



# 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.

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## MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Please see website for policy explanation.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

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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  
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W: [archtoronto.org](http://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

**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Bishop Vianey Fernando req. by Fr. Michael Honorio Castro Sr. req. by Dodie and Tessie Castro
- † Tony Guastella req. by Caterina Guastella
- † Corey Hay req. by Bianca Andrade and Hay Family

**Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

Nardi Family Living & Deceased req. by Anonymous

**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

- † Judy Normandeau req. by Elizabeth Mitchell

**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Bibiano Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael Church Conversion req. by Fr. Michael Class of '94 req. by Fr. Michael

- † Libardo Riveros req. by Lucy Medina @ 5:00 pm

- † LeBlanc Family req. Guy and Elizabeth LeBlanc

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

**@11:00 am**

- † Albertina Biondi and Rosina Pierotti req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti

## Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's

Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

## SL ShareLife

### "Living the Gospel" by providing for those in need...

One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. One of the ways that we do this is through our annual ShareLife appeal, which provides resources to agencies serving the poor and marginalized not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world. ShareLife is a tangible way that we can put the Gospel value to love one another as I have loved you into action, and I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the Catholic church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife." —*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

**Today is ShareLife Sunday - May 7, 2017  
Thank you for your generosity.**

### Alpha – Thank You!!!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Alpha program a success. Special thanks to Connie Quadrini, Sylvia Usling, Judy Selvadurai, the table facilitators, prayer partners and participants.

Thanks also to the following parishioners for their generous contributions to the Alpha meal on April 25th – **Glynnis and Charles Barnes, Gordon Lee, Susan Knetsch and Divine Tabucan.** As well as, **Albert and Marie Mikhail, Lina Ronco and Nella Nardi** for their food contributions at the beginning of the program!

## 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.

(Continued from last week... Therese's offering of herself to God.) "I would like to comfort you for the ingratitude of wrong doers, so I ask you to take away from me the freedom to displease you. Should I fall now and again through frailty, may your divine glance immediately purify my soul, and burn up all my imperfections, just as fire turns everything into itself. I thank you, God, for all the favours you have granted me, especially for having put me through the crucible of suffering. I shall be happy to see you on the Last Day with the Cross as your sceptre, for you have deigned to share this precious Cross with me. I hope that when I get to heaven, I will be like you and will see the sacred marks of your Passion shining on my glorified body." Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## MaryLake Marian Series

**13760 Keele St., King City  
May 15, 16, 17 and 20**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### MONDAY, MAY 15

**7:00 pm:** Welcome Mass for the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 16

**7:00 pm:** Talk by Christine Foisy-Erickson on "Our Lady of Guadalupe - The Story" followed by Q & A and refreshments.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

**7:00 pm:** Talk by Christine Foisy-Erickson on "Our Lady of Guadalupe & the New Evangelization" followed by Q & A and refreshments.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 20

**6:30 pm:** Mass (in English) with Mariachi musical accompaniment.  
**Dusk:** Candlelight Rosary procession on the Rosary Path.



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## St. Augustine's Retreat for Women

**Saturday, June 3 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

### Women's Retreat: At His Service, At His Feet, In His Name

Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

St. Augustine's Seminary

2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough

Cost: \$50.00 - Lunch is included.

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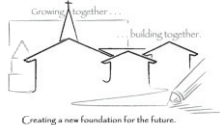
## Audio Visual Volunteers

There will be a presentation on how to use the church's audio visual equipment on **Sunday, May 14 at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.** Anyone interested in learning more, please meet in the church for one of the sessions.

MAY 7, 2017

**Church Expansion Update**

**St. Mark's is ...**

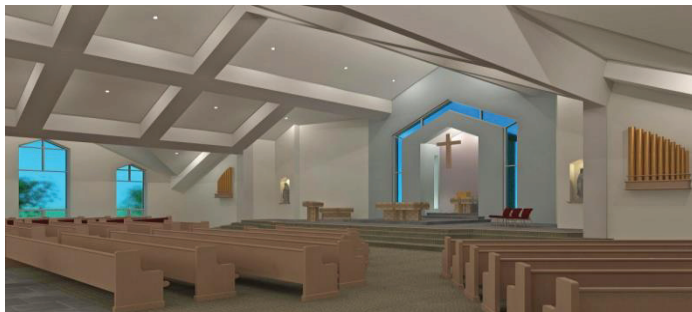


**We have "Site Plan Approval" from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville!**

Why is this so important? It is the essential step in moving forward. Now that we have it we can apply for our building permits and call for tenders for the construction.

The Church Expansion Committee has reviewed final drawings and signed them off to the architect so he can proceed with Building Permit Application.

Here are some interior images of the expanded church and sanctuary.



**First Communion Ceremonies**



**Please pray for our children receiving the Sacrament of First Communion in May and June.**

We ask our Church community to remember these special children in their prayers, as they celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the St. Anne's room. All are welcome.

**Thank You For Your Generosity**

Weekly Offering \$ 6,329

**Summer Mass Schedule**

**Beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Please note the change in Mass times.

Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	9 am & 5 pm
Sunday	9 am & 11 am
Weekday Solemnities	7:30 pm only
First Friday Holy Hour	7:00 pm

**Pasta Night at St. Mark's Church**

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**



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**The Church's Social Teachings**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

An interesting talk on the Church's social teachings will be given by Paul Tomory in the Parish Hall on the following dates: **May 16th, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> after the 7 pm Mass.**

All are welcome!

**Bundle Weekend**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**



**Bundle Sunday**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a

**Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> accepting**

donations of clothing, household goods, drapes, toys and accessories. Please note they do not accept appliances, baby furniture, books or mattresses.

For more information, visit [svdptoronto.org](http://svdptoronto.org). Thank you!

**St. Mark's Summer Camp**



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

**Children entering Grades 2 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**

**1st Child - \$160, Each additional sibling - \$140**


Registration forms are available in the church foyer or by going to: [www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017)

Please drop off completed forms to the church office.

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