



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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NOVEMBER 2019 - JUNE 2020

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Camille Herrera - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm
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
Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
(with Children's Liturgy)
Sunday - 11:00 am

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 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary

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

St. Therese of Lisieux

Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

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 or on our website.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Cancelled during construction.

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
Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ushers
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
T: 905-640-2915

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

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223 Millard St.
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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T: 416-934-0606
W: 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!

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 18th @ 7:00 pm

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

- † Mary McKenna req. by Fr. Michael
- † Edith & Henry Scott req. by Ian and Ann Marie Munro
- † Karisa Bhagwandat req. by Norman & Rowena Bhagwandat

Wednesday, February 19th @ 8:30 am

- † Salvatore Rizzo (First Anniversary) req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, February 20th @ 8:30 am

- † Grazino D'Angelo req. by Ignagni Family

Friday, February 21st @ 7:00 pm

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

- † Andy Smith req. by Viggiani Family
- † Caridad Lim req. by Cruz Family
- Cindy Heenan Schwarzli req. by Jill McWhinnie

Saturday, February 22nd

@ 9:00 am

- † Brito Family req. by Fr. Michael
- † Jan Stipceovich req. by Milka Stipceovich
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Anonymous
- † Philip Theriault req. by Theriault Family
- † Emmanuele Di Falco and Maria Moretti req. by MaryLou & Romano Acciaccafferri

@ 5:00 pm

- † Edna May MacKay req. by Ian & Ann Marie Munro

Sunday, February 23rd

@ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

- † Dino Raponi req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi & Family

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

To sign-up for St. Mark's Church Pre-Authorized Giving program, Please go to:

www.stmarkstouffville.ca, click on the "Contact" heading then "Donations" to print off the form.

Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket.

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

THE LIGHT OF STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel Jesus boldly says, "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times...but I say to you..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love. As stewards we should not just offer our gifts of our time and talents to our parish community in a mediocre way but strive to do so as generously as possible.

Film: Christians in the Mirror

Thursday, February 27th at 6 pm

CHRISTIANS IN THE MIRROR



Location: 89 St. George St. Toronto

Registration:

<https://christiansinthemirror.eventbrite.ca>

All are welcome. Discussion with director to follow.

Email questions to: frpeterturrone@newmantoronto.com

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

Retreat: March 6 to 8

Theme: Spirituality and the Seasons of our Lives

Retreat Leader: Fr. Ron Rolheiser

Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

To register or for more information call 905-278-5229

Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

255 Front St. W., Toronto

Saturday, March 7 from 9 am to 5:30 pm



Join us for the largest single-day Catholic event in Canada!

Adults \$25 Youth \$15

For information and ticket sales:

WEB: www.ljhr.ca **EMAIL:** contact@ljhr.ca

Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference

March 28th from 8:30 am to 4 pm



Celebrating our 11th year!

Saturday, March 28 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Le Treport Banquet Hall, 1075
Queensway E., Mississauga

Mass celebrant: Fr. Edward J. Curtis

Light Breakfast – Lunch – Free Parking. All Included.

Register at: **<http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>**

Register early to avoid disappointment.

CONTACT: 416-907-1042

Thank You For Your Generosity

Revenue

Weekly Offering	\$ 7,629
Average Weekly PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving)	<u>\$ 1,404</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 9,033

Expenses (2020 Projected Weekly Average)

Operating Exp. & Debt Reduction	\$ 9,600
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PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

FEBRUARY 16, 2020



Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, February 17th at 7 pm

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Monday, February 17th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall meeting room. All are welcome.

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, February 19th

The next preparatory Confirmation class will take place on Wednesday, February 19th in the Parish Hall.



Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

EDGE

February 21st from 7 pm to 9 pm

We welcome youth in **grades 5, 6, 7, and 8** to join us on **Friday, February 21st from 7 – 9 PM** in the Parish Hall.

For further information, please go to stmarkstouffville.ca or email our Youth Minister, Camille, at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.

Register Online at:

<https://stmarkschurch.breezechms.com/form/EDGE20192020>

St. Mark's Pasta Knight

Saturday, February 22nd at 6 pm



Come and enjoy a delicious meal!

Penne Pasta, Home Made Sausage & Meatballs, Cold Cuts, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Adults \$20 Youth \$10 10 & under \$5

Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks and Water available

Tickets will be sold after the weekend masses.

For information, call Sal Lombardo at 416-721-1091.

New to the parish?

What a great way to make new friends!

Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council



Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, February 24th at 7:30 pm

Women's Ministry

Looking for the best way to beat the February Blahs?

A night of fellowship with the St. Mark's Women's Ministry! Come join us as we prepare for Lent and share new ways to observe it and help make this the best Lent

Ever. We will also be reviewing Magnify 90 and discussing some of the virtues covered in this book. So, whether this is your first time joining us or if you've been many times before, this promises to be a meeting full of lots of take-aways and hearty discussions.

Come join us!

Monday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

February 26th - Mass at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm



This is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 – 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

Lectio Divina

Sunday, March 1st from 7 pm to 8:15 pm

*****Livestreamed at St. Mark's Church*****



In Lectio Divina we seek not to master or grasp the sacred text, but rather through it, prayerfully and silently, to come into the presence of God.

LIVESTREAM: This month Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins will be livestreamed at St. Mark's Church. Hosted by Gordon Lee.

The night begins with **Vespers** (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., and **Lectio Divina** from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Passage for meditation 1 Samuel 3:1-21

World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Prayer Service Hosted by St. Mark's Church

Friday, March 6th at 2 pm

Everyone is invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Prayer Service on Friday, March 6th, at 2pm. Hosted by St Mark Church for the Stouffville community.

This year's service will feature Zimbabwe.

We will be accepting donations of cookies and squares for the reception after the service. If you're able to contribute baked goods, please email stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca with the item you would like to bring and your contact information.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Mark's Summer Camp



Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus Summer Camp at St. Mark's Church.

Children entering Grades 1 to 6

Program Dates: Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31

Children entering Grades 7 to 12

Program Dates: Sunday, July 26 to Thursday, July 30

** Registration information and further details will be published in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks. **

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