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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
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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

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St. Mark's School
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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!

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 25th @ 7:00 pm

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

† Cheryl McCulloch req. by Deacon Wayne McCulloch

† Roger Davy req. by Fr. Michael

† Victor St. George req. by Ida St. George and Judy & Ernest Selvadurai

† Frank Gallo req. by Nella Nardi

Wednesday, February 26th Ash Wednesday

@ 8:30 am

† Orlando Mireni req. by Anonymous

@ 7:30 pm

Parish Conversion req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, February 27th @ 8:30 am

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, February 28th Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Ross Gallo req. by Maria Gallo

Biagio & Maria Ferri (Wedding Anniversary) req. by Maria Ferri

† Frank Gallo req. by Sabina Gallo

Saturday, February 29th

@ 9:00 am

† Michael & Beverley Semon req. by Russ & Pam May

† Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family

Forgiveness and reparation of my sins and those of my family req. by Alphonsine & Family

† Intentions of Jeannine Amyotte req. by Jeannine Amyotte

† Antonio, Loida & Ramon Mortalla req. by Mortalla Family

@ 5:00 pm

† Violando & Anna Pacelli req. by Pacelli Family

Sunday, March 1st

@ 9:00 am

† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

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.

Ash Wednesday Collection

If Parishioners, who donate via PAG and who do not have a box of envelopes, would like to give to the Ash Wednesday collection, please use the pink "Visitor" envelopes located in the foyer. Please mark on the envelope "Ash Wednesday Collection" as well as your name and address. Thank you.

Lenten Retreat

**Sacred Heart, 14485 Jane St, King City
March 1st to 4th from 7 pm to 8:15 pm**

Lenten Retreat at Sacred Heart Parish

Facilitator: Fr. Michael Sullivan, OSA

Day 1: Baptism, Confirmation and the Power of the Holy Spirit

Day 2: Reconciling, Healing and Forgiveness **Day 3:** Fidelity and Commitment **Day 4:** "Call to be One Bread One Body"

Come and See Weekend

March 13th @ 7pm to March 15th @ 1:30 pm



Friday, March 13 (at 7:00 p.m.) to

Sunday, March 15 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single

Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Registrants 17 years old require parental consent.

For more information, please contact the

Office of Vocations at: **416 968 0997;**

email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Evangelization Opportunity

The re:gen mission of the Archdiocese of Toronto is currently hiring young adults to become chastity or campus missionaries for 15 months starting in June 2020 until August 2021. If you are interested in this great opportunity, please contact Genicia Dabu at regen@ocytoronto.org.

To learn more about re:gen, visit their website at www.ocytoronto.org/regen.

Monthly Mortgage Collection

For the month of February, the Mortgage Collection totalled \$3,200.

Last year, this monthly collection was taken up for the Building Fund. When ordering envelopes for this year, we had hoped that most of our building expenses would be finished. This is not the case.

There are still ongoing and future expenses related to the renovation and expansion project, such as those related to the stained glass, the confessional and final elements relating to the sound system and lighting, etc. These still must be provided for. Therefore, the monthly Mortgage Collection will be held in reserve first to meet

these expenses and only after we have paid all the remaining expenses related to the expansion, will the funds be applied to debt reduction.

Currently, we are unable to report the Offertory and PAG Collection numbers for the weekend of February 15/16. There was an issue opening the safe and therefore, counting could not be completed before the bulletin printing deadline. The totals will be listed in next weekend's bulletin.

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Pew Plaques

Over the next couple of months, the Church Office will be contacting parishioners, who sponsored the purchase of a pew at the end of 2018, in order to determine what they would like engraved on the pew plaque. Also, if the \$50 payment is still outstanding, this will be collected as well.



Sample name plate to be dedicated to the living or deceased.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, February 24th at 7:30 pm



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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday in Lent at St. Mark's Church

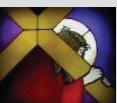


Every Thursday during Lent at St. Mark's Church, we invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time in Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 9 am and conclude with Benediction at 12 noon.

Sign-up sheets are now available on the table in the foyer.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm



YOUTH

February 28th from 6:30 pm to 9 pm

We invite all high school teens to join us on **Friday, February 28th from 6:30 PM – 9 PM** in the Parish Hall. For further information, please email stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.

Lectio Divina

Sunday, March 1st from 7 pm to 8:15 pm
Livestreamed at St. Mark's Church



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 sign up on the list in the foyer.

St. Mark's Lenten Retreat

March 8th and March 15th



Sunday, March 8th at 7 pm

Speaker: Al Smith, Director of the

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Mission Society

-----and continuing on-----

Sunday, March 15th at 7 pm

Speaker: Cale Clarke, Director of The Faith Explained



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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