



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## 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

## 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  
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T: 905-640-2915

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751 Hoover Park Dr.  
T: 905-642-6728

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T: 905-642-5100

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

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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!

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

ALL WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED AT <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>

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### Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm Livestreamed

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

† Roger Davy req. by Fr. Michael

Colleen Brennan req. by Rose Marie Scott

### Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am Livestreamed

Souls in Purgatory and Intentions of Nunes Family req. by Lad and Family

### Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am Livestreamed

† Cheryl McCulloch req. by Wayne McCulloch

### Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am Livestreamed

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Ron Selvadurai req. by Peter Willan

† Joe Schwarzli req. by Wayne and Mary Raybould

Sean Gilroy req. by Fr. Michael

### Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am Livestreamed

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

† Ross Garrett req. by Peter Willan

† Pamela Gingras req. by Wayne and Mary Raybould

† George McKittrick req. by Don, Susan and Children

Dr. Sean Gilroy req. by Fr. Michael

### Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am Livestreamed

† Nicola Mirenzi req. by Anonymous

† Tony Raponi req. by Grace Raponi and Family

## Church Office

The Church Office is closed to the public.  
If you need assistance, please call  
905-640-6954 ext. 101 to leave a message or  
email [stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca).

## 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, during the York region lockdown, we need your help. We ask that you please drop off your donation envelopes in the secure drop box located on the wall beside

the front door 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.

## Bereavement Support Group



"Grieving with Great HOPE" is a Catholic faith-based program that consists of a five-week grief support workshop using an on-demand video format that is available on Formed. It offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is

grieving the loss of a loved one. These sessions will be facilitated by Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, CPS, pastoral assistant at St. Peter's Parish in Toronto, and assisted by seminarians from St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto. The Bereavement Support Group virtual sessions will be held on **Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

There is no cost to attend, but online registration is required. Register by Tuesday, February 23 at:

<http://bit.ly/BS-RegisterMar2021>. If you have any questions, please call: 416-934-3400 ext. 518 or email: [samaral@archtoronto.org](mailto:samaral@archtoronto.org).

## Live Your Best Life in Love Virtual Event

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>



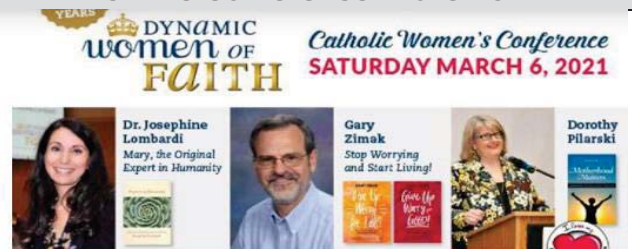
In these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot!

Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, as husband and wife, you learn how to be the best couple you can be.

No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! **WEBSITE: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)**  
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## Dynamic Women of Faith

Online Conference: March 6<sup>th</sup>

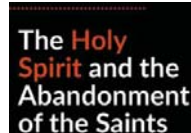


Cost: \$40

Register at: [dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://dynamicwomenfaith.com)

## Online Lenten Retreat

March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1 pm



The transformation of Christian life is accomplished by the Holy Spirit and the saints conform to the Holy Spirit through abandonment or surrender. This retreat will explore the thought of Jean-Pierre de Caussade who unveils the secret of how saints encounter God by surrendering to His action in each present moment. This abandonment is at the heart of the Holy Family at Nazareth and far outstrips even the asceticism of John the Baptist in the desert. Presented by Rev. Charles Anang. **COST: \$25 PHONE: 416-261-7207**

EMAIL: [lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca](mailto:lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/RegisterLentenRetreat>

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

# FEBRUARY 21, 2021

## Weekend Communion Services



**Communion Services have resumed each Saturday and Sunday.**

Communion Services will be short, so we ask those attending to remain standing 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 weekends to hear the readings and receive the Eucharist. As a preparation for the service, we ask you to watch the Mass online.

### New Schedule as of Feb. 27/28

Saturdays	4pm, 4:20 pm, 4:40 pm, 5pm, 5:15pm, 5:30pm, 5:45pm
Sundays	11am, 11:20am, 11:40am, 12pm, 12:15pm

### Online Registration (required)

Please register at [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca).

- Registration is required to attend a Communion Service.
- Each attendee must have a ticket (max 8 people at one time).
- We are unable to accommodate walk-ins.
- If you are registering for a ticket for someone else, please put their name on the ticket not yours.
- Children also need tickets, even if they are very small and not receiving Communion.
- Please be on time as this service is only 10 minutes.
- Please remain in your vehicle until you see the group before you exiting through the south parking lot door.

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

### Tuesday to Saturday

9:30 am to 4 pm and

**Sunday 10 am to 11 am & 1 pm to 4 pm**

Limit of 10 people in the building at one time.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 9:30 am and 4 pm



Fr. Michael will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 9:30 am to 10:30 am (new extended time beginning Feb 27) and from 4 pm to 5 pm. When you arrive, please sign in and ensure there are no more than 10 people in the church at one time. You can also make an appointment to go to confession during the week by calling the church office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 7 pm to 8:45 pm & Fridays from 9:30 am to 12 noon

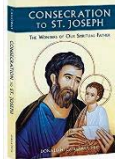
We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time in Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Thursday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm and Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with Benediction. Registration is not required to attend Adoration, however; we ask that you please ensure there are no more than 10 people in the church at one time. Also, there is the possibility that we may have to postpone a Friday Adoration in the event of a funeral.



## Lenten Stations of the Cross (Livestreamed)

The Stations of the Cross will be livestreamed every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm on our YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>

## Consecration to St. Joseph Books still available



Drawing on the wealth of the Church's living tradition, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, calls on all of us to turn to St. Joseph, during this year dedicated to this wonderful Saint, to entrust ourselves, our Church, and our world to our spiritual father's loving care, and then watch for wonders when the Universal Patron of the Church opens the floodgates of Heaven to pour out graces into our lives today. **This book is strongly recommended, and you are encouraged to purchase a copy for \$20 at the Church Office.**

## That Man Is You!



Looking to have your best Lent ever? Come join That Man Is You! This is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the

saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. **Join us for our Lenten journey beginning on February 20<sup>th</sup>.** If you've never been to TMIIY or haven't come in some time, now is a great time to join our program. We meet on Saturdays at 8am on Zoom. All men are welcome.

To register, please visit [www.kofc10874.ca](http://www.kofc10874.ca).

EDGE &

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

### EDGE is online on March 5!

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate.

### High School Youth is online on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>!

High school students are invited to participate.

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



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