



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
Ministry of Hospitality
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
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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

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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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!

FIRST SUNDY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 3rd @ 7:00 pm

Living & Deceased Members of Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
 Andrew Mehes req. by Fr. Michael
 Roy and Bea Biondi req. by Ossi and Ann Pierotti
 Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa
 Francesco Canaon req. by Canaon Family
 Norma Fortino req. by Romano & MaryLou Acciaccaferri

Wednesday, December 4th @ 8:30 am

Dorotea Garcia req. by Medina Family

Thursday, December 5th @ 8:30 am

Alessandro Rubino & Saverio Tucci req. by Erminia & Mario Petramala

Friday, December 6th Holy Hour @ 7 pm and

Mass @ 8:00 pm

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael
 Emidia Veroni req. by Dominic & Dino Veroni
 Ann Marie Munro req. by Munro Family
 Franca Mercuri req. by Francesca DeCaro & Family

Saturday, December 7th

@ 9:00 am

Joseph & Anna Nguyen req. by Nguyen Family
 Intention of Cindy Steffoff req. by Josh
 Antonietta & Mario Cimone req. by Romano & MaryLou Acciaccaferri
 Loretta & Leonard Russo req. by Romano & MaryLou Acciaccaferri
 Oscar Carvajal req. by Diana Carvajal

@ 5:00 pm

Vincenzo Turco req. by Franca Turco & Family

Sunday, December 8th

@ 9:00 am

Special Intention for Blessed Virgin Mary req. by Ossi and Ann Pierotti

@11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

To sign-up for St. Mark's Church Pre-Authorized Giving program, Please go to:

www.stmarkstouffville.ca, click on the "Contact" heading then "Donations" to print off the form.

Complete the form and attach a

void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket.

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

Jesus exhorts us to "keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." One tremendous way we can keep awake is to receive God's merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation especially this Advent. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

Lectio Divina

Sunday, December 1st from 6:45 pm-8:15 pm



In Lectio Divina we seek not to master or grasp the sacred text, but rather through it, prayerfully and silently, to come into the presence of God.

One Sunday evening each month all are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for Lectio Divina at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto.

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

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

Advent Retreat at the Seminary Reflections on the Blessed Trinity December 14th from 9:30 am to 3 pm



A reflection on the Blessed Trinity

Presenter: Fr. Charles Anang (Mass in the seminary chapel)

Cost: \$50 (lunch included)

Register online at: www.staugustines.on.ca

Location: St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

Phone: 416-261-7207, ext. 221

Message from Mr. Ab Falconi Director of Education

To our cherished community members, On behalf of all of us at the York Catholic District School Board, I would like to extend our warm wishes to you as we head into the Advent season. During this joyous time, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. In our schools, students are busy preparing for the season with musical concerts and Nativity plays, community service projects and, most importantly, through a deepened time of prayer to welcome another blessed year.

Since this season is also about giving thanks, we want to thank you for your support as we continue our goal of providing every one of our students the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe, caring and faith-filled environment. We are so fortunate to collaborate with our families, parishes and community partners. As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas, I pray that this season of Advent will be a grace-filled opportunity for you and your family to be with one another.

May God bless you and those whom you love.

Yours in Catholic Education,
 Ab Falconi, Director of Education

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PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

DECEMBER 1, 2019

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed



Our Children's Liturgy Ministry is in need of more volunteers to help teach the Word of God to the children of our parish at the 9 am Mass.

No teaching experience required.

The commitment is one hour every few weeks.

If you are interested, please call Joe at **416-949-2667** or email at joelaimo@rogers.com.

Poinsettias For Sale

Until December 1st



POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Poinsettia Sales will conclude this weekend.

Cost: \$20 for the small (8" Poinsettia) and \$25 for the large (10")

Colours: red, white, pink and tricolours

For those who have placed an order, delivery will take place the weekend of December 14/15.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

SUNDAY, December 1st, 2019 at 3 pm



All Are Welcome!

14th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

Sunday, December 1st at 3 pm

For a wonderful start to the Advent season, come and watch the children of our parish perform the Christmas story and listen to some beautiful Christmas music performed by the Choirs. No charge to attend.

EDGE Night

December 6th from 7 pm to 9 pm

We welcome youth in **grades 5, 6, 7, and 8** to join us on **Friday, December 6th from 7 – 9 PM** in the Parish Hall.

For further information, please go to stmarkstouffville.ca or email our Youth Minister, Camille, at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.

Register Online at:

<https://stmarkschurch.breezechms.com/form/EDGE20192020>

Unglamorous Sponsorship Opportunities

Become a
SPONSOR!

Certain items are still needed for our newly renovated Church.

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the items

below, please contact the church office at 905-640-6954.

- **New Vacuum #1** \$ 3,300
- **New Vacuum #2** \$ 1,200
- **Tile Cleaner** \$ 1,000

The EDGE & High School Youth Ministry Presents St. Mark's Annual Café Night Friday, December 13th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm



**FREE ADMISSION • BEVERAGES
AND SNACKS PROVIDED**

Raffle tickets are being sold after
each Mass to win this year's
beautiful gift basket!

All proceeds will go to the EDGE & High School Youth Ministries. Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

Please contact stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com if you would like to: 1) Contribute any baked goods 2) Prepare a song to sing

St. Mark Parish Day of Confessions Saturday, December 14th

**Parish Confession Times:
9:30 am to 4:45 pm**



9:30 am – 10 am	Fr. Michael Hughes
10 am – 12 pm	Msgr. Conrad Dachuck
12 pm – 2 pm	Fr. Michael Hughes
2 pm – 4 pm	Fr. Leslie Tamas
4 pm – 4:45 pm	Fr. Michael Hughes

Light up the Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon

We invite all parishioners to select one of the candle tags that have suggested items for babies and their young mothers (ex. diapers, baby clothes etc.)



Between now and the December 14/15 weekend, we ask that you bring in what is written on the tag and drop it off underneath the tree.

You can then hang the candle tag on the tree to help light up the "Tree of Life."

All donations support the Rose of Sharon.

Thank You - St. Mark Squire Circle 5486

Building Guidelines

New Upstairs Washroom – The door might appear to be locked but it isn't. Please push to open. Once inside the washroom, push the red button on the wall to lock the door.

New Side Entrance Stairwell Lights – These are now set to come on automatically with a motion sensor. Please **do not** use the switch to turn them on or off.

Carmel of the Infant Jesus

We are blessed to have the cloistered Carmelite Nuns located close to us in Zephyr. Please pick up one of their pamphlets in the foyer on the back table. It contains a Christmas Novena and information about the convent.

Please also consider sending them a donation.

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