



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Rev. Mr. John Schwarzbauer
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
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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!

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www.StMarkStouffville.ca

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



SAVE THE DATE! Totus Tuus Summer Camp July 13th – 18th, 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. **Registration will take place at St. Mark Church on April 26th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and after all masses on April 27th.** First come, first served basis. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuutoronto.ca



Working wonders for children with special needs...

We have always tried to expose our deaf children to both communities. As their parents, we have talked to them and tried to answer their questions when they saw someone using sign language and they had basic sign language books. Then one day our oldest son, Ethan, said he would like to learn sign language. We discovered Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer camp and enrolled him in the program. The following year Gavin joined his older brother and they both want to go again. We also put our name in for the Family Communication program because we wanted to support our children. These opportunities increased the boys awareness of the deaf community and also helped them gain respect for different ways of communication. They enjoyed both experiences as did we. We all hope to take part in the Family program again. Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

Next ShareLife Sunday – May 4, 2014
Please give generously. You can work wonders!



The Mass: The Church's Greatest Prayer

In Advent 2011 we began using the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal in all English speaking parishes. For many the new responses are becoming quite familiar. The changes were an invitation for us to pause and reflect more fully on how we are called to pray the Church's greatest prayer. This four part series will be a time of catechesis, discussion and reflection on the Mass.

Participants will receive a copy of the book, ***The Mass Step by Step for Adults***. Participation at all four sessions is preferred although not mandatory. Pre-registration is appreciated.

Location: St. Elizabeth Seton Parish,
17955 Leslie Street, Newmarket

Dates: Thursday afternoons, April 24, May 1, 8 and 15
from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

To Register, call the Office of Formation for Discipleship at
416-934-3400 ext. 523

On-Line Form: www.archtoronto.org/discipleship
Fax: 416-934-3431

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 8th @ 7.00 pm

Eugeniane Pedron+ req. by Byron & Melanie Piedad
Maria Rotondi+ req. by Maria Vecchiarelli

Wednesday, April 9th @ 8.30 am

Maria & Fedele Denicola+ req. by Josie & Dino Collura

Thursday, April 10th @ 8.30 am

Fr. Antonio Teixeira Pereira req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, April 11th

@ 7.00 pm – Stations of the Cross

@ 7.30 pm – Karen Thompson+
req. by GERALYN HOWELL

Saturday, April 12th at 9.00 am

Pope, Bishops & Priests

Hughes & McConville Families

Katerina Trioani+ req. by Fr. Michael

Andrew Bonnelo req. by Fr. Michael

Frank Iannuzzi+ req. by Family

Saturday, April 12th @ 5.00 pm

Anthony Philip+ req. by Family

Sunday, April 13th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark's Community

Sunday, April 13th @ 11.00 am

Matthew Benincasa+ req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa

Sunday, April 13th @ 12.30 pm

Vincenza Mirezzi+

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 which will inform you of our Mass times and special events. You can also scan the QR code here.



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

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**

Parish Tidbits The replacement of 2 parking lot lamps recently cost the parish \$350.30.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening @ 7pm
followed by Mass @ 7:30 pm

April 5th, 2014

MOVING ???

Please inform the Parish Office.
This will help us keep parish databases up to date

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

TUES. April 8 @ 7:30 pm Hall

Knights of Columbus Meeting

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Charismatic Prayer Group

WED. April 9 @ 7 pm

Confirmation Class

FRI. April 11 @ 8.00 pm

Youth Group Meeting

SUN. April 13

PALM SUNDAY

SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 pm April 15 – 17 (10 sessions), 1155 Yonge St. (Summerhill Subway Stn)
Cost: \$300 for 10 week program (subsidies available)
Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 10 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period.
For info call Ian Singer: 416-921-1163



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.torontoretrouvaille.com

Theology On Tap April 30 at 7-9 pm

Jack Astor's Bar & Grill 580 Progress Ave. Scarborough
Devoutly Religious and Critically Scientific...Can You be Both? The Office of Catholic Youth, Faith Connections and your local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a relaxed setting, with special guest: Fr. John McCarthy, SJ. Fr. John will reflect on the relationship between faith and science. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! RSVP appreciated. For more information, contact us at 416-599-7676, youth@ocytoronto.org or visit www.ocytoronto.org or www.faithconnections.ca. Theology on Tap East is on Twitter. Use the hashtag #ToTEast to join the conversation

PAPAL BLESSINGS

Parishioners may order a Papal Blessing scroll to commemorate a milestone wedding anniversary, birthday or reception of the sacrament of baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage and religious ordination and profession. For further information on how to order a Papal Blessing scroll, including the cost and delivery time, please contact your parish office.

✠ PRAY FOR THE SICK ✠

Beverly Semon, Roybn MacPherson, Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Patrick Mariani and James Villanueva

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 you box!!

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? If God is calling you to serve the church in consecrated life or priesthood, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.



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).



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Feature CD of the week: The Healing Power of Confession

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