



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
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St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ushers
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 29th @ 7 pm

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

† Frank Gallo req. by Nella Nardi

† Intentions of Akhil Bijo req. by Parents

† Ross Gallo req. by Di Bernardo Family

Wednesday, September 30th @ 8:30 am

† Tony Raponi req. by Joe and Nelle Lombardo

Thursday, October 1st @ 7 pm,

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

† Micheal Nucci req. by Mary, Rose, Nellie and Teresa

Friday, October 2nd First Friday Mass @ 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 noon

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Pierotti and Kidd children req. by Ossi and Ann

Pierotti

† Anna and Joseph Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen

† Thomas Thien Vinh req. by Cong Family

Saturday, October 3rd

@ 9:00 am

† Avelino G. Caspe req. by Cherry Caspe

† Thomas Thien Vinh req. by Cong Family

† Mary Arnold req. by Peter Willan and Judy

Selvadurai

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, October 4th

@ 9 am

† Felicitas Navidad req. by Medina Family

@ 11 am

Thanksgiving to Our Lord req. by Tony, Shirley & 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 (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 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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? If you are considering ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email**

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, September 27th

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented some unique challenges for the Church, as well as for our efforts to plan for this year's World Day of Migrants & Refugees. This year's World Day of Migrants & Refugees will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2020 and will be celebrated virtually. On that day, Cardinal Collins will be the celebrant and homilist at the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass will be livestreamed. Following the livestream, the Mass along with pre-recorded videos from several guest speakers will be made available on ORAT's website and Facebook page. These are intended to draw our attention to the plight of so many who have been displaced from their homes and homelands.

Day of Reflection for Men

Saturday, October 3rd from 1:30 to 5 pm



THIRD ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN:
Called to a Daily Vocation
Online (1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Presenter: Deacon Peter Lovrick

This event will be held ONLINE via Zoom. Link for the virtual presentation will be sent upon registration.

Cost: \$25.00

To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/day-spiritual-formation-online-called-to-a-daily-vocation-tickets-110657565758>

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. 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.**

The Catholic Moms Summit

November 13th to 15th

Find Lasting Balance, Peace, & Joy!

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FREE!

So many of us struggle to find joy within our vocation of motherhood, and this Summit is here to help you do exactly that. Our dynamic presenters will be sharing inspiration, wisdom, and encouragement from a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds, and this event is a great opportunity for you to connect with other moms just like you from around the world. I know it will be an experience unlike anything you've ever done before. Be sure to register for this free conference and share this unique event with others.

<https://www.cardinalstudios.org/offers/ruzqhtml/checkout>

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



First Communion Registration

Wednesday, September 30th

First Communion Parents are asked to come to the Parish Hall to drop off a copy of their child's Baptismal certificate and the \$60 offering, as well as pick up the workbook on **Wednesday, September 30th**.

Timeslots have been assigned as follows:

Child's Last Name **A to C** – Timeslot 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Child's Last Name **D to I** – Timeslot 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Child's Last Name **J to M** – Timeslot 7:00 – 7:30 pm

Child's Last Name **N to S** – Timeslot 7:30 – 8:00 pm

Child's Last Name **T to Z** – Timeslot 8:00 – 8:30 pm

For more information, go to www.stmarkstouffville.ca.

Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Coat Drive

September 19th to October 9th

The York Region conferences of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul along with the

Salvation Army are working together this year on a Winter Coat Drive.

For many families, the cost of warm winter clothing is just not in the budget.



We hope that you can help us out by looking through your closets and donating any coats that are no longer needed. We are looking for coats in good condition for men, women and children...all sizes!

You can drop off your winter coat donations at St. Mark's church until October 9th.

There is a bin in the lobby area.

Together we can continue to help our Neighbours in Need.
Thank You!

SL ShareLife

Collection Oct 3rd and 4th

ShareLife agencies are as busy as ever.

That's because those who are poor and marginalized are disproportionately affected during a crisis. Your support of ShareLife ensures Catholic agencies can continue their work on the front lines, helping the many people who are suffering. Our next collection weekend is October 3rd and 4th. Please give generously.

Ushers and Cleaners Needed



It is critical that we have enough Ushers and Cleaning Volunteers in place to allow us to continue to celebrate weekend masses. If you're interested in helping, please email

stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca with your contact information or call 905-640-6954 ext. 103. We

especially need extra volunteers at the Saturday 5 pm Mass and Sunday 11 am Mass, as well as Ushers for our Communion Services at 1 pm and 1:15 pm.

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.

NEW Young Adults Ministry

Beginning Sunday, October 4th

from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm



We are overjoyed to announce that Young Adult Ministry is finally launching at St. Mark's!

What: Trivia Cafe Night

When: Sunday, October 4, from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Who: All Young Adults Aged 19-39

Where: St. Mark's Parish Hall (Basement)

To sign up, please

email stmarksyounadultmin@gmail.com!

Thanksgiving Food Drive



The **Knights of Columbus** are organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Due to COVID-19 restrictions from the Stouffville Food Bank, they

will be collecting grocery gift cards and monetary donations. There will be a collection box at the back of the church from September 26th to October 11th.

Also, the **Young Adults Ministry** will be collecting perishable and non-perishable foods to donate to Good Shepherd Ministries downtown. **All types of donations will be accepted after all masses.**

Thank you for helping our neighbours in need.

Mass Registration

If you register for a ticket for one of the weekend Masses but are not able to attend, please contact the church office by Friday at noon at 905-640-6954 to let us know.

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