



# 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.  
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.  
Lad Mehes - Custodian

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9 am - 3:30 pm

Closed for lunch 12-1pm

**JULY & AUGUST**

9 am - 12 noon

**CLOSED MONDAYS**

## SUMMERR 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 - 4:00 - 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 to all new parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

## COMMUNION FOR THE

### SICK AND HOUSE-

### BOUND

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

## 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  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
Lectors  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Group  
Sacramental Preparation  
Squires  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Teresa Shaw req. by Elizabeth and Dominic Flagello

† Christopher Fung req. by Dominic

† Catrina Cassano req. by Cassano Family

† Violando Pacelli req. by Family

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

† Tom Harding req. by Tymon Family

**Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:30 am**

Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Judy Normandeau req. by Fr. Michael

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 am**

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

† Petra Ward req. by Damiana McQuigge

† Edward Kaliciak req. by Don and Susan Dizon

† Antonio Monaco req. by Fr. Michael

† Samuel & Adeline DeVera req. by DeVera Family

† Armido Bresolin req. by Ingnese Bresolin and Family

**@ 5:00 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

† John Innamorato req. by Dina and Michael Simon

**@ 11:00 am**

Sean Sutton and Gerard Brito req. by Fr. Michael

## Pray For The Sick

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

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Leola Banks, Violando Pacelli, Carmel Ryder, Laura Fantini Molly McManingwell, Douglas Ciceri Sr., Antonio Monaco

## Stouffville Community Prayer

Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly prayer meeting held on the last Sunday of each month at the Town Hall. The next meeting is September 27<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

## Vocations

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift of a church vocation, call Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,803

## Life Chain

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 2 pm to 3 pm  
at the intersection of McCowan Rd. and Hwy 7



His Holiness, late Pope John Paul II in His Encyclical Letter "The Gospel of Life" said... "procured abortion is the deliberate and direct killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his or her existence, extending from conception to birth"

Many forget that the status quo in Canada is any abortion, at any time, for any reason, at taxpayer expense. Many don't realize that as a Catholic Christian we need to defend life and publicly oppose abortion.

**Life Chain is a simple and prayerful way to give public witness to the Truth that abortion is a violent destruction of human life.** It takes only an hour and all you have to do is stand quietly with others, holding a sign with a simple message. And as you stand, you can quietly pray the Rosary for the conversion of our leaders.

## Stouffville Igoma Partnership

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and Silent Auction**

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm**

**Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club**

The Stouffville Igoma Partnership is organizing a banquet and silent auction to raise money to provide aid and relief to needy people in Africa. The tickets cost \$50 and can be purchased via email at [www.sipartnership.org](http://www.sipartnership.org).

## Project Hope

**Special Emergency Appeal**

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. **This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible.** The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3411. You can also donate using the yellow humanitarian relief envelopes located in the foyer with a cheque made payable to **St. Mark's Church – Project Hope – Refugee Sponsorship.**

We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the **Office for Refugees at 647-780-0827.**

## Praying the Rosary in October

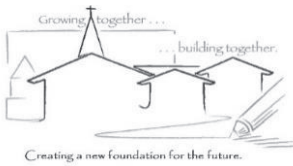
Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass in October. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

## Pulpit Announcements

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

# SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

## FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged to date:  
**\$248,620**

### PHASES? ELEVATOR?

#### PHASE 1: EXPANSION

Expansion of our worship space is our top priority. We will go from being able to seat 300 people to being able to seat 600 people. Aisles will be made wider to accommodate wheelchairs. Projected start date is fall of **2017**. We need to raise \$1,300,000 or preferably more! **We can do it!**



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#### PHASE 2: ELEVATOR

An **elevator** is at the top of our wish list! We've heard your concerns. We must meet accessibility guidelines. We want everyone to be able to participate in celebrations in the parish hall! We will need to build an enclosing structure and also drywall and paint the parish hall. We need to raise another \$250,000! **We can do it!**



#### PHASE 3: OTHER

These items include new administrative and sacristy space, an expansion of the foyer, a bell tower entrance and the placing of a large window in the front façade. Costs have yet to be determined on these items.



Bless you for your generous response!



### RCIA Program

**Beginning September 28, 2015**  
**Monday nights from 7 pm to 9:30 pm**

**Know someone who wants to become a Catholic or someone who is already Catholic and would like to gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith?**

If so, all are invited to join the RCIA program. If you are unsure about joining the program, you are welcome to attend a few sessions to see if this will be beneficial to you on your faith journey. You can register by contacting the Parish Office at 905-640-6954.

### Winter Schedule

The Winter Mass Schedule will begin on the weekend after Thanksgiving – **Sunday, October 18, 2015**

## Confirmation Registration –Grade 8 Important Dates

- Confirmation Online Registration for Grade 8 students begins **Monday, September 28 at 9 am** and is on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, October 7th, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.**

## Women's Ministry Social Night Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm



Women of the Church

The Women's Ministry would like to welcome all women from the parish for a **Welcome Back Social Night**. Join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and a look at what this year's meetings will bring.

## Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

The Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday. The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

## EDGE Program Launch Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm



### EDGE Nights for Youth in Grades 6 to 8

The leaders of our EDGE program are looking forward to welcoming the returning children and would like to encourage others to join the program which will allow them to have fun while learning more about their Catholic faith. **A table will be set up in the church foyer after all Masses this weekend to accept registration forms for the program. The forms can also be dropped off at the parish office.**



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

**October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

Donations for the Thanksgiving Food drive will be accepted at all the Masses on **October 10th and 11th**.

The following items are urgently needed by the food bank: Kraft dinner, canned fruit, applesauce, soda crackers, tins of ravioli, jam, tuna, peanut butter canned meats (no Spam or corn beef). 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.

## St. Mark's Healing Mass

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Everyone is invited to attend a healing Mass at St. Mark's on **October 13th**. The celebrant will be **Fr. Ben St. Croix**. For further information, please call the parish office.

**Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.**

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



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