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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

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751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

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223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

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

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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!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 30th @ 7:00 pm

- † Corey Hay req. by Hay Family
- † Teresa Shaw req. by Parents
- † Sergio Conzil req. by Sig and Teresa Kusatz

Wednesday, January 31st @ 8:30 am

Mehes, Achong, Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, February 1st @ 8:30 am

and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Seamus Magill req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, February 2nd Holy Hour @ 7pm, Mass 8pm

The Presentation of the Lord

- † Philip Haley req. by Bruce Orr
- † Brian McGuire req. by Bev Shewchuk
- In Thanksgiving req. by Candy Pajarillo

Saturday, February 3rd

@ 9:00 am

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

- † Pierotti and Biondi Families req. by Ossi and Anna Marie Pierotti

- † Felix Camposano Sr. req. by Don & Susan Dizon

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, February 4th

@ 9:00 am

- † Josephine and Raffaele Presta req. by DiBernardo Family

@ 11:00 am

- † Raffael and Victorio Guzzo req. by Angela Colosimo and Family

@ 12:30 pm

Sam Smiderle req. by Martha Robertson

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**,

Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto
at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.

ProLife News

Irish bishop: 'Abortion ends the life of an unborn girl or boy,' it shouldn't be legal

Read the full article here:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/all/date/2018/01/08#article-irish-bishop-abortion-ends-the-life-of-an-unborn-girl-or-boy-it-shouldnt-be>

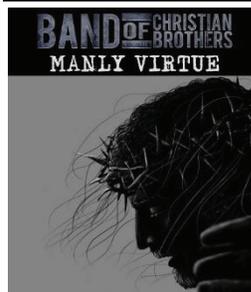
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Weekly Offering

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Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

Saturday, February 24th



One Day Intensive

Men's Retreat

consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer.

The theme is "Manly Virtue".

Date: Saturday, February 24th

Time: 9 am to 4:30 pm

Location: Canadian Christian College

50 Gervais Dr., Toronto

General Admission: \$45 Father/Son Admission: \$36

Information: www.serviamministries.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

March 2nd to 4th in Mississauga

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage!

Spend a very special weekend together.

A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Date: March 2-4, 2018

Location: Four Points by Sheraton, Argentia Rd., Mississauga

For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact:

Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

Marylake Mardi Gras Mass

Saturday, February 10th at 5 pm

The Augustinian Community at Marylake

would like to invite you to a

Mardi Gras Eucharistic Celebration!

A concert will follow the Mass, and Traditional Shrove pancakes, sausages and refreshments will be served.

The music will be provided by the Red Peppers Dixieland Jazz Band and the vocals by the Villanova College Jazz Choir.

Bring the whole family and experience this wonderful, uplifting Eucharistic Celebration in preparation for Lent.

Location: 13760 Keele St., King City

www.marylake.com

JANUARY 28, 2018

Moveable Feasts for 2018

February 14th – Ash Wednesday
(beginning of the Lenten Season)

April 1st – Easter Sunday

May 13th – Ascension of our Lord Jesus

May 20th – Feast of Pentecost

June 3rd – Corpus Christi

December 2nd – First Sunday of Advent

Blessed Candles for Your Home



Candlemass candles are now available for purchase in the church foyer at a cost of **\$3 each**. These candles are traditionally blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. **Bring your candles for blessing to the Mass on Friday, February 2nd (7 pm Holy Hour and 8 pm Mass).**

Women's Ministry Meeting

January 29th at 6:30 pm



Our January meeting is gearing up to be another exciting (and yummy) one so we hope you'll join us. Please join us on Monday, January 29 at 6:30PM for fun and camaraderie, and some homemade lasagna with all the fixings.

We're bringing back a favourite from last year - Catholic Word Games! Test your knowledge, learn something new, help teach others something they may not have known or forgot they knew. Have fun while learning to feel more comfortable and confident in your faith and the mass, and strengthen your abilities to defend your faith when challenged or asked questions.

We hope to see you there!

And of course, bring a friend or two.

For more information, please contact the Women's Ministry at stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com.

Visit us on Facebook for Women's Ministry news @ <https://www.facebook.com/StMarksWomensMinistry>.

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 31st

The first preparatory Confirmation class will take place on Wednesday, January 31st in the Parish Hall.

Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm



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

Beloved: Marriage Course

February 15, March 1 and April 19

Thinking about getting married?

Newly wed?

Married outside the church?

Married for many years and need some invigoration?

This Course is for you!

Classes will be in video format.

Because marriage is a personal matter there will be no formal small group discussion.

Class Dates: February 15, March 1, April 19

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: St. Mark's Church, Parish Hall

No cost to attend. Spaces are limited.

Sign up sheet located at the bookstall in the foyer.

"A Little Way to Pray" e-book

written by Monica McConkey



"A Little Way to Pray" is a 14 page e-book with thoughtful reflections and practical tips for personal prayer as well as printable Pocket Prayer Prompts.

The e-book includes different approaches to prayer that are guaranteed to get us praying when we most need to!

You can download a free copy of this e-book at:
<http://armadei.com/product/little-way-to-pray/>

Enter Coupon Code: LittleWayStMark

Cooks Needed

Donna Dyck, from the Stouffville Restore, is coordinating the Coldest Night of the Year walk taking place in Oakville on February 24th at 4pm.

She is looking for 3 or more people from our parish to provide a crock pot of chili.

If you would like to help, please contact Lisa in the church office at 905-640-6954.

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