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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.
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-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
Weekly 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

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)

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy
(Before Friday 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. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Media Stand & Bookstall
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Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
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Sacramental Preparation
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Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

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

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

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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!

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 21st @ 7:30 pm Parish Mission

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, November 22nd @ 7:30 pm Parish Mission

† John F. Kennedy req. by Fr. Michael

† Frank Carroll req. by Carol Morin

St. Cecilia's Parishioners req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, November 23rd @ 8:30 am

† Art Robertson req. by Martha Robertson

Thursday, November 24th @ 8:30 am

† Bob Busato req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, November 25th @ 7:00 pm

† Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, November 26th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

† Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon

† Baby Jake Glynn req. by Al and Mary Gallo & Family

@ 5:00 pm

† Bob Busato req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, November 27th @ 9:00 am

† Bibiano Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

@ 11:00 am

† Rosa and Cirino Pisano req. by Angela Colosimo and Family

@ 12:30 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Denise Kennedy, Connie Desousa, Mario Raponi

First Reconciliation Ceremonies

Please Pray for Our Children

Receiving Their First Reconciliation

On November 16th, November 23rd, and November 30th, the children participating in the First Communion program in our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. We ask our Church community to remember these special children in your prayers as they encounter Jesus for the first time in confession. We also ask that you please continue to keep them in your prayers until they receive their First Communion next spring.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 7,695

R. Michael Shewchuk Memorial

Library book of the month:

Children's Book: Red Hugh, Prince of Donegal

Adult Book: Ten Dates Every Catholic Should Know

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.

“When she returned from Bayeux, she came to visit me. I was struck by the fact that in spite of her disappointment she nevertheless displayed a great peace of soul, founded on her complete surrender to God's will. Before going to Rome, she made a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Victories in Paris. There she put her mission in the hands of the Blessed Virgin and fervently beseeched her to keep her virtue ever intact. ‘I also asked her,’ she says, ‘to keep far from me all occasions of sinning. I knew that I would be likely to find many things on the journey that could trouble my conscience. I did not know evil, and I was afraid of discovering it.’” – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's elder sister and future prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Shepherds' Trust

The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. **The Shepherds' Trust Collection will take place this weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

Open House at St. Maximilian

November 23rd at 7 pm

St. Maximilian Kolbe High School Open House for Gr. 8 students will be held November 23 at 7 pm

Location: 278 Wellington St. E., Aurora

St. Mark's Youth Minister

Last year, Ben Tabucan, one of our former youth ministers and Krystiana's husband, took up a youth ministry position at St. Patrick's parish. Very recently, Ben decided to resign from St. Patrick's and has returned to our parish to do full-time youth ministry. Together, Ben and Krystiana hope to minister to our parish youth in the coming years. They ask for your prayers for both them and our young people.

Religious Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 will be selling Religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all Masses over the next few weekends **beginning Nov. 19/20.**



St. Mark Parish Mission

November 19th to 22nd

Everyone is invited to our St. Mark's Parish Mission, in preparation for Advent, given by Fr. Peter Marsalek.

40 Hour Adoration at St. Mark's

November 25th and 26th



We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with Our Lord during our 40 Hour Adoration on Friday, November 25th and Saturday, November 26th.

Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

St. Mark's CD Launch Party

November 26 from 6 pm to 9 pm

TO ALL PARISHIONERS,
FAMILY & FRIENDS
You are invited
CD LAUNCH PARTY!



**Saturday, November 26th
6.00-9.00 P.M.**

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*Proceeds from the sale of the CDs are for the
church expansion project of St. Marks.*

St. Mark Columbian Squires

Fri., December 2 at 7 pm at St. Brendan School

To all Young Men aged 10-18

*Have you ever wanted to get more
involved in your parish community?*

*Do you want to join a group that helps develop
leadership and builds your Catholic faith?*

Then come join the Columbian Squires!

We want to invite all interested individuals to a
basketball night to be held on Friday, December 2nd at
the St. Brendan CES gym.

The evening begins at 7 pm and pizza will be served.

Come and join us for a fantastic night of fun!

If you have any questions, please email Joe McConkey
at joemcconkey@rogers.com

-St. Mark's Squire Circle 5486-

Church Cleaning Day

Tuesday, December 6th at 9:30 am



Church Cleanup!

Beat the holiday stress with a morning of
scrubbing! Volunteers needed to help
with Advent church cleaning.

Tuesday, December 6 at 9:30 am.

Bring a bucket and some rubber gloves.

Signup sheet in foyer of church or call/text

Jodi Harker at 416-518-0338. Lunch to be served after!

11th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

SUNDAY, December 4th, 2016 at 3 pm

Mark Your Calendar! All Are Welcome!

**Pageant Participants: Next Rehearsal
Sunday, November 20th, 2016
at 2:00 P.M.**

*We are also looking for Parent
& High School Volunteers.*

For further details please contact

Eugenie Villanueva-Landry at 647-828-3884 or email

StMarksPageant2016@eugeniev.com



Women's Recollection

Monday, December 5th



The recollection includes 2 meditations by a
priest of Opus Dei, a talk on living the
Christian life in the middle of the world, an
examination of conscience and an opportunity
for **confession beginning at 7 pm.**

St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions Saturday, December 10th

Parish Confession Times: 9:30 am to 5 pm



9:30 am – 10 am	Fr. Michael Hughes
10 am – 12 noon	Fr. Conrad Dachuck
12 noon – 1 pm	Fr. Michael Hughes
1 pm – 3 pm	Fr. Stephen Gilbert
2 pm – 4 pm	Fr. Jacob Mado
4 pm – 5 pm	Fr. Michael Hughes

Project Hope - Refugee Family

Great news! Our application to sponsor our selected family
has been approved by the Federal Government. We are
now waiting for Visa processing in Beirut which,
unfortunately, could take up to one year. Our family has
been in contact with our committee chairs and are excited
and have been doing some research on Stouffville.
We ask for your prayers as we wait for further updates.

Advent Wreath Tradition

Decorating, baking, gift wrapping and parties...the Advent
season can be a very joyous and yet stressful time. In the
midst of our preparation, it is easy to miss the significance
of the season. **Our Saviour's birth!!!**

One way to anchor our Christmas celebration is the
purchase or creation of an Advent Wreath. The Advent
Wreath keeps us focused on the coming of Christ.

The wreath consists of 4 candles, 3 purple candles
signifying penance and one rose candle signifying joy. The
purple candle is lit the first, second and fourth week. On
the third week, the pink candle is lit.

The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ.

Light the Advent Wreath Daily

One of the easiest ways to incorporate this tradition into
your daily life is at meal time. The family/individual lights
the appropriate candles and says a pray, perhaps the
Advent Wreath Prayer for that week and have the candles
remain burning during the meal.

The Advent Wreath is a beautiful reminder that
Jesus is the reason for the season!

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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