moments. Please visit the website if you would like to start a team and take part in this fundraising walk. <https://restorecanada.org/>

Volunteers for Church Gardens



Volunteers are needed to care for one of the church gardens over the spring and summer months. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the church at 905-640-6954 ext. 103.

New Church Office Hours

The Church Office will now be open each week Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm (closed for lunch between 12 noon and 1 pm).

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org** www.vocationstoronto.ca

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2022



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022

The Chaplet will be prayed

15 minutes before

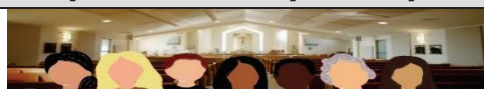
all Sunday morning masses.

A First Communion is scheduled on April 24th so there will not be a Divine Mercy Sunday celebration this year.

APRIL 24, 2022

Women's Ministry Forest Walk

April 24th from 1 pm to 3 pm



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

Where: Eldred King Woodland, 16232 Hwy 48
Entrance on Hwy 48- drive until you see a parking lot but watch for potholes. Park and wait for the other ladies to arrive.

When: 12:50 pm on Sunday, April 24th

What: The hike is about 4 to 5 km (1 to 1 ½ hours)
Wear proper shoes and bring water

Who: Women's Ministry ladies and bring a friend!

Email: mmconkey@rogers.com for more info
Subscribe for updates from the Women's Ministry here: <https://equippingcatholicfamilies.com/smwml/>

Coins for Life 2022 – Wrap Up Coin Boxes to be returned



Squires will be at the back of the church after all the masses on the weekends of

April 23rd & 24th and April 30th/May 1st to collect the coin boxes. Campaign Life

Coalition and the Colombian Squires of St. Mark thank you for your generosity!

Every coin makes a difference. Your contribution will help save countless innocent lives and help CLC pro-life workers to continue to run the March for Life.

Easter Food Drive for Families

April 30th/May 1st



The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are hosting a special Easter Food Drive for families in need in the Stouffville community. On the **Apr 30/May 1** weekend, **non-expired, non-perishable food**

items will be collected in support of the Stouffville Food Bank, while grocery gift cards will be donated to the St.

Vincent de Paul Society.

The food bank is currently in need of the following items:

**canned fruit, canned chicken/ ham, canned stew/ chili
small bags of rice, honey, canned tomatoes
cheese whiz, Jam**

Please give generously to support our neighbours in need.

Thank you to all our Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Volunteer Recognition Week: Hands and Heart of Service will be celebrated from **April 24-30, 2022**. This is a time of thanks and appreciation for our dedicated volunteers who selflessly serve our parish community with their hands and heart, following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us. "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." John 13:14

**We thank all our wonderful St. Mark's Volunteers who so generously give of their time and talent.
May God bless you abundantly for your service!**

Corpus Christi Procession Volunteers Needed



This year the Solemnity of Corpus Christi falls on **Sunday, June 19th**. Volunteers are needed to organize a procession on that day after the 11 am Mass. If you would like to help, please email Lisa at lbaker@archtoronto.org.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, May 12th in Ottawa



The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day.

Rally & March Thursday, May 12th

12:30 pm – Rally on Parliament Hill

1:30 pm – March downtown Ottawa

2:30 pm – Silent No More Testimonies

Attend in person or watch live broadcast on EWTN
Visit MARCHFORLIFE.CA or CALL 1-800-730-5358

Our local Knights of Columbus Councils in the Markham-Stouffville area will be **sponsoring a bus** to take people to the March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday May 12th. The bus will leave from the **St. Patrick's Church parking lot at 6:45 AM**. After the march in Ottawa, we will leave at 4:30 PM to return to Markham. The cost for the trip will be **\$30.** per person. If you would like to participate, please contact Dan di Rocco by email at dirocco401@yahoo.ca or by telephone at 905-294-4219."

Request – St. Mark's School Memorabilia



The York Catholic DSB has established an Archive Committee whose mandate is to preserve artifacts of historical significance. St. Mark Catholic school opened in September of 1965 with an official opening on June 15th, 1966. The Board does not have any records from the early years of the school. In fact, the original plaques commemorating the opening as well as the subsequent 1971 addition went missing years ago.

As your local trustee, I am committed to recreating these missing plaques as well as collecting any old memorabilia to be preserved for future generations. If you have any information, copies of programs from the openings, yearbooks, or any other memorabilia that you would be willing to lend (to be copied) or donate please contact me at elizabeth.crowe@ycdsb.ca.

Easter - Thank You!

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to prepare and celebrate the Sacred Triduum!

- To all our various ministries – Ushers, Altar Servers, Counters, Extraordinary Ministers or Holy Communion, Lectors, Choirs, Deacons & Staff (Marcel Raes, Mary Ann Mehes, Sara Moreno-Stober, Lisa Baker)
- Sacristan: Cellie Canaan
- Decorators: Natalia Horscroft & Lad Mehes

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