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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
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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

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751 Hoover Park Dr.
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St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
T: 416-968-0997
W: vocationtoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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!

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 13th @ 7:00 pm

Dylan Carroll req. by Fr. Michael

- † Rocco Campanale req. by Antonietta Campanale
- Mark Loback req. by Sanchez Family

Wednesday, February 14th Ash Wednesday @ 8:30 am

Bannon Family req. by Fr. Michael

@ 7:30 pm

For a deeper spiritual conversion for our parishioners req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, February 15th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Ronald Carins req. by Larry Tumino

Friday, February 16th Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

For Repentance and Conversion req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, February 17th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

- † Al Lowe req. by Fr. Michael

For the Madonna req. by Antonietta Campanale

@ 5:00 pm

- † Mary McLaughlin req. by Munro Family

Sunday, February 18th @ 9:00 am

- † Frank Ronco req. by Emilio Ronco

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 12:30 pm

- † Dino Raponi req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi

Theology on Tap: Transubstantiation

Monday, February 12th at 7 pm

Boston Pizza, 400 Progress Ave

Hey Young Adults! Ages 19 – 39

Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth and the local parishes invite you to join us for an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics! Munchies provided, cash bar available – come and bring a friend.

Special guest: Fr. Michael McGourty, Pastor, St. Peter's Parish.

For more information, contact OCY at youth@ocytoronto.org or 416-599-7676.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk

Saturday, February 24th



Accomplish something remarkable by doing something ordinary!

Walk with us in Stouffville on **Saturday, February 24th.**

Registration begins at 4pm at

Eastridge Missionary Church. The Coldest Night of the Year walk is a super-fun, family-friendly fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless, and hurting across Canada. **For pledge forms and further information, go to cnoy.org.**

To volunteer to cook a crockpot of chili for the participants, contact the Church office at 905-640-6954.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 3rd 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



Lenten Stations of the Cross

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

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. 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.

Sunday Humour

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,629

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

Faith and Science Lecture

Thursday, March 8 at 7 pm, Newman Centre

Topic: The Role of Christianity in the Development of Modern Science

Speaker: Dr. Stacy Trasancos

Location: Newman Centre, 89 St. George St., Toronto

Doors open at 6:30 pm, reception to follow

Register at:

<https://christianityandmodernscience.eventbrite.ca>

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Building Permit Approved



Our prayers have been answered! The town has advised us that our building permit application is approved and the permit is ready to be issued whenever we are ready to proceed.

2017 Tax Receipts

February 10th/11th

2017 Tax Receipts can be picked up in the church foyer after Mass on February 10 & 11.

Recollection for Women

February 12, 2018 at St. Mark's Church

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life.

Date: February 12, 2018, Confession: 7:00 pm

Talks given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Ash Wednesday

February 14th - Mass at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm



This is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 – 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

Parish Movie Night

Saturday, February 17th



This month's movie (double feature):

Veil of Tears - Hope is on the Way

This gripping documentary tells the untold story of millions of women in India who are culturally persecuted for no other reason than the fact they are women. However, despite the centuries of oppression, there are those who are reaching out and trying to make a change. See what happens when Christian volunteers come into these communities and change the lives of these women forever.

Cambodia Deployment 2012

The Canadian International Search and Rescue Team was documented while in Cambodia in 2012. Sylvia Usling will accompany this team when they revisit the same community in March of this year to distribute water filters, plant Moringa trees, dig 5 wells, repair an orphanage and a school and assist in a medical/dental clinic.

Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm
Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 110 minutes

Coins for Life 2018



Would your family put aside your townies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada?**

If so, the St. Mark's Squires will be handing out Coins for Life boxes on February 17th and 18th.

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.

St. Mark's Pasta Night

Saturday, March 3rd 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.

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<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

Catholic School Support Declaration

Attention Parishioners:

To help nurture the gift of Catholic Education in the years to come, we ask for the support of every member of our Catholic community. Please verify that your tax support is directed to the **English-Language Separate** District Board.

- Call the **Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)** at 1-866-296-6722, or visit www.mpac.ca.
- If needed, you may get an *Application for Direction of School Support* by calling the York Catholic District School Board Admissions Office at 905-713-2711, or visiting www.ycdsb.ca.

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