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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

SUMMER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 7:00 pm
Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 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
- 11:00 am

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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

Altar Servers
Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
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Media Stand & Bookstall
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T: 905-642-6728

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

VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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!

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 17th @ 7:00 pm

- † Pauline Nardone req. by Lynne Caporimo
- † Sergio Conzil req. by Marita Conzil
- † Emidia Veroni req. by Sons
- † Victor Ceccacci req. by Caterina Guastella

Wednesday, October 18th @ 8:30 am

- † Gerald Hayling req. by Gloria

Thursday, October 19th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Denise Kennedy req. by Lew Kennedy and Sons

Friday, October 20th @ 7:00 pm

- † Andrew Gallagher req. by Peter and Anna Gallagher

Saturday, October 21st @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
Favour Granted req. by Jeannine Amyotte
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@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, October 22nd @ 9:00 am

- † Cesare and Rosanna Rizzuto req. by Vincenza Blum
@11:00 am

- † Dino Raponi req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi and Family

@12:30 pm

Thanksgiving to Our Lady req. by Tony, Shirley and Family

World Mission Sunday October 22nd

Next Sunday our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection, because it provides assistance to the young dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.



Is God Calling You?

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond.

Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at **416-968-0997** or by email at **vocations@archtoronto.org**.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,377

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.

"Sister Therese of the Child Jesus died on 30 September, 1897. She accepted her sufferings as a long-awaited grace. She did not ask for relief, except when obedience commanded it and then with great moderation: 'I ask for as little as possible,' she said one day. She would never pray that her pains would ease off; even in the midst of the most cruel agony all she would say was: 'God, you are so kind; please be merciful to me.' She had no fear of even the most intense pain that she could expect; she just said: 'The pain may reach the limit, but if God has led me by the hand since childhood, I'm sure he's not going to abandon me now. The time may come when I am not able for any more, but I shall never have enough of it.' I am not saying she enjoyed her suffering or that she wanted to suffer more and more. This is how she described her dispositions: 'Are you not surprised at how I suffer, Mother? I am like a little child during my illness; my only thought is to acquiesce simply in what God wills: to suffer on from one minute to the next whatever he sends me, without worrying about the future. The only joy I find in death is that it is God's will for me. I have no more desire to die than I have to live. From a natural point of view, I would prefer death, but if I had a choice, I would not choose anything; I like only whatever God does.'"

Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Villanova College Open House

October 18 at 7 pm and October 20 at 10 am

Please join us for a personal tour at one of our upcoming fall **Open Houses: Oct. 18 - 7pm & Oct. 20 - 10am**. As York Region's only independent, Catholic school, Villanova College offers an enriched academic program from Grades 4 to 12, focusing on the development of the whole child through the teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit our website at www.villanovacollege.org to register for one of our upcoming Open Houses or contact the Office of Admissions at 905-833-1909.

Archdiocese of Toronto

175th Anniversary – Central Region

October 19th at 7 pm Blessed Trinity Parish

As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Thomas Collins extends an invitation for all to join him for Mass and a reception to commemorate this historic milestone.

The Central Pastoral Region celebration will take place at **Blessed Trinity Parish, 3220 Bayview Ave.** on Thursday, October 19th at 7 pm.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

October 20 – 22 at Queen of Apostles Centre

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. **Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga** For more information and to register; www.wmme.org or 905-792-1925.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

OCTOBER 15, 2017

Offertory Box Requests

Offertory Boxes will no longer be issued for the remainder of 2017. To request a 2018 Offertory Box, please fill out a request form which can be found in the lobby and submit it to the office. You can pick up your 2018 box during the general distribution which should take place at the beginning of November. **Please do not use the 2018 boxes until January.** You can use the pink visitor envelopes until the end of the year.

Enrolment in the Brown Scapular

October 14/15



For anyone who would like to be enrolled in the brown scapular, Fr. Michael will be performing a short ceremony after each of the weekend

Masses on October 14th and 15th.
Scapulars will be provided by the Parish.

Saint Vincent de Paul – Bundle Up

October 14th and 15th

What an opportunity!



Clean out your closets and drawers because a Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the Church parking lot on October 14th and 15th. Your donation of gently used clothing and household goods will be given or sold to benefit those in need. Thanks for your support.



Confirmation Registration

- Confirmation Online Registration for Grade 7 students ends **Tuesday, October 17th** and is on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.**

EDGE

October 20th from 7 to 9 pm

Thank you to the fifty-five youth who attended our first EDGE night last month!

Interested in joining our free EDGE youth ministry program for youth in grades 5, 6, 7, 8?

Register online here:

www.tinyurl.com/EDGE20172018

We are looking forward to our next EDGE night happening on Friday October 20th from 7-9 PM in the Parish Hall!

Pulpit Announcements

To arrange for your Ministry Group to make an announcement after Mass regarding a special project, please contact the office at least two weeks in advance.

Women's Ministry Vendor Sale

Sunday, October 22nd from 9 am to 2 pm

THIRD ANNUAL

WOMEN'S MINISTRY VENDOR SALE

The St. Mark's Women's Ministry invites you to attend their Third Annual Vendor Sale, on Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:00AM-2:00PM in the Church Hall. More than 25 vendors will be in attendance! Come join us, and buy that perfect gift for yourself or someone else. It's a great time to get some early Christmas shopping done too! We thank you for your support in helping us to raise funds for our Ministry and the St. Mark's Church expansion. Vendors are still needed. If you'd like to participate as a vendor, please contact Antonietta Botticelli at antoniettab@sympatico.ca.

YOUTH

October 27th from 7:30 pm to 10 pm

We invite all high school teens to our first high school youth ministry event of the year at St. Mark's.

On Friday October 27th between 7:30 - 10:00 PM, bring a friend, meet new people, play some board games, and treat yourself to free drinks and ice cream sandwiches on us!



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, October 28th



This month's movie: The 13th Day

The incredible true story of three shepherd children from the village of Fatima in Portugal who experienced six apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary between May and October 1917, which culminated in the Miracle of the Sun.

Our Lady gave a secret to the children told in three parts, from a harrowing vision of hell to prophetic warnings of future events.

Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm
Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 85 minutes

St. Mark's Women's Ministry Meeting

October 30th at 7:30 pm



Women of the Church

Please join us at our next meeting on Monday, October 30 at 7:30PM. This month's theme is always a member favourite - Topics in a Basket! We will break into small groups and discuss topics related to charitable work, faith in times of disaster and helping our adult children carry their faith forth into the world. Small group provides an excellent opportunity to support each other, share our personal experiences and feel God's presence among us. We hope you will join us, and bring a friend! See you then.

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