



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.
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
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)
- 11:00 am
- 12:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

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)

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
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Parish Council
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RCIA
Sacramental Preparation
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St. Brendan's School
751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 7th @ 7:00 pm

- † Hugo Biondi req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti
- † Corey Hay req. by Family

Wednesday, March 8th @ 8:30 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario Ciardullo

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

- † Federico Cimone req. by Romano and MaryLou Acciaccaferri

Friday, March 10th, Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

- † Saveria D'Ascoli req. by Anonymous

Saturday, March 11th @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Sandy Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family
- † Mary Zettel req. by Anne Brubacher

@ 5:00 pm

- † Domenico Giusti req. by Giusti Family

Sunday, March 12th @ 9:00 am

- † Bob Smythe req. by Paul and Pat McGuire
- @ 11:00 am**
- † Philippe Gauthier req. by Gauthier Family
- @ 12:30 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Corey Hay, Stella Leon

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

Every Thursday morning from 9 am to 10 am, there is a Holy Hour at St. Mark's Church after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and spend some quiet time with our Lord.

Websites

For current and informative news articles, check out the following websites:

www.archtoronto.org

www.wordonfire.org

www.ewtnnews.com

www.lifesitenews.com

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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.

"Trust in God had become her special characteristic. She wrote, 'I know that God loves us more tenderly than any mother, and is a mother not always ready to forgive the involuntary little failings of her child?' She used to repeat happily St. John of the Cross saying: 'You obtain from God as much as you hope for.' She used also say that she had found a lift up to heaven, namely the arms of Jesus.

She found complete security in this trust and the misfortunes of this life could not terrify her anymore." –

Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Come and See Weekend

March 17 to 19 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact the Office of Vocations at: **416-968-0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org**
Location: St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

March 17 to 19 at Queen of Apostles Centre

A weekend of discovery...for 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.

Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Rd. Mississauga

Register online at: wwme.org

Contact: Gerard & Marge at 905-792-1925

Email: gerard.marge@rogers.com

Spiritual Warfare in Christian Life at St. Augustine's Seminary

Saturday, March 25th from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

**St. Augustine's Lay Spiritual Formation
Program Presents.....**

Spiritual Warfare in Christian Life

With Rev. Charles Anang, Director of Spiritual Formation
Includes Mass in the seminary chapel.

Topics: Spiritual Warfare in our Daily Lives

Ignatian Tools: Discernment of Spirits

Key Dispositions to Maintain

Location: St. Augustine's Seminary

2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough

Cost: \$50 (Lunch included)

Register online at: www.staugustines.on.ca

For Information: 416-261-7207 or ioft@sastoronto.org

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

MARCH 5, 2017

Lenten Stations of the Cross



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

Coins for Life 2017



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 **March 4th and 5th**.

Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land 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.



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, March 18th



This month's movie: The Staircase

The Staircase is a 1998 television film about the story of the spiral staircase, believed by some to be miraculously built, at the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The film stars Barbara Hershey as Mother Madalyn in charge of the Chapel and William Petersen as Joad, the traveling carpenter with spiritual talent as well as woodworking skill.

Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 95 minutes

Dynamic Women of Faith

Saturday, March 25th from 8 am to 4 pm

**Get inspired. Discover your mission.
Do something for God.**

The 8th Annual Conference for Catholic women will include talks on Call to Holiness, Why Minister to Moms and Finding Your Catholic Voice.

Cardinal Thomas Collins will be celebrating the opening Mass. There is also a mother-daughter event "Calling ALL Girls" the evening before.

Light Breakfast & Lunch included in the cost of \$60.

Register at: www.dynmaicwomenfaith.com

**Location: 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga
For Information call: 905-279-7702**

SAVE THE DATE St. Mark's Summer Camp

Kingdom Camp

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for Kingdom Camp at St. Mark's Church.

Children entering Grades 1 to 4

Program Dates: Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14

Children entering Grades 5 to 8

Program Dates: Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21

**** Registration information and further details will be Published in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks. ****

SL ShareLife

"Living the Gospel" by supporting ShareLife agencies...

As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to "Live the Gospel," in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an archdiocese we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world.

Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 41st anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season! — Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop

Join The "Call For Conscience"

Contact your Member of Provincial Parliament.

Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide in June 2016. Between June and December, 2016, more than 740 people across the country died from what is now being referred to as "medical aid in dying". Meanwhile, only 30% of Canadians have access to quality palliative care.

Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write to your MPP asking them to protect conscience rights.

Bereavement Support Group At St. Patrick's Parish in Markham

St. Patrick's Bereavement Support Group

For Adults over the age of 18.

**Meetings will be held weekly on Mondays
from March 20 to May 15, 2017.**

To register, visit our website at: www.stpatrick.on.ca and download the registration package or contact the parish at 905-294-5955.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Parking Tickets


There have recently been a number of parking tickets issued to parishioners. To avoid being ticketed, please do not park in the handicapped spaces (unless you have a permit), in the church fire route or in the roundabout at St. Mark's School.

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

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

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