



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Marijan Sisko - Administrator
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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday - 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday - 8:30 am
(except First Fridays when Mass is at 7 pm)
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10 am
4 - 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 7 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, please allow 3 to 6 months for an anticipated 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 Forms available from the foyer or on our 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

Please see website for policy explanation.

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.
T: 905-642-6728

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

VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
T: 416-968-0997
W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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!

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 17th @ 7 pm

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

† Emidia Veroni req. by Dominic and Dino Veroni

† Teresina & Gabriele Giovanni Petramala req. by Mario & Erminia Petramala

† Joseph Giuseppe & Lavinia req. by Ignagni Family

† Giuseppina Di Rienzo req. by Filomena DiRienzo

Wednesday, November 18th @ 8:30 am

† Roland & Delia Martin req. by Leo & Deborah DeSouza

Thursday, November 19th @ 7 pm,

Holy Hour from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Rosary Apostolate Visitors req. by Onesima Raponi & the members of the Stouffville Rosary Apostolate

Friday, November 20th @ 8:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 noon

† Holy Souls req. by Fr. Marijan

Saturday, November 21st

@ 9:00 am

† Deceased member of the Rigillo Family req. by Di Rienzo Family

† President John F. Kennedy req. by Fr. Michael

† Deceased Knights of St. Mark's Council req. by

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10874

† Giuseppe Musto, Maria & Gennaro req. by Antonietta

† Rosina & Raphael Aquino req. by Antonietta

@ 5:00 pm

† Fiorina Castriota req. by Adele

Sunday, November 22nd

@ 9 am

St. Mark Parish Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11 am

† Dino Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE



Communion Services are each Sunday at 1 pm and 1:15 pm. It will be a short service, so we ask those attending to remain standing throughout and avoid touching the pews or sitting. If you need to be

seated, please take a sticky note to place on the handrail in front of the spot where you sit. We hope this will allow more of our parishioners to be able to come to the Church on Sunday to hear the readings and receive the Eucharist. As a preparation for the service, we ask you to watch the Mass online.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, **contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**

Month of the Holy Souls



During November, the *Month of the Holy Souls*, we join the whole Church, in prayerful remembrance of the faithful departed members of our families and our parish community. **We remember them at each of our Friday Masses during this month.** If you want your loved ones to be remembered in our Masses, please write down their names on the ALL SOULS envelopes available in the foyer and place them in the glass vase in front of the altar.

Advent Retreat: Imitation of Christ Saturday, December 12th from 9:30 to 1 pm

This retreat will provide time for reflection on how to be like Christ in our day-to-day lives. Presented by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. This event will be held ONLINE via Zoom. Link for the virtual presentation will be sent upon registration.

Contact: St. Augustine's Seminary 416-261-7207

Cost: \$25.00 To register go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lay-formation-online-workshop-on-the-holy-spirit-tickets-110659166546>

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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Give via
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from your bank
account.

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long
To sign-up for the St. Mark's Pre-Authorized Giving program, please go to:

<https://stmarkstouffville.ca/contact/donations>

Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket. If you already give to the Parish via PAG, please consider increasing your donation if possible. Please see our website or use the link below to access the St. Mark October 16 Financial Communique.

<https://stmarkstouffville.ca/images/downloads/documents/Finance%20Communique%20October%2016%202020%20Final%20version.pdf>

Thank You to our Parishioners!



Thank you for supporting the paying of our mortgage payment which allows us to celebrate the Mass in our beautifully renovated church!

For the month of November, Fr. Marijan will hear confessions on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 6:50 pm

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Sponsorship Opportunity Video Camera System



As the pandemic continues to limit physical attendance at mass, St. Mark's has decided to install a high-quality video recording system.

In addition to providing an improved mass experience at home via livestream, the video will be projected to the basement hall,

allowing additional parishioners to attend and watch the Mass, safely distanced and also receive Holy Eucharist. Please consider your financial support for this important project. **While any amount is appreciated, we are looking for several families to consider sponsorship levels with donations of \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more.**

The total cost of the system is \$10,000.

Email: stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca to become a sponsor.

Thank you for supporting our parish community!

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive November 14th and 15th



Are you looking to get involved at St. Mark?

Are you a Catholic man (18+) looking to serve our community through Charity, Unity, and Fraternity? Then join the Knights of Columbus! There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what

Knights do every day. All the good works we do are informed by our core principles and uphold faith, family, community, and life. **Until December 31, your first year membership is FREE by entering the promo code**

MCGIVNEY2020 at kofc.org/joinus.

Make sure to include Council # 10874.

To learn more, please visit www.kofc10874.ca or contact Grand Knight Nicholas at GK10874@ontariokofc.ca.

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE

November 27th from 7 to 8:30 pm

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to register and participate in person or online.

To register: <https://bit.ly/34fJ145>

High School Youth

November 20th from 7 to 8:30 pm

High school students are invited to register and participate in Alpha for Youth in person or online.

To register: <https://bit.ly/3ignrSK>

For further details, or to volunteer, email Camille at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com or follow our Instagram account @stmarksyouthmin.

NEW Young Adults Ministry

Are you a parishioner between the ages of 18 – 39?

Are you interested in getting connected with young adults that are likeminded? If so, we encourage you to register and join the Wisdom Faith Formation Study, please go to

<https://bit.ly/2GI57d6>.

For information: stmarksyounadultmin@gmail.com

Poinsettia and Christmas Card Fundraiser for Rose of Sharon



The Knights of Columbus are holding a poinsettia and Christmas card fundraiser to benefit the Rose of Sharon.

Christmas poinsettias from a local greenhouse and hard to find religious Christmas cards can be purchased online

at www.kofc10874.ca or in-person at the end of Mass beginning November 13.

Cards can be picked up after one of the Sunday Masses from November 14th to December 13th. Poinsettias can be picked up on Saturday December 12th

or after one of the Masses on that weekend. Prices are as follows:

8" poinsettia - \$20.00 + \$0.58 fee;

10" poinsettia - \$30.00 + \$0.87 fee.



Light Up the Tree of Life Donations for Saint Vincent de Paul



St. Mark's Squire Circle 5486

Spiritual Advent Project

The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the lighting of the Tree of Life on behalf of those in need through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The tree will be located in the entrance foyer of the Church from **November 28 to December 24** and it will be manned by a Squire and a Counsellor from St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

There will be a suggested list of various items to consider with regards to food cards, baby & toddler clothing, essential toiletries for babies, toddlers and mothers.

Your support of this Advent endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires and the Knights of Columbus, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbor.

Our motto "Leave no Neighbour Behind"

15th Annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



St. Mark's will be holding our **15th Annual**

Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 13th

with all required safety precautions.

In the coming weeks, please continue to check the bulletin and website for further details.

Increasing Seating Capacity at Mass * More Ushers and Cleaners Needed *



Once the new camera system is installed, we will begin livestreaming weekend Mass to the Parish Hall. This means the overall seating capacity will be increased per Mass with some parishioners sitting downstairs. It is critical that we have enough Ushers and Cleaning Volunteers in place before this happens and before the Advent and Christmas season. If you're interested in helping, please email stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca with your contact information or call 905-640-6954 ext. 103.

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