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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

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Counter's Ministry
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
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RCIA
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T: 905-642-6728

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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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!

FOURTH 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 5th

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

† Margaret Bots req. by Fr. Michael

† Jose Talampas req. by Talampas Family

† Bibiano Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

Wednesday, May 6th

† Celeste & Hugh Kivlichan req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, May 7th

† Brenda Ann Taylor req. by Jim, Margaret & Elizabeth Jordan

Friday, May 8th

Pope, Bishops & Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Unemployed req. by Fr. Michael

† James Doylan req. by Fr. Michael

† Jeffrey Reodica req. by Flora Reodica

† Patricia Chalmers-Doucett req. by Coreen Doucett & Family

Saturday, May 9th

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

† Jan Stipceovich req. by Milka Stipceovich

Mothers who have lost children req. by Anonymous

Intention of Josie Wiradharma req. by Talampas Family

5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, May 10th

9 am Intention moved to May 5

11 am Intention moved to May 9

Is GOD CALLING YOU?

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS



Faithful shepherds labour for their flock by journeying with them, seeking out the lost sheep and defending them from any ravaging predators. As Christians we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd, which means we too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how He labours for us.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

May 10th to 14th Online



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. This initiative will also bring awareness to the killing occurring at the other end of the spectrum, near the end of life, with a focus on the proposed expansions to Canada's euthanasia law.

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

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

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.

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Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

MAY 3, 2020

NEW Livestream Schedule

ST. MARK'S CHURCH FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

9 am Weekday Mass Monday to Friday
3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Sunday to Saturday
7 pm Rosary Monday to Friday

Pope Encourages Rosary for May



Pope Francis is calling all Catholics to dedicate the month of May to praying the Rosary.

Noting that May is traditionally the month "when the people of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary," Pope Francis is challenging the faithful to pray the Rosary faithfully, either individually or as a family.

In an April 25 letter, the pope told the faithful, "The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow," wrote Francis.

Echoing the late Ven. Fr. Patrick Peyton, "the Rosary priest" of the 20th century who once popularized the phrases "The family that prays together stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace," Pope Francis acknowledged the importance of family prayer and the powerful effect it has on cohesiveness in the family and the world.

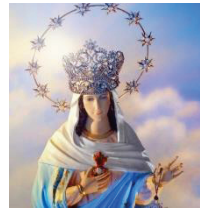
In countless apparitions of the 19th and 20th centuries, including those officially accepted by the Church, Mary is often holding a Rosary and is always imploring her spiritual children to pray — for repentance, reparation for sin and peace in our hearts.

Community Resource Document



Over the last few weeks, members of the **St. Mark Knights of Columbus** have been preparing a resource document to help our community during this pandemic. You can find the document link on our website home page at www.stmarkstouffville.ca.

Consecration of Canada to the Blessed Virgin Mary



At this spiritually troubling time in world history, the U.S. and Canadian Catholic bishops have brought abundant spiritual and material protection to our countries by reconsecrating them to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church on Friday, May 1, 2020.

By imploring the intercession of the Mother of God, our bishops have united the faithful in the hope which only faith in God can bring. This is a great spiritual initiative which other Catholic bishops, around the world, have already done in their own countries.

We thank the bishops for reconsecrating our country to Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

Archbishop Gomez, President of the USCCB sent a letter about the reconsecration to his brother bishops, stating:

"Every year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic."

Let us pray that these actions serve to enliven the souls of the faithful in the United States and Canada, who are suffering as a result of being unable to access the Sacraments at this time.

In this way, the COVID-19 crisis can be an event which inspires deeper devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in every family, and not just something to be suffered through.

We can also consecrate our family and home to the Blessed Virgin with the Act of Consecration below.

Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to thine Immaculate Heart.

We consecrate to thee our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To thee we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls; to thee we give our homes, our families, our country. We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to thee and may share in the benefits of thy motherly benediction. And that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting, we renew this day at thy feet the promises of our Baptism and our first Holy Communion. We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times the truths of our holy Faith, and to live as befits Catholics who are duly submissive to all the directions of the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him. We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and His Church, in particular to keep holy the Lord's Day. We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able so to do.

Finally, we promise thee, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of men, to devote ourselves whole-heartedly to thy service, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of thine Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of thine adorable Son, in our own hearts and in those of all men, in our country and in all the world. As in heaven, so on earth.

Amen.

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