



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PASTORAL TEAM

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

STAFF

Aileen Brito - Office Administrator
Lisa Baker - Pastoral Administrator
Marcel Raes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12 - 1:00 pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday - 9:00 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holiday - 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration & Benediction
Every Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 am
4:00 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Registration is required for the Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am and 11 am masses.

Registration for the upcoming weekend, begins on Wednesday at 12 pm. The registration link can be found on our website.

DEVOTIONS

Temporarily Suspended

Recitation of the Rosary
St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Mother of Perpetual Help
Prayer

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, due to COVID-19 backlog, please allow 3 to 6 months for a Baptismal date given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class.

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 Form available in foyer or on website.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Suspended due to COVID-19.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

See website for policy if outside Priest available.

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

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751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

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

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Serra House
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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!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 11th @ 7 pm

† Deceased Members of the Scott Family req. by Ann Marie Munro

† Catherine Had req. by Diep Cong

† Lota Sambilay Estabillo req. by Manny & Virgie Mercado

Wednesday, January 12th @ 9 am

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

Thursday, January 13th @ 9 am

† Martin Groff req. by Louise & Jim Beauchamp

Friday, January 14th @ 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 12 noon

† Rosa Martino req. by Rita Ronco

† Jim Rickerby req. by Joan Devlin

In Thanksgiving for sale of house req. by Ahyin Wu

Saturday, January 15th

@ 9 am

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

† Jorge Romeo req. by Don & Susan Dizon & Family

† Gino Lupo req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

@ 5 pm

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Nelle & Joe Lombardo

Sunday, January 16th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11 am

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays from 9 am to 12 noon



Holy Hour

Come spend time in the presence of Jesus.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9 am to 12 noon ending with**

Benediction. Registration is not required to attend Adoration; however, we would like to ensure there are at least three people in the church each hour. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Is God Calling You?

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If he is, **contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email**

vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

St. Mark's Website

To access our **NEW WEBSITE**, please go to: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>

or Google St. Mark's Stouffville and the first search result will take you to our new website.

FORMED



Over 4,000 Catholic titles for any member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church.

Join Formed for free by registering as a member of a parish at:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/formed/>

PICK OF THE WEEK

Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism by Fr.

Mike Schmitz. Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In his talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!

Christian Unity Prayer Service

Sunday, January 23rd at 4 pm

Sunday, January 23, 2022 – 4 p.m.

**Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church
920 Progress Ave., Scarborough**

Join Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch

Friars' Student Writing Contest

"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt. 2:2)



It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from

January 18 to 25, 2022.

This year, the theme and the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. The theme of the contest is: "**We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him**" (Mt. 2:2).

Question for the Contest: How can unity among Christians help overcome the forces of darkness in the world and bring the nations to the light of Christ? What is being done by the Christians journeying and acting together in the name of Jesus? What more needs to be done? Discuss with examples from your personal experience and the life of the Church.

The deadline for the writing contest is Monday, February 14, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Entries are to be submitted online.

Contest details and the submission form are at:

www.catholicregister.org/writingaward.

For enquiries, call 416-934-3400 (ext. 527).

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>

JANUARY 9, 2022

The Bible in a Year



The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Your journey to read and understand the Word of God is one click away. Go to:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link.

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 12th

The first preparatory Confirmation class will take



place online via Zoom on Wednesday, January 12th

Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm.

A Zoom link will be emailed to all families before each class.

Recollection for Women

Monday, January 17th 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 17, 2022

Confession: 7:00 pm

Talks given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:30 – 9:30pm

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Beginning: January 22nd at 8 am on Zoom



Empowering men to take the next step in authentic male leadership, TMIY: The Battle Over the Bride focuses on their role as husband and their deep desire for self-sacrificial love. The program is divided into two, 13-week sessions and will be hosted every Saturday on Zoom beginning on January 22nd.

We will gather virtually at 8 am for a presentation followed at 8:30 am with breakout groups that provide the opportunity to discuss what's been presented. We will end no later than 9 am.

TO REGISTER GO TO: <https://www.kofc10874.ca/>

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.

How to Grow in your Faith

How can we grow in our faith?

Some suggestions:

1. Pray: a few minutes a day in Praise for God our Creator, Contrition for our errors, in Thanksgiving for what we have, and Supplication...asking God for what we think we need BUT listening to what God tells us we need.
2. Read the Sunday Mass readings in advance and reflect upon the scripture readings as to what God is saying to you! Try: loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection
3. Read the Bible in a Year with Fr. Michael Schmidt. 20-30 minute audio sessions where Fr. Schmidt reads and then offers commentary. Go to stmarksst.archtoronto.org and scroll way down to 'Bible in a Year'.

Further suggestions to come in next weekend's bulletin ...

Synod on Synodality



Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do

God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

Icon of St. Joseph at St. Mark's

January 8th to 15th

"The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are pleased to welcome an icon of St. Joseph, blessed by Archbishop of Baltimore and Supreme Chaplain of the Knights William Lori. Over the next two years, this icon will be travelling across Ontario serving as a focal point for prayer and devotion in hundreds of parishes.

Our council is honoured to be one of the first parishes to welcome this icon from January 8th-15th. Parishioners are welcome to visit and pray before the icon during private prayer time and before or after mass. **The Knights also invite all of our parishioners and families to join us in person or via livestream for a special Mass and recitation of the Holy Rosary in honour of St. Joseph on Friday, January 14 at 7pm.**

Let us pray for the intercession of St. Joseph in raising, guarding and preparing future generations."

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