



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. Asst.
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister
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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
Weekly Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
(with Children's Liturgy)
- 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)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy
(Before Friday 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

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Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 24th @ 7:00 pm

- † Fr. Roy Thoms req. by Fr. Michael
- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Ida Altomare
- † Elvira Lupo req. by Anonymous

Wednesday, January 25th @ 8:30 am

In Thanksgiving req. by Peter Willan

Thursday, January 26th @ 8:30 am

Juan Bautista req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, January 27th @ 7:00 pm

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, January 28th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon

† Fiorina Castriota req. by Adele Castriota & Family

† David Diliddo req. by Carmen Diliddo & Family

@ 5:00 pm

† Antonietta Mirabella req. by Josie and Nina

Sunday, January 29th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

† Hugo Biondi req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti

@ 12:30 pm

Intention of Anne Mary Bijo req. by Parents

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Paola Malandrino, Filomena Di Santo

Is God Calling You?

“Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? **If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org**

Coldest Night of the Year Walk Saturday, February 25th



Accomplish something remarkable by doing something ordinary!

Walk with us on Saturday, February 25, 2017 in the Coldest Night of the Year, a super-fun,

family-friendly fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless, and hurting across Canada.

For further information, go to cnoy.org

Thank You For Your Generosity

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Mark Your Calendars

The New Evangelization Summit is coming
May 12th and 13th, 2017

Watch for further information in upcoming bulletins.

Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

**St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her
Testimonies from the process of beatification**

Edited and translated by Christopher O'Mahony.
Published by Veritas Publications.

“She seemed so perfect to me from her very first years in religion that I have never been aware of the progress she speaks of when she writes: ‘When I look back on my novitiate days, how obvious my imperfection becomes!’ This imperfection was obvious only to herself. As far as I could see, she was always intent on pleasing God. She never complained about anything that made her suffer.

With her, interior or exterior trials did not cause any lessening in the generosity of her efforts: it was when she was gayest at recreation, or working hardest, that one could guess there was something wrong. One day I asked her why she looked so exceptionally gay. ‘Because I’m suffering,’ she said, ‘and nothing gives me so much joy as suffering.’” – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese’s sister and prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

25th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto
Saturday, March 4 from 9 am to 5:30 pm



Join us for the largest single-day Catholic event in Canada! Hear inspired testimonies and talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. There will be a Eucharistic Adoration procession and Holy Mass with Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will also be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks, inspirational skits, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass with Bishop Scott.

For information and ticket sales:

WEB: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

EMAIL: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

On behalf of the St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul committee, we thank parishioners for their very generous Christmas Collection cheque, in the amount of \$3,185.90. This is a tremendous indication of how much parishioners care about the less fortunate in our community. The cheque will go a long way towards providing support to our clients in the coming year. St. Mark's continues to demonstrate its support for SVDP all year round as well, through ongoing contributions to the Poor Box, and through other fund raising events.

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JANUARY 22, 2017

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**OPENING
OF THE
WORD**

ORDINARY TIME WEEKS 1-8
YEAR A

Prepare for Mass with the Sunday Readings

Use "Opening the Word" and spend 5-10 minutes listening to the insights of the upcoming Sunday readings. Discuss them with your family.

**Utilize this great resource to discover
more about your Catholic faith!**

It's easy to get started!

- Go to formed.org
- Scroll down and Click on Register
- Create your Free account by entering the Parish Code and your email address
- Our Parish Code is **7FF83T**

If you require technical help, please call the Parish Care Team toll free at 1-844-367-6331.

**This amazing free gift subscription will only last until
Easter weekend so don't delay register today!**

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 25th from 7 pm to 9 pm



The first preparatory Confirmation class will take place on Wednesday, January 25th in the Parish Hall at 7 pm.

**Alpha Registration
Now Open**

Alpha is starting January 31, 2017!

The online registration form can be accessed from the home page of our parish website at

**www.stmarkstouffville.ca or
directly at the following link**

<http://tinyurl.com/StMarkALPHA2017-WS>

There are also paper copies of the registration form in the foyer at the bookstall.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, January 30th at 7:30 pm

"Soup and Small Group"

This month, we will be having a soup and small group night, to talk about how prayer and worship help us to discern how to deal with difficult times in our life. We hope you will join us as we gather to share a warm bowl of homemade soup, fellowship and prayer. Please RSVP for this meeting by

Friday, January 27, 2017, to

stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com.

We hope you'll come out...and bring a friend!

Change to Mass Time and Holy Hour

On Friday, February 3rd

Schedule for Friday, February 3rd

Holy Hour 6 pm to 7 pm

Mass at 7 pm

* This scheduling adjustment has been made for
February 3rd because of the Dinner Dance *

Blessed Candles for Your Home



Candlemass candles will be available for purchase in the church foyer at a cost of \$3 each beginning on January 28. These candles are traditionally blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Bring your candles for blessing to the mass on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:30 pm.

St. Mark's Dinner Dance

Friday, February 3rd

*Dinner
Dance*

When: Friday February 3rd, 2017

Where: Royal Canadian Legion Banquet Hall
150 Mostar Street, Stouffville

Time: Reception 6:30,
Fabulous Buffet Dinner 7:30,
Dancing till Midnight

Tickets: \$40.00 for Adults

\$25.00 for Youth (High school & up)

Please come join us to celebrate the wonderful success of our Church Expansion campaign, and meet some great new parishioners.

Tickets will be on sale in the foyer after each mass, or call Charles Barnes @ 905 640 8230.

Building Expansion Corporate Donor

We would like to sincerely thank the following business for their generous contributions to our Parish Building Expansion Fund. With their donations they are contributing to the future of our parish growth.

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