



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

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School  
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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!

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm

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

† Andrew Mehes req. by Fr. Michael

† Sabina deSouza req. by Leo & Deborah deSouza

Dr. Jessie Pedron req. by Piedad Family

Joseph Varghese req. by Abraham Joseph

### Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:30 am

† Anna & Joseph Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen

### Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm,

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

† Dominic, Maria & Teresa Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen

### First Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 noon

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Francisco S. Canaan req. by Cellie Canaan & Family

Bonnie Cong req. by Cong Family

† Armando Digiancroce req. by Stephanie Bruno & Family

† Francesca Delaurentis req. by Stephanie Bruno & Family

### Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

@ 9:00 am

† Avelino G. Caspe req. by Cherry Caspe

† Frank Gallo req. by Rose Gallo & Family

† Catalina Ramos req. by Cellie Canaan

† Felicia Musto, Rafique Hosany & Antonio Meola req. by Antonietta

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

### Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am

† Mario & Renato Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo

@ 11 am

† Mary Carole Lant req. by Tony Lant & 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. Please register online or share your contact information as you come.

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teaching of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation

Director at 416-968-0997 or email

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Days of Confession for Advent

Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>



### Parish Confession Times: December 11<sup>th</sup>

9 am – 12 pm Fr. Marijan Sisko

1 pm – 5 pm Fr. Leslie Tamas

2 pm – 6 pm Fr. Alfred Grima

6 pm – 9 pm Fr. Terry McKenna/Fr. Marijan

### Parish Confession Times: December 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am – 1 pm Fr. Marijan Sisko

1 pm – 4:45 pm Fr. Terry McKenna/Fr. Leslie

Trivia: How often are Catholics supposed to come to confession? At least: A) once per month

B) once every 6 months

C) once per year

D) once every 7 years

E) we don't really need to confess; we can say sorry to Jesus in prayer.

This will be answered in next weekend's bulletin.

If you have elderly family members living in Stouffville, who are not able to come to confession at the church, please let us know and arrangements will be made for Fr. Marijan to come to your home to give the Sacraments of Communion, Confession and Anointing. Anointing of the Sick may be given to those who are seriously ill and elderly whose health is frail. If a priest gives the Anointing of the Sick, it doesn't follow that the person will die immediately. Through these Sacraments God desires to give us His peace, healing, and consolation.

## Humanitarian Relief Philippines Relief Effort

The Philippines is struggling through one of the worst typhoon seasons in decades. The Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting humanitarian relief donations to help those affected by these devastating disasters. Those wishing to help may do so by:

- Donating online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (click the "Donate Now" button at the top of the page): [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office at: 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Mark Parish – Philippines Relief Effort – Disaster Relief

## Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

### Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

Now more than ever, we need your support. With only a very limited amount of parishioners able to attend weekend Masses, we ask that you please drop off your donation envelopes in the drop box beside the front entrance or preferably sign up to give through our pre-authorized giving program to help cover the parishes many expenses and salaries.

To sign-up for the St. Mark's

Pre-Authorized Giving program, please go to:

<https://stmarkstouffville.ca/contact/donations>  
Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket. If you already give to the Parish via PAG, please consider increasing your donations if possible.

# NOVEMBER 29, 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. 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](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca) to become a sponsor.  
Thank you for supporting our parish community!

**EDGE** &

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

**EDGE is moving online!**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm**

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to register and participate online.

To register: <https://bit.ly/34fJ145>

**High School Youth group is moving online!**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm**

High school students are invited to register and participate in Alpha for Youth online.

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

For further details, or to volunteer, email Camille at [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com) or follow our Instagram account @stmarksyouthmin.

## 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 online, please go to <https://bit.ly/2G157d6>.

For information: [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com)

## 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, an organization supporting young mothers. **Christmas poinsettias from a local greenhouse and hard to find**

**religious Christmas cards can be purchased online at [www.kofc10874.ca](http://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.



## Online Registration for All Masses and Communion Services

For contact tracing purposes, online registration for a seat in the Church is now required for all **Weekend & Weekday Masses, as well as Communion Services.**

Registration will open up every Wednesday at 7 pm. The link is on the home page: <https://stmarkstouffville.ca/>. If you have difficulties in registering online, please call the office at 905-640-6954 and dial extension 101.

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, please click on the link on our website to watch our 9 am Sunday Mass at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarkstouffville/live/>

\*\*\* Please disregard the registration information in last weekend's bulletin listing the alphabetical groups and 50 person limit. This has since been revised by the Archdiocese. As of the printing of this bulletin, we are still allowed 30% of our maximum capacity. \*\*\*

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



St. Mark's will be holding our **15<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

LOOKING FOR ALL CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE - We would love if YOU would draw us pictures for the Advent/Christmas Virtual storybook -

"The Journey to Bethlehem".

What do you need to do to participate in this amazing Gift for Jesus and to share with your family and friends?

1. Draw a scene for a page in the Story book (instructions will be provided)

**OR**

2. Narrate a few lines (we will provide them to you and your child will pre-record them) so the child/children's voice can be added to the "speaking parts".

The virtual storybook will be LIVEDREAMED on December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM as part of our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert/Pageant .

**IMPORTANT : Drawings will need to be submitted to Eugenie by November 29<sup>th</sup>**

If you are interested in participating, please email [eugenievlандry@rogers.com](mailto:eugenievlандry@rogers.com) or

call 647-828-3884 for details ASAP.

Subject title of email: The Journey to Bethlehem

## First Reconciliation Ceremonies



**Please Pray for Our Children Receiving their First Reconciliation**

We ask our Parish community to remember these beloved children of God in your prayers as they encounter Jesus' mercy 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.

## Christmas Lawn Ornaments



Instead of a Santa, reindeer or other secular lawn ornaments, why not display the Nativity in front of your home this year and help "Keep Christ in Christmas"!

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