



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
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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

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223 Millard St.
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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!

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Tuesday, May 18th @ 7 pm livestreamed

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael



Giuseppina Di Rienzo req. by Filomena Di Rienzo

Ossi Pierotti req. by Maria Gallo



Fr. Jeff Masterson req. by Fr. Michael

Zelia Pereira req. by Joe and Maria

Fernando Brasil req. by Joe and Maria

Wednesday, May 19th @ 9 am livestreamed



Tita Tuason req. by Crespo Family

Thursday, May 20th @ 9 am livestreamed



Jozef & Stefania Mehes req. by Lad Mehes

Friday, May 21st @ 9 am livestreamed

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 pm



Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael



Sylvia Ruccolo req. by Maria Ruccolo

Tom and Delma Fitzsimmons req. by Fr. Michael



Souls in Purgatory req. by Reginald Nunes

Saturday, May 22nd @ 9 am livestreamed



St. Dunstan Parish req. by Fr. Michael



Herminio Paiva req. by Maria Paiva and Daughters



Ken Whelan req. by Fr. Michael



Ossi Pierotti req. by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, May 23rd @ 9 am livestreamed



Vincent Quinn req. by Quinn Family



Pasqualina Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

Church Office

The Church Office is closed except by appointment only from Tuesday to Thursday. If you need assistance, please call 905-640-6954 ext. 101 to leave a message or email stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:30 am



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Saturday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am or by appointment.



Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays from 9:30 am to 12 noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each

Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with

Benediction. Registration is required to attend

Adoration. Please go to our website:

<http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org> to sign-up.

Registration will open every Wednesday at 7 pm.

Personal Prayer

Tuesday to Thursday 9:30 am to 4 pm

Friday 12 noon to 4 pm

Saturday 10:30 am to 12 pm

Please ensure that the limit of 10 people in the building is not exceeded during these times.

Registration is not required.

From a Sermon by St. Augustine, Bishop

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: "If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth." For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him.



Living the Gospel locally and around the world

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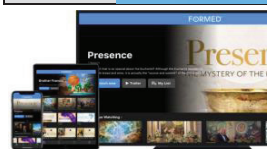
Is God Calling You?

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem – to wait – to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation

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Quote from Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

"The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction." (Venerable Fulton J. Sheen)

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>

ST. MARK'S CHURCH HAS A
NEW Website

CHECK US OUT AT:
<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>

Weekend Communion Services

PRAYER AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Communion Services have resumed each Saturday and Sunday

Communion Services will be short, so we ask those attending to remain standing throughout and avoid touching the pews or sitting. As a preparation for the service, we ask you to watch Mass online.

Schedule

Saturdays	5 pm to 6:30 pm (15 minute timeslots)
Sundays	10:30 am to 12:30 pm (15 minute timeslots)

Online Registration (required)

Registration will open on Wednesdays at 7 pm
<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>

Rosary – Thursdays in May

In line with Pope Francis' request to pray the Rosary in May for an end to the pandemic, Fr. Michael would like to encourage everyone to pray the Rosary with their family each night for this intention. As well, he would like to invite **9 people** to register to come to the church to pray the Rosary on **Thursdays in May from 7 pm to 7:30 pm. This will begin on May 13.** The registration link will open on Wednesday at 7 pm on our website at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>.

Parish Council Nominations

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

As the current parish year draws to a close at the end of June, we reach out to invite you to nominate a fellow parishioner or put your own name forward to become a new Parish Council member to serve for a 2 or 3 year term to replace those who are about to retire (elections to take place in June). The Parish Council advises Fr. Michael on strategic issues and works on special projects. They typically meet once every 4 to 6 weeks during the school year for a total of 6 to 7 meetings each year. If you feel called to share your talents with the church in this manner, please see the Parish website for the Parish Council Nomination Form. <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/parish-council-constitution/>

Completed forms can be emailed to stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca by May 31.

EDGE

EDGE is online on May 21!

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate. For details contact, stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com or follow our Instagram account @stmarksyouthmin.

Retirement of Mary Ann and Lad Mehes



We would like to sincerely thank our Parish Secretary, Mary Ann Mehes and our Caretaker, Lad Mehes for their eleven years of wonderful, dedicated service to St. Mark's Community and to Fr. Michael. They will be greatly missed and we are sad to see them leave but we wish them all the best in their retirement and ask God to continue to bless and watch over them.

Coins for Life



In previous years, many of our parishioners have donated money to Campaign Life Coalition through their Coins for Life fundraiser. If you would like to take part this year, please see our website at www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org for details.

Reclaiming Love 2021 Thursday, May 20th from 7 pm – 8:30 pm



Join us for a free online webinar on the Theology of the Body on Thursday, May 20 from 7 to 8:30 pm.

To register go to: www.archtoronto.org/reclaiminglove

Chalice Sponsorship Weekend May 29th and 30th

Chalice During the homily on May 29 and 30, a speaker from Chalice will address our parishioners virtually. We hope many of you will respond to this appeal from an organization that brings Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ. For just \$37 a month, you can help a precious child in need. Please see our website for further details.
www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org

Men's Online Discernment Group Beginning in June through the Archdiocese

GROUP A • WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 • 7:30PM
5 WEEK DURATION
COVERING: PRAY, DECIDE, AND DON'T WORRY - FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

GROUP B • THURSDAY, JUNE 10 • 7:30PM

GROUP C • FRIDAY, JUNE 11 • 7:30PM
6 WEEK DURATION
COVERING: DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD - FR. TIMOTHY GALLAGHER

To register contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy at mccarthymatthew12@gmail.com

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