



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
Lisa Baker-Admin. Asst.
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.
Lad Mehes - Custodian

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
JULY & AUGUST
9 am - 12 noon
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
Wed. & Thurs. - 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
-11:00 am
-12:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration &
Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all new parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

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
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Finance Committee
- Funeral Luncheon Committee
- Knights of Columbus
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- Ministry of Hospitality
- Parish Council
- Parish Music Ministry
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- Sacramental Preparation
- Squires
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Women's Ministry
- Youth Ministry

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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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions For The Week

- Monday, December 8th @ 7:30 pm**
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- Tuesday, December 9th @ 7:00 pm**
† Emelda Lim req. by Lim Family
† Isagani Rivera req. by Lim Family
Intentions of Bernice D'Souza req. by
Phyllis Casados
- Wednesday, December 10th @ 8:30 am**
† Pina and Vince Mazzeo req. by Michelle
Mazzeo
- Thursday, December 11th @ 8:30 am**
Thanksgiving for favour received req. by
Damiana McQuiggie
- Friday, December 12th @ 7:00 pm**
† For the Unborn req. by Fr. Michael
- Saturday, December 13th @ 9:00 am**
Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &
McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
Bishop Boissonneau req. by Fr. Michael
- † Aurelio Jurado req. by Rodol Jurado
† Noel Kearins req. by Fr. Michael
† Paul Kelly req. by Joan Murphy
@ 5:00 pm
† Margaret and Andy Bell req. by Tracy
Morrison and David Bell
- Sunday, December 14th @ 9:00 am**
St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
@ 11:00 am
† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro
@ 12:30 pm
† Angelo De Palma req. by Parente Family

Vocations

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997** or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Pray For The Sick

Beverly Semon, Darrel Boddington, Lynda Ticknor,
Debbie Beauchamp & Douglas Ciceri Sr.

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Otto Erkinger and Cahal Stewart

Sunday Missals

The 2015 Sunday Missals are available
in the foyer of the church for \$5.

Christmas Schedule 2014



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

- ◆ 4:30 pm Caroling
(Voices of Glory Choir)
- ◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 7:30 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 9:30 pm Caroling (St. Mark's Choir)
- ◆ 10:00 pm Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2014

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

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

Thursday, January 1, 2014

- ◆ 10:00 am
- ◆ 12:00 noon

We Belong To God

You and I are called to BELONG to Jesus Christ by making a concrete commitment/renewing our commitment to Jesus as our personal Saviour!

Experience more at our website:

<http://stmarkstouffville.ca> under the heading
"I BELONG" or e-mail: stmarkibelong@bellnet.ca

2013 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2014 donations on
Monday, December 29th, 2014

Any donations you wish to make for 2014 must be received by this date. Anything after this date will apply to the 2015 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes to be made, please contact the office before December 20th.

Prayer Box

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS-Please place your prayer request in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Mark

Pulpit Announcements

To arrange for your Ministry Group to make an announcement after Mass, please contact the church office **at least two weeks in advance.**

DECEMBER 7, 2014

Light Up the Tree of Life

December

Christmas is fast approaching, and as is tradition, the St. Mark Squires will be conducting their Light Up the Tree of Life Advent Fundraiser. In the foyer, the Squires have set up a tree. We invite all parishioners to select one or more of the candle tags that have suggested items for babies and their young mothers (ex. diapers, baby clothes etc.) **By the December 20/21st weekend, we ask that you bring 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

Chalice Mission Appeal

December 6th and 7th

Please welcome Deacon Philip Allard who will speak about **CHALICE**, a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. www.chalice.ca

Christmas Pageant & Concert

December 7th at 3 pm

Please join us for the St. Mark's 9th ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT



All the children have worked very hard to bring us this beautiful story about the true meaning of Christmas!

Please come and support our young performers in this wonderful Parish Event! Everyone is invited after the Pageant to the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th at 7:30 pm

Please join us for mass on the evening of Monday, December 8th to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with the full choir.

Correction: Please note the mass will begin at 7:30 pm not 7pm as printed in last week's bulletin.

The Flame of Love Prayer Group

December 9th at 3 pm

Pray with us each Tuesday at 3:00 pm in St. Anne's Room. Meditated rosary and other prayers for the salvation of souls. For more information, please **contact Jeanette Woodley at 905-640-7884.**

Charismatic Prayer Group

December 9th at 7:30 pm

Our Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday. The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone welcome

St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

December 13th

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

9:30 am – 10 am	Fr. Michael
10 am – 12 noon	Msgr. Conrad Dachuck
12 noon – 1 pm	Fr. Michael
1 pm – 2 pm	Fr. Leslie Tamas
2 pm – 4 pm	Fr. Jacob Mado
4 pm – 4:45 pm	Fr. Michael

Pray Out the Old Year

Pray in the New Year

December 31st 11 pm

St. Mark's Parish will host a Holy Hour for the last hour of 2014. We will then commence the New Year celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Mark the date on your calendar and start the New Year with Jesus by your side.

Steubenville Youth Conference

August 7 – 9, 2015

The Steubenville Conference will be returning to Toronto from August 7 – 9, 2015. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2015 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2015 can attend this exciting conference. **Registration forms can be found in the church foyer.** A non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be paid when booking a spot. Please visit the website www.steubenvilletoronto.com for further details.

First Reconciliation

The children of our parish who are participating in the First Communion preparation program have all recently received the sacrament of First Reconciliation. We ask our Church community to remember these special children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey in to the New Year, when they will begin preparing for their First Communion. Thank you.

Café Night

Thank you to our Youth Ministry Leaders and members for putting on a wonderful family event for our parish. The musical entertainment was outstanding and it was a very enjoyable evening for all. Thank you to all those who supported our Youth by attending or purchasing a raffle ticket. A total of \$660 was raised to help our Youth in their future events and Youth Ministry nights.

Congratulations to the winner of the iPad Mini!!!

Antonietta Ignagni

Financial Feasibility Executive Study Report

To see a copy of the recently released Church Building Expansion, Financial Feasibility Executive Study Report produced by the fundraising firm, M&M International, please see our parish website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca under the Church Expansion heading.

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