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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
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Ministry of Hospitality
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
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St. Vincent de Paul Society
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
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751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

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VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
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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!

PALM 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.

Tuesday, April 7th

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

- † Roy Biondi req. by Ossi & Ann Pierotti
- † Mike Shewchuk req. by Bev Shewchuk & Family
- † Eugeniana Pedron req. by Piedad Family
- † Fred Cimone req. by Romano & MaryLou

Wednesday, April 8th

† Albertina Biondi req. by Ossi & Ann Pierotti

Thursday, April 9th Holy Thursday

Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, April 10th Good Friday

Saturday, April 11th Easter Vigil

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, April 12th Easter Sunday

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa

Monday, April 13th Easter Monday

† Fred Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

Is GOD CALLING YOU?

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997**.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

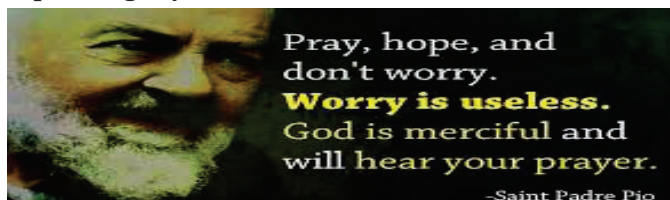
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS



The donkey on which Christ rode into Jerusalem could've seen all the palms and praises being sung around him and been tempted to believe that he was the one they celebrated.

However, we as onlookers can

clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ. This Palm Sunday let us learn from this image and ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?



-Saint Padre Pio

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Lectio Divina

Sunday, April 5th from 6:45 pm-8:15 pm

Livestreamed from St. Michael's Cathedral



LIVESTREAM: Lectio Divina is livestreamed via the St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica website at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live

Music by the **Cathedral Vespers Choir** begins at 6:45 p.m., **Vespers** (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., and **Lectio Divina** from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.



Daily Mass TV and Online

- The Archdiocese of Toronto offers Mass on Salt and Light- channel 240 on Rogers: 6:30 am in English, again at 3:00 pm and the Pope offers Mass at 9:30 am in English.
- This link www.archtoronto.org will take you to Cardinal Collins live stream daily mass/Angelus/Rosary at 7:30am from St Michael's - it also has links to the daily mass from Loretto Abbey.
- Bishop Barron offers Mass each day on the Internet: go to: <https://www.wordonfire.org> and scroll down until you see the window for Daily Mass.
- Companions of the Cross have several daily/weekly Masses at their website www.companionsofthecross.org

Staff Changes

Sadly, because of the present realities, all the parishes across the Archdiocese, including ourselves, are having to put in place a cost containment plan which tries to minimize the impacts on our staff. This will impact the Cardinal, Bishops and Priests as well.

Regretfully therefore, St. Mark's will be placing three staff members on temporary leave while providing a supplementary Unemployment Benefit to maintain those employees' salaries at 75% which will include a 20% top up from the parish. One employee is being retained as an essential employee. All clergy salaries are also being reduced to 70% effective April 1st.

As well, please keep our wonderful staff and their families in your prayers during these challenging times. Further details will be posted on our website.



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)

APRIL 5, 2020

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 pm



The next meeting of the fraternal year will be conducted virtually on **Zoom Video Conferencing** due to physical distancing restrictions imposed by the Government of Ontario and the

Archdiocese of Toronto. Members will receive instructions on how to access the meeting a few days before along with the agenda. You can access the meeting via computer or by telephone.

For further information please contact:

Nicholas Quadrini at GK10874@ontariokofc.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**.

Please 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. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th 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.

In the body of the email provide:

Your name, Address, Parish name, Municipality

Good Friday - 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.



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FOR PARISH AND ARCHDIOCESAN
NEWS UPDATES AND BULLETINS
www.stmarkstouffville.ca

Message from Cardinal Collins - Holy Week & Easter Triduum -

HOLY WEEK

THIS YEAR'S LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERIES OF **HOLY WEEK, THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER** WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT THE PHYSICAL PARTICIPATION OF THE FAITHFUL.

FOR CARDINAL COLLINS FULL LETTER INCLUDING RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUAL PREPARATION FOR THIS SACRED TIME, GO TO WWW.STMARKSTOUFFVILLE.CA

AND CLICK ON THE LINK ON THE HOME PAGE.

Details on the Sacrament of Reconciliation: The only ordinary way of attaining forgiveness for sins is participating in individual and integral confession and absolution. Nevertheless, if a person is unable to make an appointment with a priest for the Sacrament during the current pandemic, it will suffice for the moment to pray the Act of Contrition as best as one can intending it truthfully, and to commit to participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible when conditions allow. There will be no permission granted for General Absolution.

EASTER TRIDUUM 2020

livestreamed from

St. Michael's Cathedral

All Holy Week and Easter Triduum celebrations can be viewed via livestream from St. Michael's Cathedral at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

Fr. Michael will say his private masses at the same time as the broadcast from the Cathedral.



PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 5)

Liturgy of Palm Sunday - 10:00 am

MASS OF CHRISM (APRIL 7)

Mass of Chrism - 10:00 am

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 9)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 10)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast & Abstinence

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 11)

Easter Vigil – 7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 12)

Easter Sunday – 10:00 am



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