



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
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Lad Mehes - Custodian

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
JULY & AUGUST
9 am - 12 noon
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
Wed. & Thurs. - 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
-11:00 am
-12:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration &
Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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 to all new parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

COMMUNION FOR THE

SICK AND HOUSE-

BOUND

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

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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
- Ministry of Hospitality
- Parish Council
- Parish Music Ministry
- Prayer Group
- Sacramental Preparation
- Squires
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Women's Ministry
- Youth Ministry

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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: vocationstoronto.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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, March 24th @ 7:00 pm

- † William Crawford req. by St. Mark's School Staff
- † Gilda Maria Iacconetti req. by Morsillo Family
- † Angelo Covello req. by Morsillo Family

Wednesday, March 25th @ 7:30 pm

St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

Thursday, March 26th @ 8:30 am

- † Beverly Semon req. by Dot, Cellie, Maureen and Rose

Friday, March 27th Stations of the Cross

@ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, March 28th @ 9:00 am

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

- † Barbara Rozario req. by Quadrini Family
- † Beverly Semon req. by Michael Semon
- † Kathleen Fitzgerald req. by Fitzgerald Family and Fr. Michael

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

Sunday, March 29th @ 9:00 am

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa

@ 11:00 am

- † Anna DePinto, Rocco Lozito and Carlo Lozito req. by Domenica Lozito

@ 12:30 pm

- † Maria and Vito Murania req. Caterina and Family

Vocations

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997** or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Douglas Ciceri Sr. and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Alieda Hulshof and Norman Agnew

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent

Stations of the Cross at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm

Church Expansion Notices

We will be updating our website on a regular basis with our progress for the Church Expansion. For more information, please go to www.stmarkstouffville.ca and choose the Church Expansion Heading to find the following...

- Expansion Design Concept
- Responses to Questions about the Conceptual Expansion Design
- Feasibility Study Executive Summary



ShareLife Sunday

Next Sharelife Sunday: April 12, 2015

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We have always tried to expose our deaf children to both communities. As their parents, we have talked to them and tried to answer their questions when they saw someone using sign language and they had basic sign language books. Then one day our oldest son, Ethan, said he would like to learn sign language. We discovered Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camp and enrolled him in the program. The following year Gavin joined his older brother and they both want to go again. We also put our name in for the Family Communications program because we wanted to support our children. These opportunities increased the boys' awareness of the deaf community and also helped them gain respect for different ways of communication. They enjoyed both experiences as did we. We all hope to take part in the Family program again. Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

New Evangelization Summit

Ottawa April 24 - 25, 2015

Come and experience firsthand the excitement and dynamic workings of the Holy Spirit today through eight of North America's top Catholic speakers. Come and be equipped to answer the call to evangelize.

EVENT TICKET: MUST BE PURCHASED EITHER ONLINE OR BY PHONE BY APRIL 4, 2015. THE PURCHASE CAN BE DONE ON THE EVENT WEBSITE www.newevangelization.ca OR BY CALLING (613) 292-5356.

PARISH CONTACT: JEANETTE WOODLEY (905) 640 - 7884
SIGN-UP FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER AFTER 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM MASS ON SUNDAYS UNTIL MARCH 29, 2015.

Community Prayer at the Town Hall

March 29th from 7 pm to 7:30 pm

For the month of March, the Community Prayer gathering has been moved to March 29th at 7pm.

MARCH 22, 2015

Church Cleaning for Easter Volunteers Needed



Tuesday, March 24th starting at 9 am
Volunteers are needed to clean the church for Easter. Please bring your buckets, rubber gloves and cloths for the clean-up.
Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you are able to help out.

Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord

Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30 pm

There will be no morning Mass on Wednesday, March 25th. Instead there will be an evening Mass at 7:30 pm.

Journey of Hope and Healing

Thursday, March 26 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm

A Lenten series of talks will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home at 211 Langstaff Rd. E., Thornhill (enter from Bayview Ave.) The speaker will be Fr. Ed Curtis. Topic: Lessons from the Camino, Life's Journey to Santiago de Campostella. For more information, call 416-733-8544.

National Catholic Mission 2015 On VISIONTV

Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st

The National Catholic Mission 2015, "Beware of the Holy Spirit!" will be broadcast on VISIONTV on Monday, March 30 (Pt. 1) and Tuesday, March 31 (Pt. 2) at 6:00 pm and repeated at 10 pm. It will be hosted by Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick and feature Spiritan Fr. Anthony Gittins.



Spring Vendor's Sale St. Mark's Parish Hall

Saturday, April 11th from 9am to 1 pm

Come shop for Mother's Day gifts, First Communion gifts, Confirmation gifts and more. A wide variety of vendors will be displaying and selling their products in the St. Mark's Parish Hall on April 11th. There will be jewellery, beauty supplies, home goods as well as many other items. The funds raised will go to JOY Women's Ministry and the Church Building Fund. We invite everyone to come out for a fun morning of shopping in support of our Parish and the Women's Ministry. For more information or to book a table, contact Antonietta at antoniettab@sympatico.ca



Chalice Gift Catalogue

Chalice is a Canadian charity rooted in Catholic social teachings that affirm the dignity of life and respect for every person, regardless of race, creed or religion. They care for nearly 50,000 children and elderly that are at risk because of disease, malnutrition and neglect. To buy a gift from their catalogue or to sponsor a child and bring joy to a family in need, go to www.chalice.ca or for more information, call 1-800-776-6855.



SAVE THE DATE! Totus Tuus Summer Camp

July 12th - 17th, 2015

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for the Totus Tuus Summer Program at St. Mark. The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The cost is only \$75 for the first child in the family and \$60 for each additional sibling. The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12 runs Sunday to Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm and is free.

Starting March 30th, registration forms will be available for pickup at the church, St. Brendan school, St. Brigid school, St. Mark school, or can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca. Registration will take place at St. Mark Church on April 18th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and after all masses on April 19th. First come, first served basis. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuutoronto.ca or email stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca

JOY Women's Ministry

Next meeting: Monday, March 30th at 8 pm

As women, we all need joy in our lives, whether we are single, newly married, having children, balancing career and family, facing the challenges of single parenthood, caring for a sick loved one or navigating our later years. Regardless of our station in life as women, we all need ministering – to our prayer life, in our community and friendships, and our understanding of the Catholic faith and our relationship to Jesus Christ.

To this end, we have decided to name our St. Mark's Women's Ministry JOY Women's Ministry. The acronym JOY stands for Jesus first, Others second, then Yourself. We come together for Jesus to serve others, so that we may feel fulfilled in our relationship with God. We have enjoyed a successful beginning these past 6 months, and thank all of those who have joined us to date. We have meetings in the Church Hall on the last Monday evening of every month and all women in our parish are welcome. We are excited to share with the St. Mark's women's community some upcoming events that we hope you'll attend, and bring along a friend.

- **March 30:** Mary Kelly, facilitator – faith discussion and small group, 8:00 PM
- **April 11:** Spring Vendor Sale, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM in St. Mark's Church Hall, (this sale is open to everyone). Vendors range from jewelry, beauty supply, home goods and more. Come shop for Mother's Day, Confirmation or First Communion gifts, or just for yourself!
- **May 25:** Dorothy Pilarski, speaker, and founder of Dynamic Women of Faith, presents a talk called "The Happy Catholic," 8:00 PM

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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