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NOVEMBER 2019 - JUNE 2020

PASTORAL TEAM

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

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Camille Herrera - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary

(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux

Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

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 or on our website.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Cancelled during construction.

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.
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St. Brendan's School
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VOCATIONS TORONTO

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W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

The Mass Intentions that have been booked for this week will continue to be offered by Fr. Michael in a private mass, along with the intention to ask God to bring an end to the COVID-19 virus.

Tuesday, March 31st

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael



Doug Gibson req. by Fr. Michael



Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa



Katie & Joseph Callahan req. by Ian & Ann Marie Munro



Julieta Morcno req. by Vertel-Cruz Family

Wednesday, April 1st



Domenico req. by Anonymous

Thursday, April 2nd



Celeste & Hugh Kivlichan req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, April 3rd



Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael



Anna & Joseph Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen



Costanzo Perruzza req. by Laura Rotondi



Restituta & Pasquale Panacci req. by Laura Rotondi

Saturday, April 4th

Thanksgiving req. by Ossi & Ann Pierotti



Avelino G. Caspe req. by Cherry Caspe



Banta Family req. by Mariel Banta



Domenica Lozito & Angelo De Palma req. by Carmela & Tony Parente & Family

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

5:00 pm



Cheryl McCulloch req. by Deacon Wayne

Sunday, April 5th

9:00 am Intention moved to April 3

11:00 am Intention moved to April 3

Is God Calling You?

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

"Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness." St. John Chrysostom

SL ShareLife



Due to COVID-19, the first ShareLife collection on March 29th has been postponed. However, our agencies continue to serve those in need. We are encouraging parishioners to give online at sharelife.org/donate.

Project Rachel



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POST-ABORTION HEALING

Do you need to rest your burden? We can help.

Call 416-629-8264 or email

ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org.

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Spiritual Communion

"When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a *spiritual communion*, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

ST. TERESA OF JESUS

How to make a Spiritual Communion

There is no formula but some recommendations are:

- Start with the sign of the Cross
- Read and reflect on the readings for Mass for the day
See <https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>
- Have a real desire to be united to Christ
- Acknowledge your sins and ask for forgiveness
- Receive Christ in your soul and pray an Act of Spiritual Communion
- Offer thanksgiving

St. Alphonsus Liguori's

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

MARCH 29, 2020

Message from Cardinal Collins



March 24, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

Email to all parishes

In order to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have already cancelled the public celebration of the sacraments, including the Eucharist. In view of the increased restrictions on public activity, **I am now asking you to close your church and any chapel, even for individual prayer, effective immediately.**

As of 11:59 p.m. Tuesday evening, parish offices should be closed to the public.

In Christ,

Thomas Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto

Support of Parish Offertory

In response to queries received from parishioners, here are the ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- **Mail** your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office at:
St. Mark's Church, 345 Glad Park Ave.
Stouffville, ON, L4A 1E4
- Contribute to the offertory by **credit card**.
Please go to:
<https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=413>
You will then be able to select our parish in the drop-down menu. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to our parish offertory or other special funds.
- Contribute through **pre-authorized giving**.
To obtain a registration form for pre-authorized giving, go to our parish website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca. The link for the form is located near the bottom of the Home page. Mail the completed form and a voided cheque to the parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.
- You can contribute to the offertory via **online banking**. To do this, the archdiocese will need to send you a unique account number. Please send an e-mail to campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email provide:
Your name, Address, Parish name, Municipality
You will be emailed account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to our parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to our offertory.



Pray the Rosary Daily

"I am Our Lady of the Rosary. Continue to say the Rosary every day."

Our Lady's words to the three Fatima children
(September 13, 1917)

Daily TV Mass



Mass is aired daily on **VisionTV**
at 8 am or on
Salt and Light at 11 am
- AND -

Daily Mass is also accessible
online at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/dailymtvmass>



WATCH OUR WEBSITE

**FOR PARISH AND
ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS UPDATES
AND BULLETINS**

www.stmarkstouffville.ca

St. Mark Facebook Page



This page has been created for our St. Mark's community to open a forum for connection and share news, but more importantly, for support.

Going forward, if you need help, begin your post with **#iso**. If you'd like to offer assistance to others, begin your post with **#offer**. This will make it easy for our members to find people who need assistance. Please share this with other St. Mark's Stouffville parish members on Facebook to enlarge our community.

Here is the link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarkschurchcommunity/>



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