



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

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
T: 905-640-2915

St. Brendan's School
751 Hoover Park Dr.
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223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

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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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 17th @ 7:00 pm

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

† Ireland req. by Fr. Michael

† Betty Ann Moreau & Kathryn Cocomile req. by Ian & Ann Marie Munro

† Toal & Gavaghan Families req. by Maureen Morrison

Wednesday, March 18th @ 8:30 am

† Lucia & Giovanni Collura req. by Josie Collura

† Maria & Fedele Denicola req. by Josie Collura

Thursday, March 19th @ 7:30 pm Solemnity of St. Joseph

Universal Church and People of Canada req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, March 20th Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm and

Mass @ 7:30 pm

† Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Denis Morand req. by Mary Raybould

† Theodoro Leano req. by Malsi Family

† Frank Gallo req. by Rose Gallo & Family

Saturday, March 21st

@ 9:00 am

† Eugenia Ronco req. by Emilio & Lina Ronco

† Lina Gori req. by Oriana Lommori

† Ansano, Pierangelo, Emma, Paolo and Maria Lommori req. by Oriana Lommori

† Pasquina Roppo req. by Oriana Lommori

† Alberto & Natale Masetti req. by Oriana Lommori

@ 5:00 pm

† Polly Janiszewski req. by Cybruch Family

Sunday, March 22nd

@ 9:00 am

† Dino Raponi req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi and 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.

SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency, she was able to focus on schoolwork with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Expansion of Euthanasia

Contact Your Member of Parliament Today!

Legislation that would expand access to euthanasia in our country has been introduced by the federal government. Among the alarming changes are amendments to expand euthanasia to those without a terminal illness, including those with disabilities. Only 30 per cent of Canadians have access to quality palliative care which would significantly reduce the number of people wanting to end their lives. Every life has value - visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament. The process takes less than 5 minutes. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

More information can also be found at:

www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia.

Health Recommendations

Please remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who have a contagious disease.

It is a sign of consideration for themselves and others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home.

- Please remember to refrain from shaking hands.
- Communion will only be distributed in the hand.
- Please be vigilant to not leave used tissues in the pews or on the floor in the church or foyer.
- If you are ill and unable to attend mass, you can watch daily Mass on Vision TV at 8 am.

Bereavement Support Group

St. Patrick's Parish, Markham

Bereavement Support Group

For Adults over the age of 18

Meetings held weekly

September 30 to November 25, 2019
March 23 to May 25, 2020

Space is limited!

To register, visit our website at:
www.stpatrick.on.ca
and download our registration package
or contact our parish at
905-294-5955

Ash Wednesday Collection

Thank you for your generosity! The Ash Wednesday collection totalled \$2,955. The money will be given to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Revenue

Weekly Offering	\$ 7,193
Average Weekly PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving)	\$ 1,767
Total Revenue	\$ 8,960

Expenses (2020 Projected Weekly Average)

Operating Exp. & Debt Reduction	\$ 9,600
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 640)

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

MARCH 15, 2020

St. Mark's Lenten Mission

March 15th and 22nd



Everyone is invited to

St. Mark's Church Lenten Mission

We have two dynamic speakers coming to our parish this month. We hope you can join us!

Date & Time: Sunday, March 15 at 7 pm

Speaker: Cale Clarke

Director of the Faith Explained



Topic: Rediscovering Christ

Date & Time: Sunday, March 22 at 7 pm

Speaker: Allan Smith

Founder & Director of the
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Mission Society



Topic: Mary and the Eucharist

Book Table: Bishop Sheen books for sale

Coins for Life



The Knights of Columbus will be handing out Coins for Life boxes on the weekends of March 14/15 and March 21/22.

Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives from abortion. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours.

Recollection for Women

March 16th 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: March 16, 2020

Confession: 7:00 pm

Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 pm



There will be no morning Mass on March 19th. Instead, there will be an evening Mass at 7:30 pm.

All Day Confessions at St. Mark

Saturday, March 21st - 9:30 am to 4:45 pm

St. Mark's Church

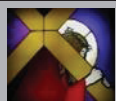
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Lenten Stations of the Cross

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



Poverty Lunch

March 29th after the 11 am Mass

Many of us do not know what it is like to go without food so this Lent the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting its annual poverty lunch that includes a bowl of homemade soup, bun and a bottle of water to remind us of how lucky we are. **This will take place on March 29th after the 11 am mass in the Parish Hall.** Everyone is welcome. There is no cost but a donation would be appreciated. See you on the 29th!

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday in Lent at St. Mark's Church

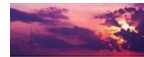


Every Thursday during Lent

at St. Mark's Church, we invite parishioners to Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition from 9 am to 12 noon.

Sign-up sheets available in the foyer.

Faith Study



DISCOVERY

CCO Faith Studies Series PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Would you like to deepen your faith while growing with a small group of St. Mark's parishioners? Are you interested in leading a program to walk with others along their journey of faith? We will be running a 6-week series, usually 1-1.5 hours in length, led by a facilitator and including lively discussion with fellow group members.

Speak with Hayley Barnes or Camille Herrera, or email them at stmarksfaithstudy@gmail.com for more information!

The CCO Faith Study Series has been designed in order to proclaim the Gospel. The series endeavours to bring people to Christ, build them up as Catholic Christians, and equip and send them out to reach others.

The first of the Faith Studies Series,

Discovery, will begin after Easter.

You will be led through a simple but personally challenging look at the Gospel message. It will allow you to strengthen your relationship with Jesus, grow in fellowship with other parishioners and learn how to share your faith.



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

Registration forms are available in the foyer, or they can be download 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.

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