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

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223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

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W: vocationstoronto.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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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, May 12th livestream @ 9 am

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

† Emidia Veroni req. by Dominic & Dino Veroni

Bishop Vianney Ferwmodo req. by Fr. Michael

† Paul Dolecki req. by MaryLou & Romano Acciaccaferri

Wednesday, May 13th livestream @ 9 am

† Antonio, Angelina & Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

Thursday, May 14th livestream @ 9 am

Ordinandi Class of 1994 req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, May 15th livestream @ 9 am

Pope, Bishops & Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Natividad Reodica req. by Flora Reodica

† Dino & Pasqualina Raponi req. by Tony, Onesima Raponi & Family

Saturday, May 16th livestream @ 10 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Monica Ochandiano & Family req. by Fr. Michael

† Jose Sousa Paulino & Anna Benevedes req. by Paulino Family

Sunday, May 17th

9 am Intention moved to May 16

11 am Intention moved to May 15

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997**.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

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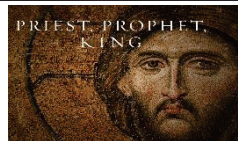
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Private and confidential.

Saint John Chrysostom

"It is simply impossible, without the help of prayer, to lead a virtuous life."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS



The Catechism says that "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king." The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation.



In light of the health pandemic, we are pleased to present our first ever **Virtual National March for Life**: a week-long, online program building up to the day of the 23rd National March for Life, which marks the May 14, 1969 passing of the infamous omnibus bill that opened the floodgates to abortion on demand in our country.

All the National March for Life events are listed at: <https://marchforlife.ca/online-schedule-events/>

All events will be hosted on MarchForLife.ca

The program will include:

May 10-12: High Profile Movies and Interviews streamed online

May 13: Virtual Candlelight Vigil at 8 pm

May 14: Online Pro-Life Masses and Religious Services and a livestreamed 'Virtual' Rally, with guests from Canada and around the world.



Donate online at:
Sharelife.org

ShareLife donations change lives!

Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions

After the death of a close friend, Alex turned to hard drugs to escape his reality. He continued using, despite getting married and having a son. Realizing the impact of his addiction on his son, he sought help from St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency. He completed their treatment program and, as a result of his recovery, he can now be there for his family. Alex credits St. Michael's Homes for saving his life.

June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

MAY 10, 2020

NEW Livestream Schedule

ST. MARK'S CHURCH FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

9 am Weekday Mass Monday to Friday
10 am Saturday Morning Mass
3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Sunday to Saturday
7 pm Rosary Sunday to Saturday
In May Holy Hour every Thursday at 7 pm & every Friday at 2 pm

Fr. Leslie's 60th Ordination Anniversary

May 28, 1960,

**Fr. Leslie Tamas was ordained
a priest in Toronto.**

As he prepares to celebrate his 60th year of ordination, he will probably still be in "lockdown mode" - confined to his room where he resides in Amica long term stay facility.

**Will you take a moment and write him a note/card
congratulating him on this significant milestone in
his ministry and mail it to the address below?**

Cards and letters are held in quarantine for a day and totally sanitized before being sent to the recipient.

**Fr. Leslie Tamas
112-6360 16th Avenue
Markham, Ontario
L3P 7Y6**

As soon as the social restrictions on public gatherings are lifted, we will celebrate in person with Fr. Leslie with a mass and a party.

Online Marriage Preparation Classes



The Marriage Preparation & Family Life Office of Catholic Family Services has moved their Marriage Prep courses online.

If you are planning to get married in the Catholic Church, you can complete a Marriage Prep course online using the Zoom app while we continue to maintain social distancing.

With many extra-curricular activities having been shut down because of COVID-19, many have found themselves with more time flexibility on their hands. This means that it's a great time to work towards getting your pre-marriage certificate now - there is no need to wait until the pandemic restrictions have been eased and businesses start opening up again. The best part is that there is no expiry date on your certificate. To learn more about our classes or to get yourself registered, please visit the Catholic Family Services of Toronto website at www.cfstoronto.com.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th at 7:30 pm



The next meeting of the fraternal year will be conducted virtually on **Zoom Video Conferencing** due to physical distancing restrictions. Members will receive instructions on how to access the meeting a few days before along with the agenda. You can access the meeting via computer or by telephone. For further information please contact: Nicholas Quadrini at GK10874@ontariokofc.ca

Community Resource Document

Members of the **St. Mark Knights of Columbus** have been prepared a resource document to help our community during this pandemic. You can find the document link on our website home page: www.stmarkstouffville.ca.

Petition to Reject Bill C-7

On February 24, at the press conference announcing Bill C-7, the bill to expand euthanasia in Canada, the Federal government estimated that there had been more than 13,000 assisted deaths with 5444



in 2019 and 4438 in 2018. The new Ontario assisted death data indicates that there were 570 reported assisted deaths in the first three months of 2020 with 199 in March alone. The euthanasia rate is sadly increasing, even during the Covid-19 crisis.

The Canadian government must reject Bill C-7 and begin the promised 5-year review of the euthanasia law with an open view to what is actually happening rather than continuing to expand euthanasia, making Canada the most permissive euthanasia regime in the world. Please go to the link below to sign the petition to reject Euthanasia bill C-7.

<https://citizengo.org/en/177328-reject-bill-c-7>

54 Day Rosary Novena



Join with fellow St. Mark's parishioners to pray the 54 Day Rosary Novena for Canada.

Every evening at 7 pm
Livestreamed via Facebook at

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

For further information go to: Canada54.com

Volunteers for Church Gardens



Volunteers are needed to care for one of the church gardens over the summer months. If you would be interested in helping, please email stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca.

Email Scam

Please be advised that an email scam has been targeting parishioners of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The fraudster emails parishioners claiming to be their pastor and requests gift cards for a person who has fallen on hard times. If you receive one of these emails, please forward it to stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca, and we will report it to the Archdiocese and the Canadian Anti-fraud Centre.

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