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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
Lisa Baker-Admin. Asst.
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm

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
Sunday - 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 - 4:00 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary

(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy

(Before Friday pm 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
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Media Stand & Bookstall
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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!

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, October 20th @ 7:00 pm

- † Sandro DiGiancroce req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Mary Aucoin req. by Margaret and George McPee
- † Patricia Magoski req. by Morden Family

Wednesday, October 21st @ 8:30 am

In thanksgiving for successful surgery of wife, Leonora req. by Mario Fernandes

Thursday, October 22nd @ 8:30 am

- † Gerry Tymon req. by Family

Friday, October 23rd @ 7:00 pm

- † Teresa Shaw req. by Elizabeth and Dominic Flagello

Saturday, October 24th @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Michael Buckley req. by Breeda Buckley Ronco
 - † Mrs. Wong Gut Go req. by Don and Susan Dizon and Family
 - † Marguerite Cecilia Reynolds req. by Yolanda Zogheib

- † Joe Mazzone req. by St. Mark's Choir

@ 5:00 pm

- † Paul MacDonald req. by Marion MacDonald

Sunday, October 25th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

- † Guillermo Tuason req. by Crespo Family
- @ 12:30 pm**
Thanksgiving to Our Lady req. by Tony, Shirley and Family

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle), Grace Bodogh

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Laura Fantini, Molly McManingwell,
Douglas Ciceri Sr., Antonio Monaco, Gennaro Bruno

Vocations

Jesus' life was the best 'job description': sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** or email vocations@archtoronto.org

Prayer Box

Please leave your prayer requests in the prayer request box in the foyer and the Charismatic Prayer Group will be pleased to pray for your intentions at their bi-weekly meetings.

World Mission Sunday

October 18th

United in Love...Let us go to serve!

Today, in all the parishes of the world, in Africa, Asia, Oceania, America and Europe, we celebrate *World Mission Sunday*. It is the Sunday of solidarity and sharing with our poorest brothers and sisters of the Universal Church. Today, we celebrate our vocation as missionaries sent to proclaim the Good News. For the 1250 dioceses which are still under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, let us be generous so that they can achieve their pastoral projects for the poorest people. They are part of the more than 6,000 projects that are supported through this unique collection.

Thank you very much for your generosity!

New Beginnings Event

Monday, October 19th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

New Beginnings will be hosting guest speaker, **Dr. Ken Fung, M.D. F.R.C.S.**, who will explore the benefits of spirituality and religiosity in our movement through loss and grief, illustrating how the pathways of faith inspire wellbeing. A presentation will be given at the **Catholic Pastoral Centre at 1155 Yonge St. 4th Fl. (free underground parking available)**. All are welcome to attend. There is no cost for this event.

Stouffville Community Prayer Meeting

Sunday, October 25th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm

This month's prayer focus: Thankfulness to God

You are invited to join with Christians from all Whitchurch Stouffville churches to worship and pray for the needs of our churches, community schools, government, businesses and individuals. Meeting to take place at the **WS Town Hall Council Chambers at 111 Sandiford Dr., Stouffville**.

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.

Squires Award

We would like to congratulate the St. Mark Squires for receiving the **Brother Barnabas Award**. This award is for the good work the Squires did at the Strawberry Festival and is only awarded to 25 circles around the world. Great work!!!

Altar Server Awards

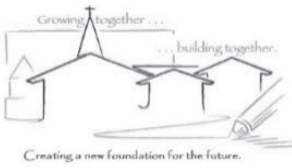
On October 10th, seven altar servers from our parish received the "Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service" from the Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to: **Grace Baker, Hannah Catalano, Mark Louis, Matthew Mendoza, Jennifer Sahayarajan, Jonathan Serna and Sam Usling**

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,663 Building Fund \$4,116

OCTOBER 18, 2015

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged
to date:
\$434,945



I'm an older parishioner. I love this Parish but I'm not in a position to make a five-year commitment. Can I just give a one-time gift?

Absolutely yes!

Each family is being asked to prayerfully examine their own financial circumstances. Sometimes things change and you may find yourself able to make a subsequent gift!

People may make the kind and frequency of gift that they desire. All gifts are gratefully appreciated!

Be sure to return your commitment card with a note that this is a one-time gift!



Questions? Email us at stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca

Month of the Holy Souls - November

Remembrance of the Faithfully Departed

During November, the **Month of the Holy Souls**, we join the whole Church, in prayerful remembrance of the faithful departed members of our families and our parish community. We remember them, both on All Souls Day, November 2nd and each of our Friday evening masses during this month. If you want your loved ones to be remembered in our Masses, please write down their names on the ALL SOULS envelopes available in the foyer. **Beginning the weekend of October 17/18 and for the entire month of November, there will be a glass vase in front of the altar. You may place your ALL SOULS envelope in the receptacle.**

Thank You

Thank you to **Irma Pescador** and **Mary Raybould** for setting up the lovely Thanksgiving decorations around the altar.

Food for Thought

You may on occasion be tempted to leave Mass early. Just remember, Judas was the only one to leave the Last Supper early. DynamicCatholic.com

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 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Recollection for Women

Monday, October 19th from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

There will be two meditations and a talk on living the Christian life, an examination of conscience and an opportunity for sacramental confession beginning at 7 pm.

ORAT Project Hope Town Hall

Tuesday, October 20th at 7:45 pm in Parish Hall

In order to ascertain if our parish is in a position to help a Refugee family, a Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for **October 20th**. We invite anyone who is interested in being part of a **Project Hope Parish Sponsorship Committee** to attend to see if we have the manpower and resources to undertake this initiative.

Create a Climate of Change Campaign October 24/25

Our Church knows that climate change is an issue of justice!

Pope Francis reminds us of our responsibility to act in his encyclical *Laudato Si*: "The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes...The effects of this imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now!" The Cardinal has asked all parishes to participate in a national weekend of Action on October 24/25 together with Development and Peace to *Create a Climate of Change*. Next week you will be asked to sign an Action Card to the government. On the card, you can also share with the Prime Minister your own personal action to help reduce climate change.

St. Mark's Women's Ministry Meeting Monday, October 26 at 7:30 pm

Michelle Dizon of our parish, and her mother Lorraine Majcen, will provide faith testimonials, followed by small group discussions, refreshments and socializing.

Come out...and bring a friend!

Offertory Donation Envelopes

Boxes will no longer be issued for the remainder of 2015. You may submit a request for a numbered box for 2016. If you are new to the Parish please fill out a Parish Registration and indicate your request for a numbered box. For the balance of this year, please use the pink visitor envelopes found in the lobby. Identifiable donations are tax receipted.

Only request a numbered box if you plan to be a regular user. Current box users with low usage will have their numbers removed for 2016.

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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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