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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Mass Intentions for the Week

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ONLY AT

<https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>

The Mass Intentions that have been booked for this week will continue to be offered by Fr. Marijan in a private livestreamed mass, along with the intention to ask God to bring an end to the COVID-19 virus.

Tuesday, December 29th @ 7 pm

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

† Sandy Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family

Wednesday, December 30th @ 8:30 am

† Mary Taylor req. by Loreen Henderson

Thursday, December 31st @ 10:30 pm

In Thanksgiving to God req. by Fr. Marijan

Friday, January 1st @ 10 am

† Vincenzo Turco req. by Franca Turco and Family

Saturday, January 2nd @ 9 am

† Daniela Tiano req. by Anonymous

Sunday, January 3rd @ 9 am

† Dorothy Battaglia req. by Onesima Raponi and Family

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon.

If God is calling you, **contact**

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

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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

Now more than ever, during the York region lockdown, we need your help. 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. If you already give to the Parish via PAG, please consider increasing your donations if possible.

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration begins January 4, 2021 in all York Catholic Elementary schools.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Parents are invited to register online at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions. Following submission of an online registration, you will be asked to upload other documents.

2021 Missals have arrived

We have received our new shipment of 2021 Missals. In order to purchase one for \$5, please call the Church Office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101 and we will arrange a time for you to pick it up.

2021 Envelope Boxes



Thanks to the help of volunteers, the 2021 offertory boxes have been delivered to the homes of our parishioners. Attached to each box is a contact information update card. We ask that all parishioners complete the card and deposit it in the drop box beside the front door of the church. 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. Donations can be put in the secure drop box beside the front door of the church.

Tree of Life Donations

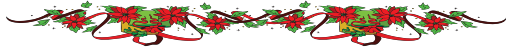
The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10874, and Squire Circle 5486 wish to thank the Community of St. Mark's Church for their contribution to the Tree of Life. The many donations from the heart will bring some comfort to those in need who are being supported through the Rose of Sharon, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Community of St. Mark's Parish has displayed the true Spirit of Christmas and supported the goal of the Knights of Columbus, "Leave No Neighbour Behind".

Someone is 'phishing' and presenting themselves as Fr Michael asking for gift cards. If you receive one of these emails, please ignore and delete it. These emails are not coming from Fr Michael.

DECEMBER 27, 2020

Christmas Schedule 2020

The following Masses are livestreamed only. There will be no in-person Masses for New Year's.



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Thursday, December 31, 2020

- ◆ 10:30 pm Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:30 pm Adoration (livestreamed)

Friday, January 1, 2021

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)

St. Mark's Church will remain open for personal prayer

**Tuesday to Friday
9 am to 3:30 pm**

**Saturday and Sunday
10 am to 12 pm**

Exceptions:

Dec 24, 29, 30 & 31

Personal Prayer from 9 am to 12 noon.

Dec 25 & Jan 1

Personal Prayer from 11 am to 12 noon

When you arrive, please ring the doorbell and check-in at the office. Before you leave, please sanitize the spot where you were seated. Limit of 10 people in the building at any time.

Church Office

The Church Office is closed to the public.

If you need assistance or would like to make an appointment for Confession, please call 905-640-6954 ext. 107 to leave a message or email stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca.

15th Annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

If you would like to watch the recorded St. Mark's Christmas Pageant, please go to <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube> or click on the link located on the home page of our website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca.



Thank you to O'Neill Funeral Home for donating the lovely Poinsettia arrangements used to decorate the church.

Please remember St. Mark's Church in your will.

WATCH FOR

PARISH AND ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS UPDATES AND BULLETINS ON OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.stmarkstouffville.ca

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarkstouffville>

Weekend and Weekday Masses

At this time, all in-person weekday and weekend masses have been cancelled.

You can watch the livestream of our Masses at:

<https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.

Please "subscribe" to our YouTube Channel by clicking the link in the bottom right corner.

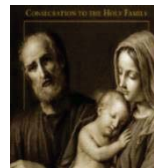
Livestream Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 pm

Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 am

Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 am

Knights of Columbus Consecration to the Holy Family



The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council would like to invite each family in our parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Families are invited to pray together each day throughout the week, as well as fast and go to confession, leading up to the Consecration weekend. The Consecration will take place during the 9 am Mass on December 27th. Fr. Marijan will lead the Consecration prayer during the livestreamed Masses that weekend. For more information go to:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family/10665-consecration-holy-family-trifold.pdf>

Join the Knights of Columbus

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day. Through our common bonds of faith and charity, we work together to support our Catholic community through charitable initiatives and programming. If you are a Catholic man 18+, we need you!

Join us by visiting www.kofc.org/join - receive your first year free by entering MCGIVNEY2020 before December 31, 2020. Enter Council # 10874 to join St. Mark Parish's KofC Council.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-story/index.html>

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