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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
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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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 19th @ 7:00 pm

- † Ochandiano Family req. by Fr. Michael
- † Robert Baldi req. by Julia Iannuzzi
- † Corey Hay req. by Hay Family
- † Kata and Ivan Katekovic req. by Milka Stipceвич

Wednesday, September 20th @ 8:30 am

- † Paul David Ignagni req. by Antonietta and Frank Ignagni

Thursday, September 21st @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

Intentions of Ruberto Family req. by Peter Willan

Friday, September 22nd @ 8:30 am

- † Clementina Mondelli req. by Anonymous

Saturday, September 23rd @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- All Priests req. by Fr. Michael
- † Silvio and Rosina Pierotti req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti
- † Barbara Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family
- † Anna Richard req. by Sara and Bruce Sinclair and Family

Sunday, September 24th @ 9:00 am

- † Filomena and Pasquale DeFilippis req. by Dina and Michael Simon
- @11:00 am**
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Winter Mass Schedule

The Winter Mass Schedule will begin on **Sunday, October 15, 2017.**



Is God Calling You?

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service 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.**

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**When prayer is sweet and easy,
that is God's gift to us; when
prayer is anguished and hard, -
- that is our gift to God.**

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.

"Therese also told me that while she was still a novice she once spent nearly a week feeling as if she was separated from her body. 'I was no longer on earth; I did my work in the refectory as if someone had lent me a body. I just cannot express it. It was as if a veil had been thrown up between me and everything around me.' Asked if such states were different from a period of particularly deep recollection, she said: They certainly were. She was always very recollected, and if it had been only that, she would not have spoken to me about it as something special. When I asked her if in the course of her religious life she had experienced extraordinary manifestations of grace, she said: 'In the garden during night silence, I have often felt so deeply recollected in my heart so united with God that I used to make very intense, yet effortless, acts of love; I think these graces must have been what St. Teresa calls flights of the spirit.'" Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Bereavement Support Group at St. Patrick's Parish, Markham September 25th to November 20th

Meetings will be held weekly on Mondays.

Space is limited!



To register, visit our website at:

www.stpatrick.on.ca

and download our registration package or contact our parish at 905-294-5955.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 1st, 2017 at 2 pm



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. 1st from 2 to 3 pm



Confirmation Registration

- Confirmation Online Registration for Grade 7 students begins **Tuesday, October 10th at 9 am** 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.**

**Thank you to Natalia Horscroft for
beautifying the railings and mailbox in
front of the Church!**

Thank You For Your Generosity

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PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017



First Communion Parent Meeting

Wednesday, September 20th at 7 pm

A mandatory Parent Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** at the church.

For more information, go to www.stmarkstouffville.ca



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, September 23rd



This month's movie: Bella

A soccer star is on his way to sign a multimillion dollar contract when a series of events unfold that brings his career to an abrupt end. A beautiful waitress discovers something that she's unprepared for. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down...until a simple gesture of kindness brings them together.

Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge.

Running Time: 91 minutes Rated: PG-13

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, September 25th at 7:30 pm



Welcome back!

We're looking forward to an exciting new year with the St. Mark's Women's Ministry. Our first meeting will be

Monday, September 25, at 7:30PM.

Come join us to kick the new year off with a fun and social night of fellowship and prayer journaling. New to our meetings? We'll provide you with all you need. Still have your journal from last year? Bring it along. Yours is getting full and it's time for a new one? We've got it for you. Go home with a journal full of prayers, intentions, and traditions and a heart full of new friends. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, contact the Women's Ministry at stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com.

Fall Seminar at St. Mark's Parish

Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30 pm

"Homecoming"

How to bring loved ones home to the Catholic Church

We all have loved ones who have left the Catholic Church. Our hearts break for them as they brave the wilderness of life, outside the hearth and home of the Catholic Church.

How do we bring them home?

And why did they leave in the first place?

Understanding the answer your loved one gives to that last question is just as important as the first—if we don't grasp the real reasons people leave the Church, we'll never be effective in our attempts to help them home.

This is the subject of "Homecoming: How to Bring Family and Friends Home to the Catholic Church" by Cale Clarke, Director of The Faith Explained Seminars, here at St Mark's Parish. Hope to see you there!



ALPHA

Coming this Fall to St. Mark's

Alpha will begin September 27, 2017!

If you would like to participate, please pick up a card with the online registration link at the bookstall.

EDGE Kick-Off Night

September 29th from 7 pm to 9 pm

EDGE

We welcome youth in grades 6, 7, and 8 to join us on **Friday, September 29 from 7 – 9 PM** in the Parish Hall Register Online at: <http://tinyurl.com/edge20172018>

Farewell to Fr. Jacob Mado

Sunday, October 1st after the 11 am Mass



Fr. Jacob will soon be re-assigned by his religious order to another country.

The parish will have a farewell reception for him in the hall on Sunday, October 1st after the 11 am Mass.

Everyone is invited to attend

and extend their best wishes to Fr. Jacob!

Donations of sandwiches and fruit and veggie platters are being requested. There are sign-up sheets available in the foyer. The sign-up deadline for food and volunteers to help with the reception is Wednesday, September 27th.

Bible Study at St. Mark's

Beginning October 3rd

PHILIPPIANS BY: AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Location: St. Mark's Church

Date: Beginning October 3, 2017 (Tuesdays at 7:30 pm for 6 weeks)

For more information email:

stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca or sign up at the bookstall



St. Mark's Retreat with Fr. John Yake

Saturday, October 7th

Jesus counseled that we should pray always. He did not mean that we should endlessly recite prayer formulas, but that we need to remain present to God's love in all the ups and downs of our lives because Divine Love is reality.

St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) described the journey of prayer in her book Interior Castle which Sr. Mary Niere has translated into contemporary language in her book entitled **The Gospel of Contemplation.**

This book will be used for St. Mark's Day of Reflection with Fr. John Yake on Saturday, October 7th.

The day will include lunch and a copy of the book.

Contributions of \$20 would be appreciated to cover the food, book and retreat master.

Registration sign-up sheet located at the bookstall.

Trip to St. Michael's Cathedral

Thursday, October 26th



A bus trip is being planned to see the newly renovated St. Michael's Cathedral along with a stop off at the St. Lawrence Market on Thursday, October 26th. Details to follow next weekend.

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