



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

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

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223 Millard St.
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T: 416-968-0997
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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 10th @ 7:00 pm

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

- † Delia Martin req. by Leo & Deborah De Souza
- † Sandy Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family
- † Fred and Cora Cimone req. by MaryLou and Romano Acciaccaferri
- † Tessie Quintos req. by Michael Dizon and Family

Wednesday, March 11th @ 8:30 am

- † Saveria D'Ascoli req. by Anonymous

Thursday, March 12th @ 8:30 am

- † Max Wilke req. by Jim, Margaret & Lizzie Jordan

Friday, March 13th Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

- † Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael
- † Emidia Veroni req. by Dominic and Dino Veroni
- † Maria & Dominic Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen

Saturday, March 14th

@ 9:00 am

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
- † Alain Tehme & Family req. by Fr. Michael
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Anonymous
- † In Thanksgiving req. by Marlene Robitaille
- † Jon Bouwmeister req. by Ian and Ann Marie Munro

@ 5:00 pm

- † Domenico Giusti req. by Giusti Family

Sunday, March 15th

@ 9:00 am

St. Marks Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

- † Paul Ignagni req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi and Family

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

ShareLife: It's who we are!

Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago - it's who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.

Proposed Expansion of Euthanasia

Nurture Life, Oppose Death on Demand!

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide.

More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. **New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves.** Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Visit www.helpheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia.

We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable. **Contact Your Member of Parliament Today!**

Toronto Public Health Recommendations

Recommendations:

- 1) Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- 2) Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve if you don't have a tissue
- 3) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 4) Stay home if you are sick

Reminders from St. Mark's Church:

Please refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace. If you are ill and unable to attend Mass, you can watch daily Mass on **Vision TV at 8 am.**

Do You Want To Fast this Lent?

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Monthly Mortgage Collection

If Parishioners, who donate via PAG and who do not have a box of envelopes, would like to give to the **Mortgage Collection**, please use the pink envelopes located in the foyer. Please print your name and address on the envelope. Thank you.

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 8, 2020

St. Mark's Lenten Retreat

March 8th and March 15th

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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



Reflections from my Tree

Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30 pm



Teacher Monica Kavanagh will be leading a video and discussion of her volunteer teaching in Ugandilwa, Tanzania. She taught in a tiny, Maasai village in western Tanzania where there was no running water, no electricity, no school, no English, and plenty of snakes! Hear about the joys of teaching under an acacia tree. All are welcome to share her experiences. Everyone welcome to attend! Please join us on:

Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th at 7:30 pm



The next meeting of the fraternal year will be held on March 11th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall meeting room.

For further information contact:

Nicholas Quadrini at GK10874@ontariokofc.ca

YOUTH

March 13th from 6:30 pm to 9 pm

Bring a friend, meet new people.

We invite all high school teens to join us on
Friday, March 13th from 6:30 PM – 9 PM
in the Parish Hall.

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

All Day Confessions at St. Mark

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



St. Mark's Church

Saturday March 21st

9:30 am to 4:45 pm



Eucharistic Adoration

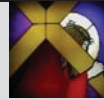
Every Thursday in Lent at St. Mark's Church



Every Thursday during Lent at St. Mark's Church, we invite parishioners to Eucharistic Adoration.

Exposition from 9 am to 12 noon.

Sign-up sheets available in the foyer.



Lenten Stations of the Cross

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

St. Mark Prayer Shawl Ministry



Thank you to Deacon Wayne and Gordon Lee for attending and blessing our first meeting.

Donations of yarn and knitting supplies are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

For further information, please contact Consuella Tabone at consuellatabone@gmail.com.



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.

For more information about the program,
email stmarksyouthmin@outlook.ca

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the success of our Pasta Night!

The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the event, **Emilio & Mary Benincasa** for the sausages, **Mario Vella** for the pasta, **Metauro family** for the meatballs and sauce, **Sal & Rose Lombardo**, **Domenic Di Bernardo** and **Charles & Glynnis Barnes** for setup and food preparation.

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