



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor  
Deacon John Schwarzbauer  
Deacon Wayne McCulloch  
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister

## STAFF

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## 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  
Sunday - 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 - 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. 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  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
Lectors  
Media Stand & Bookstall  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
Parish Music 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 LENT



## Mass Intentions For The Week

### Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 pm

- † John Stipceвич req. by Milka Stipceвич
- † Maria DiFalco req. by Joanne Lato and Family
- † Tony Daly req. by Fr. Michael
- † Ignace Sarahat req. by Yolande Zogheib
- † Anna Maria Lentinello req. by Cora Vitale

### Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

- † Orlando Mireni req. by Anonymous

### Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

- † Mary Abbott req. by John and Yoke Lan Seck

### Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

- † Lorraine Matthews req. by Harry and Barbara Renaud

### Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

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

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
- † Trevor O'Connor req. by Josh Stefoff
- † Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon
- † Teresa Shaw req. by Elizabeth and Domenic Flagello

**@ 5:00 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

### Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

- † Aldo Nardi req. by Angela and Domenic Di Bernardo

**@ 11:00 am**

- † Tosca Meiorin req. by Family

**@ 12:30 pm**

Biagio and Maria Ferri, for the intention of their wedding anniversary req. by Maria Ferri

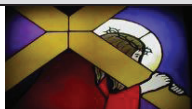
## Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Phyllis Hillick, Roland Evelyn, Art Michea, Theresa McLuskie Michelle Trentadue (daughter-in-law of Alba and Steve)

## Lenten Stations of the Cross



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

## The New Evangelization Summit

An international event that will inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the *New Evangelization* April 15 – 16, 2016 in Ottawa

For information go to: [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 8,644 Ash Wednesday \$ 2,415

## Stouffville Community Prayer Meeting

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8:30 pm**

You are invited to join with other Christians living in Stouffville to worship and pray for the needs of our community. Meeting to take place at the **WS Town Hall Council Chambers at 111 Sandiford Dr., Stouffville.**

## World Day of Prayer

**Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm**

*Eastridge Evangelical Missionary Church*

12485 Tenth Line, Stouffville, Phone # 905-640-3911

Special Speaker: Ruth Ann Elliott, Camino Global

Featured country of focus is Cuba and the theme is

"Receive children, Receive me"

## A Night of Musical Entertainment

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm**

*In partnership with St. Mark's Church, O'Neill Funeral Home is hosting a night of musical entertainment in support of a Syrian refugee family. O'Neill Funeral Home, 6324 Main St., Stouffville*

Light Refreshments will be served.

Open to the public. Cash donations for the family as well as donations to the Stouffville Food Bank are welcome.

## Lift Jesus Higher Rally

**March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5:30 pm**

24<sup>th</sup> annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

**North Building, Lower Level, 255 Front St. W., Toronto**

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

**Cost: Adults \$20, Youth (ages 13 – 18) \$15, Children \$5**

## Workshop on the Art of Discernment

**March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4:30 pm**

Given by men and women religious and a married couple.

Place: Loretto College, 70 St. Mary St., Toronto

Suggested donation: \$25 (lunch included)

Register: [fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca](mailto:fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca) or 416-467-8070 ext. 2691



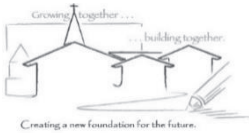
**Working wonders for those entering the priesthood...**

"I am aware that what is given to me here is because of the generosity of many benefactors, including ShareLife, to whom I am very grateful. Last year, I graduated from Philosophy at St. Philip Neri Oratory with Summa Cum Laude, and this would not have been possible without the contribution of many benefactors. I am sure that whatever is given to me is for the sake of the mission that the Lord is preparing for me, and I thank ShareLife for their generous contribution to the work that God has prepared for me." Simon Ibrahim, Redemptoris Mater seminarian. At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, St. Augustine's and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations for the priesthood and inspire discernment for God's call. Last year ShareLife helped support 80 seminarians in their formation studies.

Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday Please give generously. You can work wonders!

# FEBRUARY 21, 2016

## FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



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## DID WE MISS YOU?

### DID YOU RECEIVE AN INFORMATION PACKAGE ABOUT OUR EXCITING EXPANSION?

If you did not, there will be a package waiting for you next weekend after Mass. Come see us in the foyer! We want to reach out to every member of our parish.

Questions? Email us at: [stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca)

## ALPHA Participants

Is there more to life than this?  
Does God Exist?

Looking To Ignite Your Faith?

Would you like to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open environment?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

*Join us on Tuesdays starting April 5th  
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## ALPHA Volunteers

*Has the Holy Spirit blessed you with the gift of hospitality  
to welcome newcomers and guests?*

*Do you have skills in administration?*

*Can you cook and/or bake?*

*Are you willing to help with set up and/or clean up?*

*Can you help people feel included in group discussions?  
...then we need you!*

Please consider giving your time and talents as a volunteer for our first ALPHA program at St. Mark Church. Visit our ALPHA table at the back of the church to sign up. **Volunteer training sessions will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm.** For more information, contact Connie Quadrini at #416-319-0021.

## St. Mark's Women's Recollection

**Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

The recollection includes 2 meditations by a priest of Opus Dei, a talk on living the Christian life in the middle of the world, an examination of conscience and an opportunity for confession beginning at 7 pm.



## Charismatic Prayer Group

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm**

Our Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday in the St. Anne's Room (next meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup>). The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

## St. Mark's Pasta Night

**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</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**

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

For information call Charles Barnes at 905-640-8230

## Women's Ministry Meeting

**Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**HOME MADE PIZZA DINNER**

Beat the cold of winter by coming out for fellowship and a fantastic dinner. We will start our meeting earlier – at 6:30pm - as we will be enjoying a full meal of homemade pizza, salad and dessert. We will also be making rosaries. **Come out and join us...and bring a friend!**

*If you need a ride to the meeting,*

*contact Bernice van Herpt at [bvanherpt@rogers.com](mailto:bvanherpt@rogers.com)*

## Day of Confessions at St. Mark

**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm**



9:30 am – 10:00 am

Fr. Michael Hughes

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Msgr Conrad Dachuck

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Fr. Michael Hughes

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

To be advised

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fr. Bill Burns

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Fr. Michael Hughes

## Our Thanks for

**The R. Michael Shewchuk Memorial Library**

Our thanks to the Shewchuk and Usling families who have turned this great idea into a reality for which we are most grateful. Our thanks also to the Usling family for the truly magnificent new library cabinet which will house the wonderful array of Catholic resources, books, CDs, etc. which are now available on loan to feed and nourish our family of faith. May the Good Lord bless you for your great faith and charity. Thank you very much. Fr. Michael

## Book of the Month

R. Michael Shewchuk Memorial Library book of the month:

**Children's Book: *The Clown of God* by Tomie de Paula**

**Adult Book: *Rome Sweet Home* by Scott Hahn**

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**This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.**

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