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## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor

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## STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant

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Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

@ 9:00 am

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark's Families req. by Fr. Michael

@ 8:30 pm

† Niall Hamill req. by Fr. Michael

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

@ 9:00 am

† Cheryl McCulloch req. by Deacon Wayne

@ 11:00 am

† Barbara Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family

**Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

St. Mark's Deacons req. by Fr. Michael

**Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

† Leonor Cuenca Canaan req. by Cellie and Family

Thomas DeSouza req. by Leo & Deborah DeSouza

**Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

@ 9:00 am

† Natividad & Francisco Lomibao req. by Carlos and Emy DeAsis and Mars Family

† Jean Bull req. by Emilio and Mary Benincasa

† Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadri Family

† Ryan Bond req. by Joan and Family

† Mike & Beverley Semon req. by Ross & Pam May

@ 5:00 pm

The Unborn req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

@ 9:00 am

All Families req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

## Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

### Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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](http://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.

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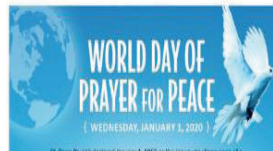
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## World Day of Prayer for Peace at Marylake Shrine of Our Lady of Grace

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**



Wednesday, January 1

9:00 AM 6:00 PM

Marylake Shrine

13760 Keele St., King City

Come anytime throughout the day and pray for yourself, your family and friends, our country, and our world, as we begin the new year of 2020.

St. Pope Paul VI declared January 1, 1968 as the inaugural observance of a World Day of Prayer for Peace to be held every January 1st.

"It is my desire that then, every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come."

- St. Pope Paul VI -

9:00 am: Holy Day of Obligation Mass - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:15 am: Rosary for Peace - Glorious Mysteries

12:15 pm: Rosary for Peace - Joyful Mysteries

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm: Praise and Worship

2:15 pm: Rosary for Peace - Luminous Mysteries

4:15 pm: Rosary for Peace - Sorrowful Mysteries

4:30 pm: Benediction

10:00 am - 11:00 am and 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm: Confessions

## Is God Calling You?

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins

**February 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at St. Isaac Jogues**



As part of Marriage Sunday celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you are celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to join in this special celebration with a reception to follow the Mass.

**Location:** St. Isaac Jogues, 1148 Finch Ave, Pickering

**Date and Time:** Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

**To register:** [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or call (416)934-3400 ext. 523

**PARISH WEBSITE** <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

# DECEMBER 22, 2019



## Pastor's Christmas Greeting



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the great celebration of Christmas, the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we are reminded of the love of God Our Father, who gave His only Son for our Salvation.

We are reminded of the God who keeps His Promises and will continue to do so, and of His loving plan of goodness for each one and all of us.

Who could have ever imagined a God so good and loving, who would give up everything and assume our human nature to show us both the way and be the way for us. Help us Lord to know and love you in return.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmas!

Fr. Michael

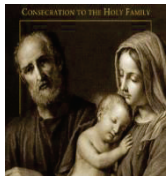


## Preparing Ourselves for Christ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



The great saints of the church speak of an intermediary coming of Christ, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us.

## 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.

The Knights of Columbus will make announcements and distribute pamphlets on how to complete this Consecration this weekend after all the Masses. Families will be invited to pray together each day throughout the week, as well as fast and go to confession, leading up to the Consecration weekend. The Consecration will take place on the weekend of December 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Michael or a member of the Knights of Columbus will lead the Consecration prayer at each of the Masses that weekend.

## 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, 26, 27 Closed

December 31 Open from 9 am to 12 pm

January 1 Closed

January 2 Open from 9 am to 12 pm

## 2019 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2019 donations on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019



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

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