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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
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T: 905-642-6728

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T: 905-642-5100

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Serra House
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 21st @ 7:00 pm

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



Joanne La Sita req. by Christina Viggiani



Steve & Jessie Coe req. by Ian & Ann Marie Munro



Joe Mazzone req. by St. Mark's Choir

Wednesday, January 22nd @ 8:30 am

Gary Headon and Family req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, January 23rd @ 8:30 am



Fortunata Cianflone req. by Mary Raybould

Friday, January 24th @ 7:00 pm

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Raicha Maguire req. by Fr. Michael



Michael and Beverley Semon req. by Russ & Pam May



Eugeniana Pedron req. by Piedad Family

Mike Livia req. by MaryLou and Romano

Saturday, January 25th

@ 9:00 am



Cheryl McCulloch req. by Deacon Wayne McCulloch



Fr. Royden Thoms req. by Fr. Michael



Wilma Willan req. by Peter Willan



Rosina & Raffaele Aquino & Antonio Meola req. by

Anonymous



Valentino Mauriello req. by Anonymous

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, January 26th

@ 9:00 am



Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

@ 11:00 am



Dino Raponi req. by Tony, Onesima Raponi and Family

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:

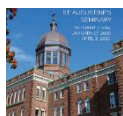
www.stmarkstouffville.ca, click on the "Contact" heading then "Donations" to print off the form.

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.

An Evening at the Seminary Monday, January 27th 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.

From the Depths of Our Hearts Priesthood, Celibacy, and the Crisis of the Catholic Church

BENEDICT XVI
ROBERT CARDINAL SARAH



From the Depths
of Our Hearts

Priesthood, Celibacy, and the
Crisis of the Catholic Church

Benedict XVI and Cardinal Robert Sarah have co-authored a new book on priestly celibacy, taking a firm stand against the priestly ordination of married men in the Latin Church. Titled, "From the Depths of Our Hearts," the new book by the pope

emeritus and the prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments **will be available from Ignatius Press for pre-order on January 13.** "The ability to renounce marriage in order to place oneself totally at the Lord's disposal is a criterion for the priestly ministry," Benedict XVI writes in the new book. "As for the concrete form of celibacy in the ancient Church, it should also be pointed out that married men could only receive the sacrament of Holy Orders if they had committed themselves to sexual abstinence, that is to say, to a Josephite marriage."

The new book by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Cardinal Robert Sarah comes amid a discussion on married priests opened by Francis and allows their voices to be heard. "I cannot in conscience, as a son of Africa, support the idea that the peoples on the road to evangelization should be deprived of this encounter with a priesthood lived to the full," Cardinal Sarah writes in the new book. "The peoples of Amazonia have the right to a full experience of Christ the Bridegroom. They cannot be offered 'second class' priests. On the contrary, the younger a Church is, the more it needs to meet the radical nature of the Gospel."

In the introduction, the pope emeritus and Cardinal Sarah explain that the volume was born out of silence, prayer, and a series of conversations and letters they exchanged in recent months. "Their book is not just about priestly celibacy, important as that is in itself," said Ignatius Press editor Father Joseph Fessio in a press release on Sunday. "It is about, as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI describes it in his first paragraph: 'the lasting crisis that the priesthood has been going through for many years.' But it is about more than that; it is about the nature of the Church and of Christian discipleship. This is a book that all should read. It is powerful and personal - from the depths of their hearts."

For full article go to www.lifesitenews.com

Australia - Humanitarian Relief

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the devastation caused by the fires in Australia. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways

- Online at www.archtoronto.org
- By calling the Development Office at [416-934-3411](tel:416-934-3411)
- By using the envelopes in the Church foyer

Make cheques payable to:

St. Mark's Church - Australia Fires - Disaster Relief

JANUARY 19, 2020



Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, January 20th at 7 pm

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Monday, January 20th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall meeting room. All are welcome. For information contact Deacon John at 905-294-4649

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. It will include Adoration.

Date: January 20, 2020

Confession: 7:00 pm

Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 22nd

The next preparatory Confirmation class will take place on Wednesday, January 22nd in the Parish Hall.



Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

EDGE Night

January 24th from 7 pm to 9 pm

E D G E

We welcome youth in **grades 5, 6, 7, and 8** to join us on **Friday, January 24th 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>

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, January 27th at 6:30 pm



Brrr.....it's cold outside!
Come, let us feed you with some hot Pizza al Forno....and Hot Catholic Topics!

What will we be discussing you ask?
The topics are too hot to discuss here, so come and join us for good company, good food and good conversation.

PLEASE NOTE - our earlier start time at 6:30 pm

There will be pizza, salad, dessert and beverages provided.

So grab a friend and join us for our next Women's Ministry Meeting on

Monday January 27th at 6:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP:
stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com

Blessed Candles for Your Home



Candlemass candles will be available for purchase in the church foyer at a cost of \$3 each beginning on January 20. These candles are traditionally blessed on the Feast of the

Presentation of the Lord. Bring your candles for blessing on Saturday, Feb. 1st at the 5 pm Mass and Sunday, Feb. 2nd at 9 am and 11 am Masses.

Lectio Divina

Sunday, February 2nd 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 Ruth 1:1-22

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
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