



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.

ANOIDING 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

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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 7th @ 9 am

Labour Day

Tuesday, September 8th @ 7 pm

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

St. Brother Andre School Opening req. by Bijo Family

† Ramrattee Anne Balkissoon req. by Liza and Alfred Cadawas

Wednesday, September 9th @ 8:30 am

† Joe Whelton req. by Carmel Whelton

Thursday, September 10th @ 7 pm,

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

† Maimie Liotta req. by Christina Viggiani

Friday, September 11th @ 8:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 noon

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† For all those who lost their lives in the World Trade Centre req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, September 12th

@ 9:00 am

† Avelino G. Caspe req. by Cherry Caspe

† Dominic & Maria Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, September 13th

@ 9 am

† Guillermo Tuason req. by Crespo Family

@ 11 am

Thanksgiving to Our Lady req. by Tony, Shirley & Family

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email**

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Welcome Fr. Marijan Sisko



We want to wish a warm welcome to Fr. Marijan Sisko, who has joined us from St. Barnabas Parish (Scarborough).

Fr. Marijan will be shepherding the St. Mark's flock while Fr. Michael is enjoying a well-deserved four month sabbatical.

SL ShareLife

**Donate online at:
Sharelife.org**

**ShareLife donations
change lives!**

**The next ShareLife collection at St. Mark's
will be on the weekend of October 3rd and 4th.**

**VIRTUAL
3RD ANNUAL PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

CALLED TO BE SAINTS

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. Our Ministry Tracks cover: Catechesis • Family Life • Ministers of Care • Maturing Adults • Stewardship • Liturgy To conclude our conference, our Special Guest Speaker, His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins, will speak about what it means to be holy and how to walk the path of a saint. After his talk, he will partake in a live Q&A answering all your questions related to the theme of the conference. 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/>

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.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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.



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 am.

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

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

Knights of Columbus Lottery Tickets

The Knights of Columbus State lottery tickets are being sold online until the third week in September.

To purchase a ticket, go to

<https://www.kofc10874.ca/>

New Confession Times

Confession will now be available every Saturday from

9:30 am to 10:00 am and 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday and Friday



Every Thursday, we invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time in Eucharistic Adoration during the Holy Hour from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Also, every Friday, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 9 am and concluding with Benediction at 12 pm.

Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the foyer.

Thank You Garden Volunteers



Thank you to the volunteers who kept our flower gardens around the church looking so beautiful all summer – Anna & Maria Bonkowski, Natalia Horscroft. Ernesto Mendes, Mario Petramala, Vince Sequeira (ENVISION this)

Upcoming Collection Dates

- Sept. 12/13 Mortgage Collection
- Sept. 19/20 Needs of the Holy Land (Good Friday collection)
- Sept. 26/27 Needs of the Church in Canada
- Oct. 3/4 ShareLife Collection
- Oct. 10/11 Mortgage Collection
- Oct. 17/18 World Mission Sunday
- Oct. 24/25 Pope's Pastoral Works
- Nov 7/8 Mortgage Collection
- Nov 14/15 The Shepherds' Trust
- Nov 28/29 Christmas Family Assistance

* If you have already given to any of the above collections during the church closure in the spring, please do not feel that you have to give again. Thank you for your generosity.

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