



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
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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 8th @ 7:30 pm Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

† Intention of Ann Marie Munro req. by Ann Marie Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato

† Fr. John Walsh req. by Sean & Patricia O'Sullivan

Wednesday, December 9th @ 8:30 am

Rosary Apostolate Visitors req. by Onesima Raponi & the Rosary Apostolate

Thursday, December 10th @ 7 pm,

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

† Tony Raponi req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa

Friday, December 11th @ 8:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 noon

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Fr. John Walsh req. by Margaret McPhee

Souls in Purgatory and intentions of Reg Nunes and Family req. by Anonymous

† Eddie Rielde req. by Angel Dumanat

† Lilibeth Gemboa req. by Angel Dumanat

Saturday, December 12th

@ 9:00 am

† Fr. John Walsh req. by Peter Willan

The Unborn req. by Fr. Michael

† Esther Byrne req. by Karen McLellan

@ 5:00 pm

† Stanley Janiszewski req. by Cybruch Family

Sunday, December 13th

@ 9 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11 am

† Philip Neglia req. by Christina Viggiani

Tuesday, December 8th Mass will be at 7:30 pm for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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?

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a church vocation, **contact**

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email

vocations@archtoronto.org

EDGE &

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE is online!

December 11th 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 online!

December 18th 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 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 Young Adults Ministry.

Please go to <https://bit.ly/2GI57d6>.

For information: stmarksyoungadultmin@gmail.com

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
- 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.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

DECEMBER 6, 2020

Christmas Schedule 2020

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday, December 24, 2020

- ◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 9:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm Young Adult Mass (open to all)

Friday, December 25, 2020

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass

MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Thursday, December 31, 2020

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 10:30 pm Mass
- ◆ 11:30 pm Adoration

Friday, January 1, 2021

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass

*** Registration required for all of the above Masses. Tickets can be reserved beginning **December 16 online** at www.stmarkstouffville.ca ***

Days of Confession for Advent

Friday, Dec. 11th and Saturday, Dec. 19th

Parish Confession Times: December 11th

- 9 am – 12 pm Fr. Marijan Sisko
- 1 pm – 2 pm Fr. Leslie Tamas
- 2 pm – 6 pm Fr. Alfred Grima
- 6 pm – 9 pm Fr. Terry McKenna/Fr. Marijan

Parish Confession Times: December 19th

- 9:30 am – 1 pm Fr. Marijan Sisko
- 1 pm – 4:45 pm Fr. Terry McKenna/Fr. Leslie



Last Weekend's Trivia Question: How often are Catholics supposed to come to confession? **Correct Answer (C) At least once per year**

If we do something bad and we have just confessed should we wait until the next year to go to confession or should we go as soon as possible?

- a) Wait until next year
- b) As soon as possible
- c) No need to go to confession – you can confess directly to Jesus

The Answer will be 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.

15th Annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



St. Mark's 15th Annual Christmas Concert/Pageant Sunday, December 13th

"The Journey to Bethlehem"

The virtual concert and storybook will be **LIVESTREAMED**. Click on the link located in the top right corner of our website home page at www.stmarkstouffville.ca to view the pageant and concert on **December 13th at 4pm**.

For further information, please email eugenievlandry@rogers.com.

Preparing Ourselves for Christ



Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of all the gifts and blessings we have received. Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

Tree of Life



Donations of baby clothes, diapers, grocery cards and other items listed on the bulletin board in the foyer are now being accepted by the Squires. To help those in need, please leave your donations under the Christmas Tree in the foyer. Thank you.

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/>

2021 Envelope Boxes



The 2021 offertory boxes are ready for pickup in the parish hall. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.

Attached to your box there is a contact information update card. We ask that all parishioners complete the card and deposit it in the box on the table in the foyer. This will ensure our database information is correct.

2020 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2020 donations on Wednesday, December 30th, 2020

Any donations you wish to make for 2020 must be received by **December 30th, 2020**. Anything after this date will apply to the 2021 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office before December 30th.

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