



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

EUCCHARISTIC 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
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Edge
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Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
Sacramental Preparation
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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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 10th @ 7 pm

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa

† Avelino G. Caspe req. by Cherry Caspe

† Mary Annie req. by Irimpan Family

† Domenico & Michelina Acierno req. by Filomena DiRienzo

Wednesday, November 11th @ 8:30 am

† Celerina Crespo req. by Crespo Family

Thursday, November 12th @ 7 pm,

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

† Giovanni Petramala req. by Mario & Erminia Petramala

Friday, November 13th @ 8:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 noon

† Holy Souls req. by Fr. Marijan

Saturday, November 14th

@ 9:00 am

† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

† Rocco & Rosa Rigillo req. by Filomena DiRienzo

† Tim Nicholson req. by Peter Willan

† Mary Arnold req. by Anne Cahill

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Parish Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, November 15th

@ 9 am

† Clarita Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

@ 11 am

† Linda D'Alimonte 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?

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" Listen with our heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

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

Plenary Indulgence in November



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

-St. Padre Pio

The Vatican has extended the availability of certain plenary indulgences throughout the entire month of November, which can help to remit the temporal punishment due to sin for those who have died in a state of grace and are in purgatory.

With the penitentiary's new decree, those who cannot leave home can still participate in the indulgence, and others can have more time to attend Mass, to receive the sacrament of confession, and to visit the cemetery, while still following local coronavirus measures. Plenary indulgences, which remit all temporal punishment due to sin, must be accompanied by full detachment from sin. A Catholic who wishes to obtain a plenary indulgence must also fulfill the ordinary conditions of an indulgence, which are sacramental confession, reception of the Eucharist, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. Sacramental confession and reception of the Eucharist can occur up to about twenty days before or after the indulgenced act.

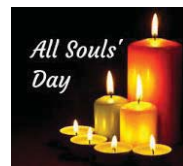
In the month of November, the Church has different means of obtaining a plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory.

The first is to visit a cemetery and pray for the dead during the Octave of All Saints' Day, which is Nov. 1-8. This year, the Vatican decreed that this plenary indulgence can be obtained on any day in November.

The second plenary indulgence is connected to the Feast of All Souls' Day on Nov. 2, and can be received by those who piously visit a church or oratory on that day and recite the Our Father and the Creed. The Vatican said that this plenary indulgence has also been extended and is available to Catholics throughout the month of November to reduce crowds. Both indulgences must include the three ordinary conditions and full detachment from sin. The third way of obtaining an indulgence, because of the health emergency, so that the elderly, the sick, and others who cannot leave the house for serious reasons can participate from home is by reciting prayers for the deceased before an image of Jesus or the Virgin Mary. The Vatican's decree offered examples of prayers that homebound Catholics can pray for the dead, including lauds or vespers of the Office for the Dead, the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers for deceased among their family or friends, or performing a work of mercy by offering their pain and discomfort to God.

Taken from: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/vatican-extends-plenary-indulgence-for-the-dead-throughout-november-16577>

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>

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

NOVEMBER 8, 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.

EDGE &

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE

November 13th 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 person or online.

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

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/2G157d6>.

For information: stmarksyounadultmin@gmail.com

Women's Recollection

Monday, November 16th at 7 pm

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life.

Date: Monday, November 16th

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Meditation given by the Priest: 7:00 pm**

Confession: 8:00 pm

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.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT and Santa Claus Parade



Plans are being made for this year's St. Mark's Christmas Pageant and participation in the

Stouffville Santa Claus Parade.

More information to come next weekend!

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! If you would like to make a donation to our parish, please visit our website or go to:

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

Shepherds' Trust Collection



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a fundraising campaign for The Shepherds' Trust this year. Instead, we encourage

parishioners who can give during these difficult times to focus on supporting their parish. If you wish to support your parish and our retired priests, The Shepherds' Trust would welcome your gift via the special collection envelope in your Sunday offering box or at www.shepherdstrust.org/.


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