



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. MARK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

## 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.  
T: 905-642-6728

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

### VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House  
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W: [vocationstoronto.ca](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

### ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: [archtoronto.org](http://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!

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

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

Fr. Simon deGale req. by Fr. Michael

† Loretto Visco req. by Domenica Visco

† John Charles Barnes req. by Mary Benincasa

† Oscar Carvajal req. by Diana Carvajal

**Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Luiz Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family

**Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9:00 am**

† Sabina De Souza req. by Leo & Deborah De Souza

† Cahl Stewart Sr. req. by Kathleen Stewart

† Frank Jedrzejczyk req. by Bev Shewchuk & Family

† Christine Ribbons req. by Mike and Fran Rozario

† Bob Whittam req. by Betty McCulloch

**@ 5:00 pm**

† Antonio, Angelina & Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**@ 9:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 11:00 am**

† Angelo De Palma req. by Parente Family

† Mary Carole Lant req. by Tony Lant and Family  
(offered by Fr. Leslie)

## 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](http://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

Learn more about how your gift to ShareLife is making a difference! ShareLife has released its annual Impact Report, detailing the results of the 2019 campaign and the many ways your generosity is improving the lives of those in need. Copies of the report are available at the parish or can be read online at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org).

## Building up the Kingdom

We often pray asking that the Kingdom of God may be built up here on earth when we say "thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." In addition to our practice of praying, we as good stewards can help build up the Kingdom through our deeds. Let us ask ourselves how we can better share our gifts to build up our parish communities and the Kingdom of God.

## Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death

**November 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick Parish**



St. Patrick's Parish is showing the film  
Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death on  
Monday, November 25, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

in the large hall - 5633 Highway 7, Markham

The guest speaker will be **Alex Schadenberg**, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Our faith values and upholds the dignity of all human life. Yet contemporary developments present many ethical, spiritual and medical challenges to this basic belief. Are laws allowing euthanasia & assisted suicide leading society down a dangerous path? Film maker Kevin Dunn travels to the Netherlands, Belgium, the U.S.A. and Canada to ask some of the most fundamental philosophical questions of our time. Should we be giving medical professionals the legal right to end the life of another human being? How do these laws affect society over time? What are the flaws in these laws and how are they fatal? What is the state of palliative care in Canada?

Following the film there will be an opportunity for questions and a discussion. It is a free public forum.

Please join us. All are welcome.

## First Reconciliation Ceremonies



## Please Pray for Our Children Receiving their First Reconciliation

We ask our Church community to remember these special children in your prayers as they encounter Jesus for the first time in confession, and we ask that you please continue to keep them in your prayers until they receive their First Communion next spring.

## Church Sound System & Seating

The new **Church sound system** is not quite finished. Work was done on it this week so there should be some improvement but further adjustments are still needed. Thank you for your patience.

We are requesting feedback on **disability seating**. The thought currently is to designate the back row on the right hand side as well as the first row in this section for this purpose. If you would like to give us your thoughts on this, please contact the church office.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offertory**

**\$ 5,686**

**PARISH WEBSITE** <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

# NOVEMBER 24, 2019

## Religious Christmas Cards

### On Sale in the Foyer

The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 will be selling an assortment of beautiful, religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all Masses this weekend.



## YOUTH

**November 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 9 pm**

**Bring a friend, meet new people,  
play some board games.**

We invite all high school teens to join us on  
**Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 9 PM**  
in the Parish Hall.

For further information, please go to  
[stmarkstouffville.ca](http://stmarkstouffville.ca) or email our Youth Minister,  
Camille, at [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com).

Register Online at:

<https://stmarkschurch.breezechms.com/form/HS20192020>

## Poinsettias For Sale

**Until December 1<sup>st</sup>**



### POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Order a beautiful poinsettia for yourself or  
as a gift for a friend - beginning the  
weekend of November 16/17 in the church foyer.

Sales will conclude the week of  
November 30/December 1. Delivery will take place  
the weekend of December 14/15.

**Cost:** \$20 for the small (8" Poinsettia) and  
\$25 for the large (10")

**Colours:** red, white, pink and tricolours

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

**SUNDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 3 pm**



**Mark Your Calendar!  
All Are Welcome!**

### 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 3 PM**

**Pageant Participants  
Next Rehearsals**

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3 pm  
and**

**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

For further details please contact **Eugenie V. Landry**  
at Cell: 647-828-3884 or

Email: [EugenieVLandry@rogers.com](mailto:EugenieVLandry@rogers.com) with

Subject Line: 2019 ST. MARK'S Christmas Pageant

The EDGE & High School Youth Ministry Presents

## St. Mark's Annual Café Night

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**



**FREE ADMISSION •**

**BEVERAGES AND SNACKS  
PROVIDED**

Raffle tickets are being sold after  
each Mass to win this year's  
beautiful prize!

All proceeds will go to the EDGE &  
High School Youth Ministries.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

Please contact [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com)  
if you would like to:

- 1) Contribute any baked goods
- 2) Prepare a song to sing

## St. Mark Parish Day of Confessions Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Confession Times:**

**9:30 am to 4:45 pm**



9:30 am – 10 am	Fr. Michael Hughes
10 am – 12 pm	Msgr. Conrad Dachuck
12 pm – 2 pm	Fr. Michael Hughes
2 pm – 4 pm	Fr. Leslie Tamas
4 pm – 4:45 pm	Fr. Michael Hughes

## Light up the Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon

Christmas is fast approaching, and as is  
tradition, the St. Mark Squires will be  
conducting their Light Up the Tree of  
Life Advent Fundraiser. In the foyer, the



Squires have set up a Christmas tree. We invite all  
parishioners to select one or more of the candle  
tags that have suggested items for babies and their  
young mothers (ex. diapers, baby clothes etc.)

**Between now and the December 14/15 weekend,  
we ask that you bring what is written on the tag  
and drop it off underneath the tree.** You can then  
hang the candle tag on the tree to help light up the  
"Tree of Life." All donations support the Rose of  
Sharon. Thank You - St. Mark Squire Circle 5486



## Prayer of Spiritual Growth

I will not cease praying and asking that I may be  
filled with the knowledge of God's will in all  
spiritual wisdom and understanding so I might  
lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to  
Him, as I bear fruit in every good work and as I  
grow in the knowledge of God."

Adapted from Colossians 1:9-11

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