



# 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  
JULY & AUGUST  
9 am - 12 noon  
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

## 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.

## ANOIDING 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  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Sean Sutton req. by Fr. Michael
- † Gerard Brito req. by Fr. Michael
- † Ron Edwards req. by St. Mark's Choir
- Ankic Stipceвич req. by Milka Stipceвич

**Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Petra Ward req. by Damiana McQuigge

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Francesco Mirenzi req. by Anonymous

**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 8:00 pm**

St. Mark's Parishioners and their Families req. by Fr. Michael

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

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

- † Sebastiana Aprile req. by Aprile Family
- † Francisco Lomibao req. by Carlos and Emy de Asis
- † Fred Cimone req. by D'Ulisse Family
- † Anne Lavelle req. by Pat and Paul McGuire

**@ 5:00 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

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

- † Antonietta Cimone req. by MaryLou and Romano Acciaccaferri

**@ 11:00 am**

- † Gennaro Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno

## Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Rocco Campanale



## Is God Calling You?

"Increase our faith." Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest or religious? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org**

## Praying the Rosary in October

Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend

Mass in October.

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.



## Winter Mass Schedule

The Winter Mass Schedule will begin on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

However, First Friday

Mass on October 7 will be at 8:00 pm not 8:30 am.

## 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.

"One day I read in Ecclesiasticus that 'Mercy will give to each his place according as his works deserve' (Eccl 16:15). St. Paul had spoken of being 'justified freely by grace'. She explained to me then with great vehemence that if the authentic spirit of childhood was based on surrender to and trust in God, it was based no less on humility and sacrifice. 'We must,' she said, 'do everything in our power, give without counting the cost, practise virtue at every opportunity, deny ourselves constantly, prove our love by all kinds of attentions and marks of affection, in a word, do all the good deeds in our power for the love of God. But since all that is really very little, it is important to place all our trust in him who alone sanctifies all deeds, and can sanctify without them; he can raise up children to Abraham from the very stones (cf. Mt 3:9). Yes when we have done all that we think we should do, we must admit that we are worthless servants (cf. Lk 17:10), but hope nevertheless that God will give us, free, all that we desire. That is what 'the little way of childhood' is all about." – Testimony of Genevieve of Saint Teresa, O.C.D. (Therese's blood sister)

## Life Chain

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**



Join pro-lifers in your community and across Canada to stand together and pray for the end to Abortion.

**St. Mark's Parishioners to meet at the corner of McCowan & Hwy 7 on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2 to 3 pm**

## Villanova College – Open House

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for a personal tour at one of our upcoming fall Open Houses: **Oct. 6 – 10am-12pm, Oct. 19 – 7pm, Oct. 28** (public school PA Day) - 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 and through extensive co-curricular programs. Please visit our website at [www.villanovacollege.org](http://www.villanovacollege.org) to register for one of our upcoming Open Houses or contact the Office of Admissions at 905-833-1909 or [admissions@villanovacollege.ca](mailto:admissions@villanovacollege.ca)

## Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offering \$ 6,912**

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

# OCTOBER 2, 2016

## Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>, our parish will offer the option to give your offertory through the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. PAG allows parishioners to make their regular Sunday offering using the "direct debit" system. It is a giving option that is made available to provide convenience and ease of use for our parishioners. When you opt for PAG, your regular Sunday offering is only withdrawn from your account once a month and deposited into the parish account. PAG is widely used in other parishes, and we want to make PAG available to those who would like to take advantage of it.

*Enrollment forms are available in the church foyer.  
For more information, please call the parish office.*

## Special Collection for Parish Youth

**October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

A special collection will be taken up at the masses on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to support the ministry activities of our two youth ministries. Thank you for your generosity.

## Youth Ministry Kick-Off Nights

EDGE

We welcome **youth in grades 6, 7, and 8** to join us on **Friday October 7 from 7 – 9 PM** in the Parish Hall  
Register Online at: [www.tinyurl.com/EDGE20162017](http://www.tinyurl.com/EDGE20162017)

YOUTH

We welcome **youth in high school** to join us on **Friday October 28 from 7 – 10 PM** in the Parish Hall



## Confirmation Registration

- Confirmation Online Registration for Grade 7 students begins **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am** and is on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.**

## First Communion Parent Meeting

**Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm**

There will be a **First Communion Parent Catechetical Session** in the church on October 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm.

For those parents who have volunteered to help teach the children, a **training session** will take place at 7 pm in the Parish Hall on this same evening.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

**October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

Donations for the Thanksgiving Food drive will be accepted at all the Masses on **October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**.

The following items are urgently needed by the food bank: canned fruit, tins of ravioli, tins of spaghetti, gravy, jam and Jello. Please make sure the items are not expired.

Should a cash donation be made over \$10, a tax receipt will be given at the end of the year. Please put it in an envelope with your name, address and postal code.

**Thank you for helping our neighbours in need.**

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

**Tuesday Afternoons**

Beginning **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group will resume meeting **every Tuesday afternoon from 3 pm to 4 pm in the St. Anne's Room**. Prayers and the Rosary are said to blind satan and save souls (those who do not know the love of God yet).



## Parish Movie Night

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**



### This month's movie:

### Mother Teresa

The life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love and salvation to the poorest of the poor. The movie covers her life from her childhood in Albania in the 1920's to her first calling as a nun, the decision to leave her order to live with the poorest of the poor, her founding of the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity and her great work of service in Calcutta and the rest of the world.

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

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 177 minutes

## Library Reading Contest

### Don't forget our library reading contest!

Draw to take place in February.

Reading list posted on the library in the foyer.

Ask Bookstall staff for prize details.

### **Suggested children's book for this month:**

St. Thomas Aquinas

### **Suggested adult book for this month:**

Glimpses of the Early Church Fathers

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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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