



# 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  
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Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Groups  
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Squires  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
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Youth Ministry

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School  
333 Glad Park Ave.  
T: 905-640-2915

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

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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!

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

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

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa

† Michael Petrella req. by Donna Busato

† Francesco Altomare req. by Barnes Family

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† William Mathison req. by Miles, Sinead & Fionn Drury

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm,**

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

† Nancy Quintieri req. by Larry Tumino

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

**Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 noon**

† Emidia Veroni req. by Dominic & Dino Veroni

† Frank Altomare req. by Luis & Carmela Tence

† Dolores Vano req. by Barbara Bristow

† Louise Whitton req. by Christopher & Tina Willan

**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9:00 am**

† Fr. John Walsh req. by John & Alma Boyd

† Frank Altomare req. by Baker & Kelly Families

Tefna Francis req. by Francis & Tina

**@ 5:00 pm**

† Vincenzo Turco req. by Franca Turco & Family

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

† Dino, Tony, Valentino, Pasqualina Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

**@ 11 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

## 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?

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? 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.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca)

EDGE &

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

**EDGE is online and will resume in January!**

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 18<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 Young Adults Ministry. Join us also for our Young Adult's New Year's Eve Mass on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 pm followed by Adoration.

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

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

## 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.

**Looking for Ushers and Cleaners to help at the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please email [stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca) if you are able to volunteer.**

## St. Vincent de Paul



St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Mark's Conference

Know of a neighbour in need?

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**PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>**

# DECEMBER 13, 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 Mass

*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 Young Adult Mass  
(open to all)
- ◆ 11:30 pm Adoration

*Friday, January 1, 2021*

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass

\*\*\* Registration required for all of the above Masses.

Tickets can be reserved online beginning **December 16 at 7 pm at [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca)** \*\*\*

- If you arrive without registering beforehand, access into the Church is not guaranteed (limited seats).
- Those who have registered for a ticket and who are first to arrive will be seated upstairs. Overflow will be seated in the Parish Hall to watch via livestream.

### Days of Confession for Advent Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>



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

9:30 am – 1 pm Fr. Marijan Sisko

1 pm – 4:45 pm Fr. Terry McKenna

**Last Weekend's Trivia Question:** 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? **Correct Answer (B) As soon as possible**

**This Week's Trivia Question:** How much does it cost to have our sins forgiven?

A) free of charge; B) \$200; C) \$5,000; D) \$5,000,000

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 each year. 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.

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



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

"The Journey to Bethlehem" - The virtual St. Mark's Concert and Pageant will be **LIVESTREAMED**. We want to bring a smile to your face, sing carols together, and announce the good news of Jesus being born to us and for us. St. Mark's Parish is inviting you and your family to join us for our Christmas Pageant and Concert this **Sunday, December 13 at 3:45PM** virtually at [https://youtu.be/LW7\\_EW004Nw](https://youtu.be/LW7_EW004Nw) or click on the link located in the top right corner of our website home page at [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca) to view the pageant and concert.

### 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://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Any donations you wish to make for 2020 must be received by **December 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Church Office - Holiday Hours

December 24	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
December 25, 26, 27, 28	Closed
December 29, 30, 31	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
January 1, 2021	Closed

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