



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

## STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator  
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant  
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister  
Lad Mehes - Custodian  
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant  
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9 am - 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12-1pm  
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, 12:30 pm

### 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 8:30 - 8:55 am  
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)

**Holy Hour**  
(Thursday 9 - 10:00 am)

**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.

## COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-

**BOUND**  
Please call Parish Office.

## 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  
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

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T: 416-968-0997  
W: [vocationtoronto.ca](http://vocationtoronto.ca)

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: [archtoronto.org](http://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 SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

- Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**  
 Teresa McCarthy req. by Fr. Michael  
 Pat Hanratty req. by Fr. Michael  
 † Teresa Shaw req. by Parents
- Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:30 am**  
 Brito Family req. by Fr. Michael
- Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:30 am**  
**and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**  
 † Pope Francis req. by Fr. Michael
- Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm**  
**and Mass @ 7:30 pm**  
 † Jani Stipceovich req. by Milka Stipceovich  
 God the Father req. by Antonietta Campanale
- Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**  
 Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael  
 † Roger Davey req. by Fr. Michael  
 † Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon  
 Fr. Michael Hughes req. by Anonymous
- @ 5:00 pm**  
 † Orlando Mireni req. by Anonymous
- Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**  
 † Gioconda Ronco req. by Emilio Ronco
- @ 11:00 am**  
 † Girolamo Montanari req. by Maria Montanari and Family
- @ 12:30 pm**  
 St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael



## Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997 or by email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## Respect Life

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having rights of a person among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church -

## World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm



## Worship Service

“All God’s Creation is Very Good!”

On the first Friday of March each year, Christians of many traditions gather for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice.

Location: Lemonville United Church  
13523 McCowan Road

## Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 5:30 pm  
Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
255 Front St. W., Toronto



This Year’s Theme:

**Fire on the Earth (Luke 12:49)**

Featuring: Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield

Mass to be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and youth Mass celebrated by Bishop Scott McCaig; there is a separate youth event (13 to 18 years) with great music, talks and skits.

Cost: \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth

Website: [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca)

## Development and Peace Justice Petitions Make A Difference

In 2014, many parishes signed petitions that called specifically for mining justice, including the establishment of an independent ombudsperson.

On Jan. 17, 2018, the Federal Government announced the creation of the **Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE)**. This office will help to ensure that the voices of people in the Global South who allege their human rights are violated by Canadian companies are heard. It will investigate allegations of abuse and make its findings public. The mandate will expand beyond extractives, like mining, oil, and gas, to include the garment industry, and eventually cover all business sectors operating internationally.

Through Development and Peace, the Catholic Church exercises her voice for justice. Many St. Mark’s parishioners participated in the 2014 campaign.

IF YOU SIGNED THAT PETITION  
YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

**Thank You For Your Generosity**

**Weekly Offering \$ 5,082**

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

# FEBRUARY 18, 2018



## Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife agencies

"As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to "Live the Gospel" in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community?

Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For more than 41 years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!"  
—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto—

**March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

## Coins for Life 2018



The St. Mark's Squires will be handing out Coins for Life boxes on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Your small change can lead to a BIG change and does help to save countless innocent lives. God's preborn

children in the womb have no voice but ours. Every life from conception to natural death, which God created, is sacred and no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death, we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this *'little project' for life*.

Coins for Life Boxes will be collected after Easter.

## Women's Ministry Meeting

**Monday, February 26 at 7:30 pm**



Please join us at this month's meeting for Movie Night and Rosary Making. We will be airing a movie called "Miracle Maker," which is a heartwarming story of love, forgiveness and kindness to others. The preacher in the movie says, "Miracles can be anywhere. All we have to do is look." Although Matthew, the stranger in town, plants simple seeds, miracles start to happen. Everyone can learn from this story about being kind, helping others and believing in miracles. While watching the movie, we will be making rosaries to replenish the ones offered for use in the Church foyer. And, as always, there will be snacks: popcorn, treats and more.

Please join us, and bring a friend! For more information, please contact the Women's Ministry at [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com), or connect with us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarksWomensMinistry/>

## St. Mark's Pasta Night

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm**



**Come and enjoy a delicious meal!**

Penne Pasta, Home Made Sausage & Meatballs, Cold Cuts, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

**Adults \$15 Youth \$8 10 & under \$5**

Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks and Water available for purchase

**Tickets will be sold after the weekend masses**

For information call Charles Barnes at 905-640-8230.

## Best Lent Ever Email Program

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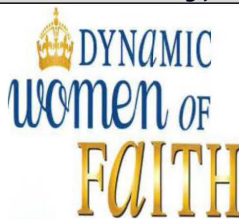
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It's a free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. To sign up go to:

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

## Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 4 pm**



**Topics to Include:**

- Watch and Pray
- Our Recipe for Faith
- R U a Digital Catholic?
- New Age and Occult Attraction
- Discover Your Authentic Self

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**Register at: [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)**

## Dynamic Women of Faith

**SPECIAL EVENING FOR MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS**

**Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 pm to 10 pm**

## CALLING ALL GIRLS

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