



# 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.  
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  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Groups  
RCIA  
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Women's Ministry  
Youth Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School  
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St. Brendan's School  
751 Hoover Park Dr.  
T: 905-642-6728

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

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House  
T: 416-968-0997  
W: [vocationstoronto.ca](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
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!

# TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Rosi Francoto req. by M. Thomas
- † Ron Edwards req. by Woodley Family
- † Maria Rende req. by Vince and Carmela Rende and Grandchildren

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Aldo Nardi req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Joe and Leonor Botelho req. by Botelho Family

**Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm**

- † Pasqua, Paolo and Maria Lommori req. by Oriana Lommori

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Teresa and Bartolome Gamboa req. by Angel and Chris Dumanat
- † Rebecca and Benjamin Asuncion req. by Angel and Chris Dumanat
- † Unger and Preiss Families req. by Michael and Marianne Preiss
- † Raffaele Presta req. by Family
- † Marguerete Cecilia Reynolds req. by Yolanda Zogheib

**@ 5:00 pm**

- † Carmel Ryder req. by Jim Ryder

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- † Paul MacDonald req. by Family
- @ 11:00 am**  
St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 12:30 pm**

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

## Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Rocco Campanale

## 2017 Offertory Boxes

*Offertory Boxes will not be issued for the remainder of 2016. For 2017 Offertory Boxes, please fill out a request form which can be found in the lobby and submit it to the office. You can pick up your 2017 box during the general distribution which should take place the end of October. Please do not use the 2017 boxes until January. You can use the pink visitor envelopes until the end of the year.*

## Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?

To be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. Please refer to our Parish website for more information about the Reference Letter Policy.

## 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.

“During the years previous to her going to the Abbey, it was mainly I who taught her. She was very diligent, and profited a great deal from the lessons I gave her. She strove, too, to gain self-control; she trained herself from that time never to complain or to make excuses. At the Abbey she gave every satisfaction, as her weekly reports showed. She confided to me at a later date that a class-mate’s jealousy had caused her a lot of suffering, but at the time she never complained of it.” – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese’s elder sister and future prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## Annual SIP Fundraising Banquet

**Friday, October 21 at 6:30 pm**

Come and learn about the work that the Stouffville-Igoma Partnership (SIP) has been doing in 2016.

**Location:** Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

**Guest Speaker:** Jane Philpott, MP for Markham-Stouffville

**Tickets:** Available at Candlelight and Memories or by emailing [widemanhome@sympatico.ca](mailto:widemanhome@sympatico.ca)

## World Mission Sunday

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>**

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the world will celebrate this unique Sunday. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and some of our Canadian Dioceses. Please be as generous as possible to help those that depend on the World Mission collection.

## Annual Mass of Memory

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Mass of Memory

Date and Time: Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

Location: St. Paul’s Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto

Celebrant/Homilist: Fr. Pat O’Dea

Sacred/Celtic Prelude by Harpist Eithne Heffernan at 2:45

Reception to follow in church hall

For information call: Mairead at 416-264-5363

## Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offering \$ 6,935**

**PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>**

# OCTOBER 16, 2016

## Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Starting today, our parishioners will have the option to give their offertory via the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. With PAG, your offering is deducted automatically by direct debit from your bank account; no need to search for your cheque book or stop by a cash machine on the way to church. PAG allows you to support your parish when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long. Most importantly, you are in control. You can increase or decrease your amount or withdraw from the PAG plan simply by dropping a signed note in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

**Enrollment forms are available in the church foyer.**

**If you are ready to sign up for the program, simply fill in the form, attach a void cheque and submit it to the parish office or place it in an envelope in the collection basket.**

**For more information, please call the parish office.**

## The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group

**Tuesday Afternoons**

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group meets **every Tuesday afternoon from 3 pm to 4 pm in the St. Anne's Room.** Everyone welcome.

## EDGE Youth Night (Grade 6-8)

**October 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm**

If you have a child in Grades 6 to 8, we invite them to come out and enjoy the excitement of our next EDGE Night on **October 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Parish Hall.**

If you have any questions, email Krystiana at [stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com](mailto:stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com)

## Recollection for Women

**Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

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.**

## Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Coat Drive

**Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Schools**

The York Region St. Vincent de Paul Society are organizing a Winter Coat Drive to assist our neighbours-in need. Every child and adult deserves to stay warm when the freezing temperatures arrive. We are asking that you please find the time to sort through your closets and donate any coats that are no longer required by your family members. We need coats for men, women and children....all sizes.

**Drop off location:** St. Brendan, St. Brigid and St. Mark Schools in Stouffville

**Date:** Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** Between 10 am and 12:30 pm

\* Any coats received after October 21<sup>st</sup> will not be accepted. The coats will be distributed to the needy on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mary's Church between 10 am and 12:30 pm.

## Altar Server Social

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 pm to 8:30 pm**

All Altar Servers are invited to attend a Halloween party.

When? October 22

Time? 6:00-8:30 (after mass)

Where? Parish Hall

Food? Taco Bar to be served

Costumes not needed, please bring \$2 to cover costs.

**RSVP [jodi@enigmaresearch.com](mailto:jodi@enigmaresearch.com)**

## Women's Ministry Meeting

**Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

The next Women's Ministry meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, at 7:30PM. It's "Bring a Friend" night, so please consider recruiting your friends to join us! We will be enjoying some video presentations from the Catholic Conference 4 Moms, an online conference entitled "The Faces of Mercy." The presentations will be followed by small group discussion. We're excited to share these videos with you, just before the Year of Mercy ends.

For more information, visit

<http://www.catholicconference4moms.com>.

For more information on our ministry, please email us at [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com)

## Holy Door Trip to Marylake

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Women's Ministry is organizing a trip for its members to Our Lady of Grace Shrine at Marylake on Saturday, October 22, 2016. The purpose of our trip is to make a spiritual journey together as a Ministry, to pass through the Holy Door at the Shrine. By passing through a Holy Door, one receives the Jubilee Indulgence, which is a special grace and a powerful gift offered to us all. About the trip:

- There is no cost.
- Mass will be held at 9:00AM
- Ideally, one receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation before we attend, although this is not necessary. Confessions are held after Mass.
- Pack a lunch, if you'd like to stay longer and walk the Our Lady of Grace Rosary Path at Marylake.
- We are carpooling for this trip, as the cost of a bus is quite extensive. If you'd like to attend but need a ride, please email Sara Seaward at [sabil3@rogers.com](mailto:sabil3@rogers.com)

## Healing Mass at St. Mark's Church

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Everyone is invited to join us for a healing Mass at St. Mark's. The celebrant will be Fr. Ben St. Croix. For further information, please call the Church office at 905-640-6954.

## Thank You!

- ❖ We would like to thank **Irma Pescador** and **Mary Raybould** for the lovely job they did decorating the church for Thanksgiving.

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**This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.**

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