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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 31st

@ 9:00 am

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
Mary Headon req. by Fr. Michael
Politicians and Leaders req. by Fr. Michael

@ 5:00 pm

In Thanksgiving to Mary, Mother of God req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11 pm Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass

Wednesday, January 1st New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

@ 10:00 am

The Universal Church req. by Fr. Michael

@ 12:00 pm

† Daniela Tiano req. by Anonymous

Thursday, January 2nd @ 8:30 am

Anne and Sean Monaghan req. by Fr. Michael

First Friday, January 3rd Holy Hour @ 7 pm and

Mass @ 8:00 pm

† Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Fortunata Cianflone req. by Ian & Ann Marie Munro

Saturday, January 4th

@ 9:00 am

† Avelino Caspe req. by Cherry Caspe

† Brian Cutt req. by Sinead Drury

† Jacques Bouchard req. by Peter Willan

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, January 5th

@ 9:00 am

† Clarita Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

@ 11:00 am

† Maria Di Biase and Pasquale & Giovanni Parente req. by Carmela & Tony Parente and Family

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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.

Saint Vincent de Paul



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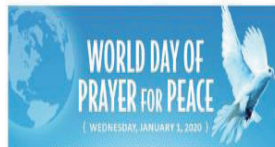
St. Mark's Conference

Know of a neighbour in need?

905-640-6954 ex.3

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2020



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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

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins

February 9th 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 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th 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 9th at 3 pm

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

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called 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

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

DECEMBER 29, 2019

A Family Built on Stewardship Feast of the Holy Family



On this feast, we are reminded that we should strive to be true stewards towards the members in our family, bearing their faults with love and sharing our gifts with them. One thing we can all grow in is sharing the gift of our time with our family, not just time together in the same room, but actual quality and intentional time with one another. Let us ask ourselves this week, how can we play our part in making our family more like the Holy Family in Nazareth?

Lectio Divina

Sunday, January 5th 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

From Atheist to Priest

Monday, January 6th from 7 pm to 9 pm

Theology on Tap

Date & Time: Monday, January 6 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Location: Le Spot Billiard Lounge, 4531 Sheppard Ave.E., 2nd floor, # 200, Scarborough

All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for Theology on Tap, an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics, with munchies provided — come and bring a friend!

CONTACT: Office of Catholic Youth

PHONE: 416-599-7676

EMAIL: youngadult@ocytoronto.org

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 Consecration will take place this weekend. Fr. Michael or a member of the Knights of Columbus will lead the Consecration prayer at each of the Masses.

Christmas Schedule 2019



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 Mass
- ◆ 12:00 noon Mass

Church Office - Holiday Hours

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 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 29th.

Raising Catholic Children

**By: Dorothy Pilarski, Founder of
CatholicMomsGroup.com**

10 Tips for Raising your Kids Catholic

- 1) Watch saint videos with your kids, and discuss them.
- 2) Take your children to different parishes like St. Michael's Cathedral.
- 3) Pray with your children and for your children.
- 4) Discuss spiritual books you are reading with your children.
- 5) When travelling, make a Catholic Church one of your very first stops, if not the very first stop.
- 6) Creatively establish that saints, the Church and being Catholic is cool. Tell young children that they have a guardian angel or tell older children about St. John Bosco's dreams to inspire them.
- 7) Establish relationships with families that practice their faith. Children need peer-faith relationships.
- 8) Place a religious article, statue, crucifix, etc. in every room.
- 9) Have your house blessed. Invite a priest over when you are having a party, wedding, lunch, anniversary, etc.
- 10) Maintain parental authority. When it comes to Sunday Mass, there is no choice.

Please remember St. Mark's Church in your will.

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