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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant
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)
Sunday - 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)*

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)

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.

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

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Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
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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!

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 28th @ 7:00 pm

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
- † Luiz Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family
- † James Villanueva req. by Eugenie, Kiana and Family

Wednesday, November 29th @ 8:30 am

Fr. Simon de Gale req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, November 30th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

Andrew Mehes req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, December 1st Holy Hour @7:00 pm & Mass @ 8:00 pm

- † Tony Guastella req. by Caterina Guastella

Saturday, December 2nd @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

- † Roy Biondi req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti

- † Dionicio Quesada req. by Clemen Casil St. Michael and Schwarzbauer Families req. by Deacon John and Lea

- † Raymond Morel req. by David and Sylvie Foster

Sunday, December 3rd @ 9:00 am

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio and Mary Benincasa

- † Mary Carole Lant req. by Tony Lant and Family

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael



Is God Calling You?

"Lord when was it that we saw you...?"
Have you heard the Lord as well?

If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.**

Christmas at Massey Hall

December 2nd and 3rd at 3 pm

Handel's Messiah Part 1

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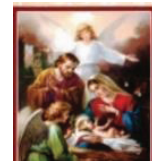
Weekly Offering \$ 5,309

Shepherds' Trust \$ 6,262

Religious Christmas Cards

On Sale in the foyer after all Masses

The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 will be selling an assortment of beautiful, religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all Masses over the next few weekends.



Envelopes

The 2018 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.

Light up the Tree of Life

Donations for the Rose of Sharon

Christmas is fast approaching, and as is tradition, the St. Mark Squires will be conducting their Light Up the Tree of Life Advent Fundraiser. In the foyer, the Squires have set up a tree. We invite all parishioners to select one or more of the candle tags that have suggested items for babies and their young mothers (ex. diapers, baby clothes etc.) **By the December 16/17 weekend, we ask that you bring what is written on the tag and drop it off underneath the tree.** You can then hang the candle tag on the tree to help light up the "Tree of Life." All donations support the Rose of Sharon.



Thank You - St. Mark Squire Circle 5486

Special Event

Movie on the Life of St. Paul

Tuesday, November 28th at 7:30 pm

Movie Title:

Paul: Contending for the Faith

Zealous for the God of Israel, Saul of Tarsus pursued murderous threats against the disciples of Jesus. But Saul's zeal was turned upside down when he was knocked from his "high horse" and humbled by the hand of God. Join the adventure as Stephen Ray, best-selling author and popular Bible teacher, takes you on the road with St. Paul through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece and Italy. You'll better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of Paul the Apostle. You'll appreciate the gift of salvation and the Jewish roots of the Catholic Church. All this and more in a fast-paced, energetic biography, travel documentary, Bible study, apologetics and Church history study all rolled into one remarkable adventure!

The movie is FREE to attend.

Running time: 90 minutes Popcorn and Drinks for sale

This movie wraps up our 6 week Bible study on the life of Paul and his letter to the Philippians.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

First Reconciliation Ceremonies

November 29th and December 6th

Please Pray for Our Children

Receiving their First Reconciliation

On Wednesday, November 29th and December 6th, the children of our parish who are participating in the First Communion preparation program 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, and we ask that you please continue to keep them in your prayers until they receive their First Communion next spring.

St. Mark Squire's Investiture

Sat., December 2nd at 7 pm in the Parish Hall

To all Young Men aged 10-18

Have you ever wanted to get more involved in your parish community, develop leadership and build your Catholic faith?

Then come join the Columbian Squires!

If you would like to join the circle or have any questions, please contact Chief Squire, Joe McConkey at joeconkey@rogers.com

Advent Wreath Making Event

Saturday, December 2nd

The Women's Ministry would like to invite you to our 4th annual Advent Wreath making event and Covenant House "Blessing Bags" charity project.

We hope that lighting the wreath will be part of your Advent tradition.

This activity is open to the whole family, but pre-registration is required so we know how many wreath kits to have available.



Date: Saturday, December 2nd

Time: 10 am-2 pm

Location: Parish Hall

Wreath Cost: \$ 15 **Candle Cost:** \$ 7

This is a popular event so please sign up to participate, signup sheets are at the bookstall in the foyer.

P.S. Don't forget your pruning shears and decorations.

Covenant House Blessing Bags: donations appreciated! (No registration necessary to come and fill Blessing Bags.)

12th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

SUNDAY, December 3rd, 2017 at 3 pm

Mark Your Calendar!

All Are Welcome!

Pageant Participants: Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, November 26th, 2017 at 3:30 PM

For further details please contact

Eugenie Villanueva-Landry at 647-828-3884 or

email EugenieVLandry@rogers.com



Church Cleaning Day

Tuesday, December 5th at 9 am

Advent Cleaning

Come pitch in and join us for a good old fashioned scrubbing of the Church on Tuesday, December 5 at 9 am.

Bring gloves, a bucket and some rags.

Signup sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

For more information contact: Jodi Harker at 416-518-0338 or jodi@enigmaresearch.com.

Social and lunch to be served at noon.



The EDGE and High School Youth Ministry Presents

St. Mark's Annual Café Night

Friday, December 8th from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

FREE ADMISSION • BEVERAGES AND SNACKS PROVIDED

Any proceeds will go to the EDGE & High School Youth Ministries.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

Contact stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com

if you would like to:

- 1) Contribute any baked goods
- 2) Prepare a song to sing



St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

Saturday, December 9th

Parish Confession Times: 9:30 am to 5 pm



9:30 am – 10 am

10 am – 12 noon

12 noon – 2 pm

2 pm – 4 pm

4 pm – 5 pm

Fr. Michael Hughes

Msgr. Conrad Dachuck

Fr. John Arulthas

Fr. John Duffy

Fr. Michael Hughes

St. Mark's Parish Mission

Tuesday, December 12th at 7 pm

Everyone is invited to our

St. Mark's Advent

Parish Mission given by

Fr. Joseph Deveaux.

Fr. Deveaux will give the Homily at the 7 pm Mass.



Gumball Machine Raffle

An Exciting Raffle,
Just in Time for Christmas!

The St. Mark's Youth will be raffling off a Limited Edition Canada 150th Beaver Gumball Machine guaranteed to delight someone on your gift list! This lovely gift has been generously donated to help the St. Mark's Youth raise funds for all their events & activities.

Raffle tickets will be sold after all the masses on Nov. 25/26, Dec. 2/3, and Dec. 9/10

1 ticket for \$3 3 tickets for \$5 7 tickets for \$10

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