



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
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

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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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 17th @ 7:00 pm

Living & Deceased Members of Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
Deveaux Family req. by Fr. Michael
Fr. Leslie Tamas req. by Fr. Michael

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa
† Fortunata Cianflone req. by Bev Shewchuk

Wednesday, December 18th @ 8:30 am

† Kelly and Magher Families req. by Geraldine & Francis

Thursday, December 19th @ 8:30 am

† Mary Connie Carrow req. by Frank and Antonietta
Ignagni and Family

Friday, December 20th @ 7:00 pm

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael
† Teresa Shaw req. by Parents
† Jerry Zuis req. by Fr. Michael
† Fr. Silvio req. by Stephanie Bruno

Saturday, December 21st

@ 9:00 am

† Patrick Alostos Martil req. by Francesca DeCaro & Family
† Raph Fitzgerald req. by Joan and Family
† Jean Bull req. by Emilio and Mary Benincasa
Fr. Timothy Harrison and Intentions of Family req. by Paul and Pat McGuire
† Gayle B. Dawe req. by Mrs. Ortiz

@ 5:00 pm

† Antonio, Angelina & Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary Di Pasqua

Sunday, December 22nd

@ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

† Dino and Pasqualina Raponi req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi and Family

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



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St. Mark's Conference

Know of a neighbour in need?

905-640-6954 ex.3

Preparing Ourselves for Christ



Gaudette Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trails of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

Retrouvaille Weekend

Friday, January 24 to Sunday, January 26

Help for Troubled Marriages

If you are thinking of separation or divorce – or you are already separated but want to try again – then Retrouvaille can help. This program will give you the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will also give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Held in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Friday, January 24th at 6 pm to

Sunday, January 26th at 2 pm

Phone: 416-281-6007

Email: info@torontoretrovaille.com

Website: www.torontoretrovaille.com

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"See I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent?

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997**.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

EnCourage Toronto

Do you or does a loved one experience same-sex attraction? Courage & EnCourage provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity.

For more information on our meetings and events, see contact info below:

EnCourage: Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity. Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues
Phone: 416-928-5094

Email: encouragetoronto@yahoo.com

Courage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ. Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Belgrave
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Email: couragetoronto@yahoo.ca

All inquiries are kept confidential.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

DECEMBER 15, 2019



Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, December 16th at 7 pm

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Monday, December 16th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall meeting room. All are welcome.

For information contact Deacon John at 905-294-4649

2019 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2019 donations on Sunday, December 29th, 2019



Any donations you wish to make for 2019 must be received by **December 29th, 2019.**

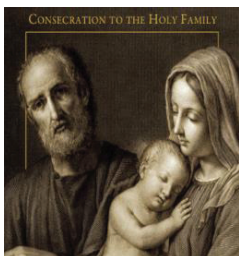
Anything after this date will apply to the 2020 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office before December 20th.

2020 Envelope Boxes



The 2020 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.

Knights of Columbus Consecration to the Holy Family



The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council would like to invite each family in our parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. The Knights will guide our parish to help us understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through his Church.

The Knights of Columbus will make announcements and distribute pamphlets on how to complete this Consecration next weekend after all the Masses.

Christmas Schedule 2019



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

- ◆ 4:30 pm Caroling
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 8:00 pm Caroling
- ◆ 8:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ 10:30 am Caroling
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

Church Office - Holiday Hours

December 24	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
December 25 and 26	Closed
December 27	Closed
December 31	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
January 1	Closed

EWTN Programming

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