



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

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

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T: 905-642-5100

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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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 3rd @ 7:00 pm

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

† Eleonor Dunning & Bill McDonald req. by Ann Marie & Ian Munro

† Gennaro Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno

† Anna & Joseph Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen

Wednesday, March 4th @ 8:30 am

† Celeste & Hugh Kivlichan req. by Dr. Bill Kivlichan

Thursday, March 5th @ 8:30 am

Joe & Josie Schwarzli req. by Anonymous

Friday, March 6th Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Jose Talampas req. by Talampas Family

Joe & Josie Schwarzli req. by Coreen Doucett

Banta Family req. by Mariel Banta

Saturday, March 7th

@ 9:00 am

† Hugo Biondi req. by Ossi & Ann Pierotti

† Cahl Stewart Jr. req. by Kathleen Stewart

† Avelino G. Caspe req. by Cherry Caspe

† Christopher Brown req. by Coreen Doucett and Family

@ 5:00 pm

St. Marks Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, March 8th

@ 9:00 am

† Concetta Mirensi req. by Anonymous

@ 11:00 am

† Mario Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo 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.

THE LIGHT OF STEWARDSHIP

As we begin the great season of Lent it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ. It is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well. Let us strive to fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthen us.

SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings

"The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 19-39

Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 from 7 pm to 9 pm
Le Spot Billiard Lounge – 4531 Sheppard Ave. E. #200
Scarborough (2nd floor)

Topic: Same Sex Attraction

Separated/Divorced Support Group

March 16th from 7 pm to 9 pm

Separated...Divorced?

If you are struggling... you don't have to do this alone. *New Beginnings* is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have endured a loss through separation and divorce. This ministry offers a place of discovery, healing and renewed faith.

Start Date: March 16 from 7 pm to 9 pm

St. John Chrysostom, 432 Ontario St., Newmarket

For more information and to register, please contact:

Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, Program Promoter

Tel: (416) 921-1163 or Email: alimanni@cfstoronto.com

Thank You For Your Generosity

February 15/16 weekend

Revenue

Weekly Offering \$ 6,969

Average Weekly PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) \$ 1,595

Total Revenue **\$ 8,564**

Expenses (2020 Projected Weekly Average)

Operating Exp. & Debt Reduction **\$ 9,600**

Surplus/(Shortfall) (\$ 1,036)

February 22/23 weekend

Revenue

Weekly Offering \$ 6,777

Average Weekly PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) \$ 1,595

Total Revenue **\$ 8,372**

Expenses (2020 Projected Weekly Average)

Operating Exp. & Debt Reduction **\$ 9,600**

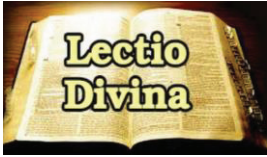
Surplus/(Shortfall) (\$ 1,228)

MARCH 1, 2020

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



Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, March 2nd at 7 pm

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Monday, March 2nd at 7 pm in the Parish Hall meeting room. All are welcome.

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 4th

The next preparatory Confirmation class will take place on Wednesday, March 4th in the Parish Hall.



Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm
Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

EDGE

March 6th from 7 pm to 9 pm

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

**World Day of Prayer
Ecumenical Prayer Service
Hosted by St. Mark's Church
Friday, March 6th at 2 pm**

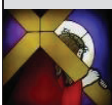


Everyone is invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Prayer Service on Friday, March 6th, at 2pm. Hosted by St

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. *******



Lenten Stations of the Cross

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

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.

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



REGISTRATION

St. Mark's Summer Camp

Children and youth of our parish are invited to register for St. Mark's Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



Children entering Grades 1 to 6

Program Dates: Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31 from 9 am to 2:30 pm

Cost: \$100 for the first child in the family
\$ 80 for the second child in the family
\$ 75 for each additional sibling.

Children entering Grades 7 to 12

Program Dates: Sunday, July 26 to Thursday, July 30 from 7 pm to 9 pm Cost: Free

Beginning March 1st, registration forms will be available for pickup in the church foyer, or they can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca.

Registration will take place at St. Mark's Church

April 25th from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, and after all masses on April 26th.
First come, first served basis.

More information about the program is also available at www.totustuutoronto.ca or email stmarksyouthmin@outlook.ca

Custodial Position

Our Lady of Grace Church, Aurora

The position is for 20 flexible hours a week with a generous benefits package. Responsibilities include cleaning and maintenance of the church and grounds.
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