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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

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
T: 416-968-0997
W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 14th @ 7:00 pm

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

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa
Peter McAleer & Family req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, January 15th @ 8:30 am

† Cornelius Cormier req. by Jeannine Cormier & Tom Clarke

Thursday, January 16th @ 8:30 am

Matthew Shin-Scott req. by Munro Family

Friday, January 17th @ 7:00 pm

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Emidia Veroni req. by Dominic & Dino Veroni

† Mario & Anna Ignagni req. by Frank & Antonietta

† Frank Gallo req. by Domenic & Angela DiBernardo

Saturday, January 18th

@ 9:00 am

† Niall Hamill req. by Fr. Michael

† Beatrice Biondi req. by Ossi & Ann Pierotti

† Romano Stipceovich req. by Milka Stipceovich

† Frank Ronco req. by Emilio & Lina Ronco

† Mario Putong req. by Leizyl Sobrinho & Family

@ 5:00 pm

† Jerry Talampas req. by Talampas Family

Sunday, January 19th

@ 9:00 am

† Salvatore, Congetto, Guiseppe, Frances, Dorrata Bortolo and Guiseppe & Sebastiano Luciano req. by Maria Bortolo

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**,

Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997**.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration began January 6, 2020 in all York Catholic Elementary schools.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school.

For more information, check the parish bulletin board or visit our website at

www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

Villanova College Open House January 17 & 31 at 9:30 am

Please join us for a personal tour at one of our upcoming Open Houses: Jan. 17 & Jan. 31 – 9:30am (public school PA Days). 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. Please visit our website at 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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 Sunday, January 26th at 7 pm

Theme: "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2)

Come and join us in an Ecumenical Prayer Service led by Christian Church Leaders in the GTA.

His Eminence Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto will be reflecting on the Word of God

Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 7 pm

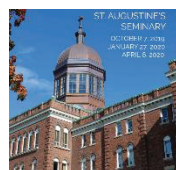
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

1585 Yonge Street, Toronto

Refreshments to follow

For further information: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 344

An Evening at the Seminary Monday, January 27 at 4:45 pm



Have you ever thought about being a priest? Getting a glimpse of priestly formation with a seminary tour, Holy Mass and dinner. This event is for men in Grade 12 and above. Those aged 17 and under must be

accompanied by their parish priest. Register online: www.vocationstoronto.ca or call 416-968-0997

JANUARY 12, 2020

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 15th

The first preparatory Confirmation class will take place on Wednesday, January 15th in the Parish Hall.



Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th at 7:30 pm



The next meeting of the fraternal year will be held on January 15th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall meeting room.

For further information contact:

Nicholas Quadrini at squirenq@gmail.com

YOUTH

January 17th from 6:30 pm to 9 pm

**Bring a friend, meet new people,
play some board games.**

We invite all high school teens to join us on
Friday, January 17th from 6:30 PM – 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/HS20192020>

Recollection for Women

January 20th at St. Mark's Church

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life.

Date: January 20, 2020

Confession: 7:00 pm

Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei

Thank you!

We would like to thank **Angela Metauro** for organizing the Hoodie Drive for the homeless in Downtown Toronto and for transporting the many items donated by parishioners to Light Patrol for distribution. God bless you!

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering

\$ 6,600

Holy Land Pilgrimage In the Footsteps of Jesus

November 2 to November 15, 2020



Come join us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the most sacred place on earth!

Pilgrimage Dates: November 1 to 15, 2020

Travel Arrangements by:

Talk of the Town Travel

Information Meeting:

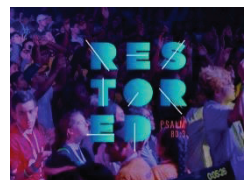
Date to be announced soon

Itinerary:

Copies located in the new foyer on the table
Pilgrimage under the spiritual guidance of
Fr. Joseph Devereaux & Fr. Michael Hughes

Steubenville Youth Conference

July 3 – 5 at Ontario Tech University



The Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference will be coming to the Ontario Tech University Campus in Oshawa from July 3rd to 5th, 2020. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2020 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2020 can attend this exciting conference. **To find out more and to register, please contact Camille Herrera at 905-640-6954 or by email at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.** A non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be paid when booking a spot. For details about the conference, please go to www.steubenvilletoronto.com.

Thank you to our Parishioners



Fr. Michael and the Office Staff would like to sincerely thank everyone for the beautiful gifts and sweet treats that were received and enjoyed over the holidays.

Fr. Michael will continue to try and personally thank individuals as he sees you after Mass if he has not done so already.

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