



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.
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!

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 15th @ 7 pm

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

† Emidia Veroni req. by Dominic and Dino Veroni

Wednesday, September 16th @ 8:30 am

† Antonio Raponi req. by Members of Saint Vincent de Paul

Thursday, September 17th @ 7 pm,

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

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Ida Altomare

Friday, September 18th @ 8:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 noon

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Intentions of Mark Baker req. by Baker and Kelly Family

Saturday, September 19th

@ 9:00 am

† Juan Bautista req. by Grace Ducusin

† Fr. Alderbert Zarate req. by Juliet Zarate and Ron Campbell

@ 5:00 pm

† Filomena & Pasquale De Filippis req. by Mike & Dina Simon

Sunday, September 20th

@ 9 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11 am

† Dino Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi and Family

NEW COMMUNION SERVICE



Communion Services will now be held at St. Mark's at 1 pm and 1:15 pm each Sunday. They will consist of the Liturgy of the Word (a short reading and reflection), distribution

of Holy Communion and a blessing. It will be a short service, so we ask those attending to remain standing throughout and avoid touching the pews or sitting. 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 even if they are not able to obtain tickets for one of our three weekend Masses or want to avoid larger crowds. As a preparation for the service, we ask you to watch the Mass online.

SL ShareLife

ShareLife agencies need your support now, more than ever

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly.

That's why ShareLife-funded agencies have been providing phone and video counselling during the pandemic, so clients don't have to wait until walk-in counselling resumes. Thanks to your support of ShareLife, agencies like CFS Toronto can continue to meet these growing needs.

The next ShareLife collection will take place on October 3rd & 4th. Please give generously.

Life Chain



Sunday, October 4th from 2 pm to 3 pm

Life Chain is an annual prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the injustice of abortion. Participants hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Provided you are healthy and have not recently travelled out-of-country or had contact with someone who may have COVID-19, **please join us this year at the intersection of McCowan and Hwy 7 on Sunday, October 4th from 2 pm to 3 pm.** Please rest assured that participants will be physically distanced, and organizers will be following all local COVID-19 protocols.

Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Friday, Oct. 23rd to Sunday, Oct. 25th

Live your best life in love.

No matter where you are in your marriage journey, the Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving couple you can be. Reclaim your love's joy. It is based around Catholic values, but couples of all faiths are welcome.

CONTACT: Gerard & Marge McCauley PHONE: 905-792-1925 EMAIL: gerard.marge@rogers.com

WEBSITE: <http://www.wwme.org/>

VIRTUAL
3RD ANNUAL PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

October 30th & 31st

Attention parishioners and members of parish ministry! The Office of Formation for Discipleship invites you to attend their 3rd Annual Conference to help you grow in your ministry and, for those not active in ministry, to give you insight into various ministries.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

EARLY BIRD - \$15 BY SEPTEMBER 13TH

\$25 BY OCTOBER 28TH

Your Conference Experience

Pre-recorded videos from our speakers coupled with our live stream sessions where you can share your thoughts and ask questions, will provide a personalized experience to help you grow in holiness.

We will also be collecting questions beforehand, so feel free to email **Annalisa Parente at aparente@archtoronto.org** by October 28, 2020.

Follow the link below to register:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/conference/>

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The newly formed prayer shawl ministry began in January 2020 before the pandemic.

This ministry was approved by Father Michael and blessed at its first meeting by Deacon Wayne and assisted by Gordon Lee.

There are about 12 to 14 ladies who meet weekly to pray, knit or crochet prayer shawls and prayer squares for our sick and homebound.

We have made many items especially during the lockdown however, they have not been blessed. These shawls and prayer squares will be blessed at the weekend masses on September 26 & 27.

For further information about how to receive a prayer shawl for the home bound kindly contact Consuella Tabone at consuellatabone@gmail.com.



First Communion Registration

First Communion **Online Registration** will open on

- **Monday, September 14th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**
and will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

Dropping off of your child's Baptismal certificate (copy) and \$60 offering, as well as the workbook pick up, will take place in the Parish Hall on

- **Friday, September 30th, 2020 times will be assigned by email to each family to come to the church on this evening.**

For more information, go to www.stmarkstouffville.ca

Booking Mass Intentions for 2021



The 2021 Mass Intention book will be open for booking dates beginning on **Wednesday, September 16th at 9 a.m.**

Intentions can be booked on weekdays in the Church office and on Sundays with the Office Assistant.

Holy Land Collection September 20th

The Pontifical Collection in support of the Holy Land, usually collected on Good Friday, was cancelled when churches were closed due to the pandemic. The date for this collection has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 20th. This annual collection not only helps to maintain churches and shrines located at holy sites, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works the church undertakes in caring for the local population.



Thank you for your generosity.

Recollection for Women

Monday, September 21st 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, September 21st

Confession: 7:00 pm

Talks given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:30 – 9:30pm

EDGE &

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

"WE'RE BACK!"


EDGE is a life-giving, activity-based, and fellowship-focused program for students in grades 5-8.

Our high school program is a faith-filled, fellowship-focused, laid back, and welcoming place to build community for all high school students.

...and both ministry programs officially start back up again in OCTOBER!

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

CatholicLand Retreat Series

CatholicLand.com  **Looking for a way to help deepen your faith life?**

The 2020 CatholicLand Retreat Series in Holland Landing offers something for everyone, no matter where you are on your faith journey.

Sept. 19th – Silent Witness: Standing with Christ for the Faith (9-11:30am w/ Deacon Mike) *

Sept. 26th – Putting on the Armour of God (9-11:30am w/ Robert LeBlanc) *

Oct. 3rd – Prompt Me to Pray (10am-1pm w/ Monica McConkey) **

Costs: * \$20 – includes refreshments; ** \$30 – includes lunch (space is limited)

**For more information visit catholicland.com/events
To register, contact Victor or Marilyn at 647.834.2046
or catholicland.com/register.**

University Campus Ministry



Are you a post-secondary student?

Catholic campus ministry is a great way to meet new people, both in-person and online, and journey together throughout the school year. Check it out at: www.chaplaincyconnect.ca. If you're studying from home this year, find out how to connect with a nearby chaplaincy by emailing: chaplaincyconnect@gmail.com

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