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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 8:30 - 8:55 am
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
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: vocationtoronto.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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 1st @ 7:00 pm

- † James Dolan req. by Fr. Michael Hughes
- Workers/Employment req. by Fr. Michael Hughes
- † Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato and Family

Wednesday, May 2nd @ 8:30 am

- † Antonio, Angelina & Costanzo Spedalieri req. by Mary DiPasqua

Thursday, May 3rd @ 8:30 am

- and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am
- † Jeffrey & Natividad Reodica req. by Flora Reodica

Friday, May 4th @ 8:30 am & Holy Hour at 7 pm

- † Robert Fitzgerald req. by Joan Murphy
- † Giovanni & Lucia Collura req. by Josephine Collura
- † Fedele & Maria Denicola req. by Josephine Collura

Saturday, May 5th

- @ 9:00 am
- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- Mary Bots req. by Fr. Michael
- † Jani Stipcevich req. by Milka Stipcevich
- † Greg Steffan req. by Schwarzbauer Family
- @ 5:00 pm
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, May 6th

- @ 9:00 am
- † Brian Ruddy req. by Fr. Michael
- @ 11:00 am
- Ruppert Family req. by Heber Family

Summer Mass Schedule Beginning May 1st, 2018

Please note the change in Mass times.

Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	9 am & 5 pm
Sunday	9 am & 11 am
Weekday Solemnities	7:30 pm only
First Friday Holy Hour	7:00 pm

* The last 12:30 pm Sunday Mass will be April 29th.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by helping newcomers to Canada

Angie moved to Canada to marry a man she met online. He was not who he seemed; she endured emotional and physical abuse. While he was at work, she started attending language classes at Catholic Cross-cultural Services. Staff at CCS connected her with a settlement worker in the women's program. Angie received the support she needed to exit her violent relationship and live independently, free from abuse. Angie is one of over 3,000 clients helped annually by CCS programs funded by ShareLife.

**May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

Project Rachel Retreat

May 4th – 6th at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge

Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for adults who are suffering from an abortion experience in their past.

Do you need to rest your burden? We can help.

**Call 416-629-8264 or email
projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org**

A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion: May 4 to 6, 2018

"In danger I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free." Psalm 118

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, May 10th 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 on the Hill 12:30 – 1:30 pm
March for Life 1:30 – 3 pm
Silent No More speakers 3:00 – 4 pm
Closing prayer service 4 – 4:30 pm

For More Info. Visit MARCHFORLIFE.CA

Transportation: There's a bus leaving the parking lot of St. Patrick's Parish on Hwy 7 at 7 am.

The cost per person is \$25. If you would like to reserve a spot on the bus, please contact Dan Di Rocco at 905-294-4219 or by email at dirocco401@yahoo.ca.

Renew Toronto Young Adult Conference

October 13th at Isabel Bader Theatre, Toronto



Renew Toronto is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19 – 39.

It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life.

Unite with one another to collectively
RENEW your Hearts, RENEW your Call and RENEW your Community.

Early Bird
\$50

Register between March 1 and April 30

Regular
\$70

Register between May 1 and September 30

Friday Social Add-On
\$30

An evening event at one of Toronto's trendiest social clubs

Register online at:

OCYTORONTO.ORG/RENEWTO

APRIL 29, 2018

Women's Ministry

Monday, April 30th at 7:30 pm, Men Invited!

"Discovering the Catholic Faith as an Adult"
panel discussion with Charles Barnes,
Greg Smith and Colin Whitebread

For the first time, we would like to invite the men of our parish to join us! Learn about what draws people to the Catholic faith in their adult life. What keeps them there? Charles Barnes and Greg Smith will share with us some thoughts on how being Catholic is more meaningful than their previous faith experiences. Colin Whitebread will also join the panel to share some anecdotes from his experience running the RCIA program at St. Mark's, and his thoughts on some of the conversion stories he's witnessed. Come armed with questions, and plan to bring a friend! As always, there will be chips, treats, wine and this month, beer! For more information, contact the Women's Ministry at stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com. Visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarksWomensMinistry/>

Catholic Education Week May 6th to May 11th

"Renewing the Promise"

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2018, which runs from May 6th to 11th.

For more than 165 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. To affirm your support of Catholic Education and sign up for email updates, visit:

www.togetherinfaith.ca

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

Friday, May 4th

On May 4th, join in the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for all vocations; priesthood, religious and consecrated life and holy and healthy marriages.

The First Friday Holy Hour at St. Mark's on May 4th from 7 pm to 8 pm will be offered for vocations.

St. Michael's Cathedral Tour Tuesday, May 29th



A day trip to St. Michael's Cathedral and St Lawrence Market is planned for Tuesday, May 29th.

A chartered bus will pick up and drop off attendees at St. Mark's Church.

Registration for the Trip will take place in the Church foyer on the weekends of May 5/6 and May 12/13.

Cost: \$40 to be paid at the time of registration.

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. 101.

First Communion Ceremonies



Please pray for the children of our parish receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in April, May and June.

We ask our Church community to remember these special children in their prayers, as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

New Catholic School in Stouffville Vote Online for School Name

A plan to build a new Elementary and Secondary Catholic School in Stouffville is in place.

VOTE ON THE NAME OF THE NEW SCHOOL!

A website page has been set up for you to vote on the name you would like for both the elementary and high school. Fr. Michael has put forward the name of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati for the High School. The reasons for his recommendation can be found in a letter on the St. Mark's website. To place your vote, please go to:

<http://bit.ly/YCDSB-SS>

If you vote online, please email us at stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca to let us know.

The Faith Explained Conference Saturday, May 26th at St. Joseph's Secondary

Handing on the Faith
in an age of unbelief

WHEN

Saturday, May 26, 2018
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE

St. Joseph's Secondary School
5555 Creditview Rd., Mississauga ON

TICKETS

\$25 in advance available at
TheFaithExplained.com/Conference
\$30 at the door

Free parking. Packed lunch available for purchase onsite or participants may bring their own.



Speakers:



Dr. Tim Gray and Cale Clarke

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