



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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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.
T: 905-640-2915

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!

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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 26th livestream @ 9 am

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

† Cheryl McCulloch req. by Deacon Wayne

† Frank Gallo req. by Nella Nardi

Wednesday, May 27th livestream @ 9 am

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, May 28th livestream @ 9 am

Fr. Leslie's 60th Anniversary to the Priesthood

Friday, May 29th livestream @ 9 am

Pope, Bishops & Priests req. by Fr. Michael

St. Paul's School req. by Fr. Michael

† Frank Gallo req. by Sabina Gallo

† John Charles Barnes req. by Tim & Kathy McGill

Saturday, May 30th livestream @ 10 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

† Michael & Beverley Semon req. by Ross & Pam May

† Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family

† Anita Kidd req. by Ann & Ossi Pierotti

Sunday, May 31st

9 am Intention moved to May 29

11 am Intention moved to May 30

Is GOD CALLING YOU?

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, 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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Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community

Imagine you're a Deaf child and your parents don't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice," says one grateful parent, "because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 700 Deaf people and their family members received help through Silent Voice.

Please give generously.

Prayer for our Times

Eternal Father,

You made the whole World stop spinning for a while. You silenced the noise that we all have created. You made us bend our knees again and ask for a Miracle. You closed Your Churches so we will realize how dark our World is without You in it. You humbled the proud and powerful.



We were very proud, we thought that everything we have, everything we possess, was the result of our hard work. We have forgotten that it was always Your grace and mercy that made us who we are.

We're running round in circles looking for some cure to this disease, when in fact we need to humble ourselves and ask You for guidance and wisdom.

We've been living our lives like we will be here on Earth forever, like there's no Heaven. Maybe these trials are Your mercy in disguise. Maybe this virus is actually Your way of purifying us, & cleansing our souls, bringing us back to YOU.

Today, may all who see this join their hearts and hands together in prayer! Asking for forgiveness & asking for healing & protection from this virus... *GOD* please just wipe it from the Earth!

Father, You have been patiently waiting for us. We're sorry for ignoring Your voice and in our selfish ways, we've sometimes forgotten that YOU are GOD! You only need to say the word and our souls shall all be healed. We ask YOU these things in Jesus' name! Amen.

15 PROMISES TO THOSE WHO PRAY THE ROSARY



1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.
3. The rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell; it will destroy vice decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice; he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God and become worthy of eternal life.

To be continued in next weekend's bulletin.....

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

MAY 24, 2020

Fr. Leslie's 60th Ordination Anniversary



Father Leslie Tamas
Pastor Emeritus

On 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

Youth Ministry Livestream Sundays at 8 pm

**PROJECT
YM LIVE!**

SUNDAYS AT 8:00 PM

Each broadcast is an hour long and includes games, music, and a
teaching from one of the top Catholic youth ministry speakers in the
country. Teens will be able to watch the live stream from any device -
and be part of the BIGGEST Catholic youth night ever!

Access the event on any device with a web browser
To log into the event, go to projectym.com/watch

On May 10, Jason Evert spoke about dating.

His message was honest, clear, and frankly
FANTASTIC! Head over to projectym.com/replay
to hear what Jason has to say!

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

WS Food Bank Donations Organized by the Knights of Columbus



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**FOOD
BANK**

During the COVID-19 pandemic,
we've seen a rise in the use of
food banks in our community and
across Ontario. In response to this
need, the St. Mark's Knights of
Columbus are launching a food
bank initiative to help leave no neighbour behind.

You are invited to bring donations
of non-perishable food items to

St. Mark's Church on

Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 9 am-5 pm.

Donations will be accepted in a way that ensures
your safety and the safety of our volunteers.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Some items the food bank needs at this time:

1. Canned Fruits and Vegetables
2. Rice - 900 gram bags
3. Juice - 1 litre bottles or boxes
4. Cookies or Crackers
5. Pasta Sauce
6. Powdered Milk - 500 gram bags
7. Grocery Gift Cards

How Our Lady transformed Jacinta & Francisco into Great Saints



On May 13th, 1917, Jacinta and
Francisco Marto were canonized at the
Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in
Portugal. They became the youngest
children, who are not martyrs, to be canonized.

**How did these children attain Christian
perfection at such young ages?**

These children were not always little saints. For
example, they often shortened their prayers so they
could begin playing. However, after the apparitions of
the Blessed Virgin, their lives were radically changed.
What used to be a chore was now a source of spiritual
nourishment. They soon burned with the desire to
pray the Rosary, not just every day, but many times
throughout the day. They no longer dreamed about
the joys of the world. Their only joy was to obey
Mary's will. They no longer hoped for a long, full, and
happy life. Their only hope was to go to Heaven. Their
only dream was to please God, console the Hearts of
Jesus and Mary, and convert and save sinners.
They were willing to do anything for love of Jesus and
Mary, offering penances of hunger, thirst, discomfort,
and the constant harassment of disbelievers.

**How were such young children
transformed into great saints?**

The answer is an invitation and a challenge to all of us
and it explains the devotion to the Immaculate Heart
of Mary.

They made Mary's Heart Theirs

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