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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Sara Moreno-Stober - Office Administrator
Lisa Baker - Pastoral Administrator
Marcel Raes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed for lunch 12 - 1:00 pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday - 9:00 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holiday - 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration & Benediction
Every Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 am
4:00 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

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 backlog, please allow 3 to 6 months for a 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 Form available in foyer or on 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

See website for policy if outside Priest available.

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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 10th @ 7 pm

- † Joseph Varghes req. by Abraham Joseph
- † Michelina Acierno req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † All Souls in Ho Family req. by Cong Family

Wednesday, May 11th @ 9 am

- † Gertrude Toal req. by Maureen Morrison

Thursday, May 12th @ 9 am

- † Antonio, Angelina & Stan Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

Friday, May 13th @ 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 1 pm

- † James Dolan req. by Fr. Michael
- † Puikit Chan Family req. Mary Lee
- † All Souls in Ho Family req. by Cong Family

Saturday, May 14th

@ 9 am

- Class of '94 req. by Fr. Michael
- † Bishop Vianney Fernando req. by Fr. Michael
- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- † Mariamma Joseph req. by Abraham Joseph

@ 5 pm

- † Bibiano Gaerlan & Felicitas Navidad req. by Medina Family

Sunday, May 15th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Pasqualina Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

Pray For the Sick

Hedley Thomas, Jeanette Woodley,
Umberto DeFuria, Maria Biadi

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Elmer Burnie, Maurice Vella, Vincenzo Maiorano



Eucharistic Adoration Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9 am to 1 pm ending with Benediction**. We ask for help to ensure at least two people in the church each hour of Adoration by **signing in beforehand** either with the **paper registration sheet at the back of the church or on our Friday Holy Hour Eventbrite registration at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>**.

Please consider attending for even 5 minutes to offer up prayers for peace in our world, especially in the Ukraine.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If 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
www.vocationstoronto.ca

The Celebration of the Eucharist

From the first apology in defense of the Christians by Saint Justin, martyr.

No one may share the eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me. This is my body*. In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *this is my blood*. The Lord gave this command to them alone.

Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or in the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give their assent by saying, "Amen." The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent. The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the thing that we have passed on for your consideration. **(Excerpt from the Office of Readings)**

Recommended Video Links

To watch videos listed in past bulletins see our website:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/prophetic-articles---church--world/>



ShareLife and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. Through ShareLife, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 60 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in this past academic year. If you haven't yet contributed, please make your gift through the parish or at sharelife.org!

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

St Mark's Gold and Silver Rush Fundraiser – Thank you!!!



The St. Mark's Gold and Silver Rush Fundraiser was a tremendous success, raising over \$16,000 for the Parish!

We would like to sincerely thank those who brought in bags of jewellery to donate to the church. A special thank you to **Tim Flynn**, who brought the idea forward and also did a lot of the leg work, and **Antonietta Botticelli** for all of her hard work in promoting the fundraiser which was supported by the Women's Ministry. **Tax receipts will be issued in the New Year.**

Knights of Columbus Awards and Thank You for Food Drive

Congratulations to St. Mark's Knights of Columbus council on receiving the following **awards**:

- Division Five Winner for Life Programs
- Silver Trillium Award
- Fourth highest contributor in Ontario to the Canadian Wheelchair program

We thank the Knights for organizing a successful **food drive** last weekend. Approximately **500 lbs of food were collected** and brought to the Stouffville Food Bank. Thank you to our parishioners for their continued generosity. "Leave no neighbour behind...."

Driver Needed for Sunday Mass

We are looking for volunteers who are able to provide a drive for elderly parishioners to Sunday Mass weekly, biweekly or monthly.

If you are able to help, please contact Lisa Baker at lbaker@archtoronto.org or at 905-640-6954 ext. 103

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED CAN YOU HELP?

Pro-Life Lawn Signs Distribution Date: May 7th & 8th

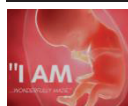


The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are distributing beautiful pro-life lawn signs after all masses the weekend of **May 7/8**.

The message, "God Loves You and the Baby, Choose Life", is a beautiful sign to our community that we stand for unborn children in the womb. To help cover the cost of each sign, a **donation of \$10 is appreciated**. All proceeds will help subsidize the bus from Markham heading to the March for Life in Ottawa. Every lawn sign also comes with a ticket to win a beautiful Mother's Day pro-life gift basket, sponsored by our KofC wives.

March for Life

Thursday, May 12th in Ottawa



Rally & March Thursday, May 12th

12:30 pm – Rally on Parliament Hill

1:30 pm – March downtown Ottawa

2:30 pm – Silent No More Testimonies

Attend in person or watch live broadcast on EWTN Visit MARCHFORLIFE.CA or CALL 1-800-730-5358

Our local Knights of Columbus Councils in the Markham-Stouffville area will be **sponsoring a bus** to take people to the March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday May 12th. The bus will leave from the **St. Patrick's Church parking lot at 6:45 AM**. After the march in Ottawa, we will leave at 4:30 PM to return to Markham. The cost for the trip will be **\$30** per person. If you would like to participate, please contact Dan di Rocco by email at dirocco401@yahoo.ca or by telephone at 905-294-4219."

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Friday, May 13th



For the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, May 13th, we will have the recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 pm and Mass at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Saint Vincent de Paul Bundle Weekend

May 28th and 29th



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a **Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of May 28th and 29th**

accepting donations of clothing, footwear, small household goods, bedding, and toys. Please note they **do not** accept dishes, furniture, books, video/Audio cassettes or mattresses. Please bring your donations and help others in your community.

Feast of the Visitation

May 31st at 7 pm



On the Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be a Holy Hour from 7 pm to 8 pm followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and a Marian Procession. If you are able to assist with the organization of the procession, please email lbaker@archtoronto.org.

Corpus Christi Procession Volunteers Needed – June 19th

This year the Solemnity of Corpus Christi falls on **Sunday, June 19th**. Volunteers are needed to organize a procession on that day after the 11 am Mass. If you would like to help, please email Lisa at lbaker@archtoronto.org.



Treadmill for Sale

Fr. Michael would like to sell his treadmill. It's 15 years old and was only lightly used over the first three years. Proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul and a tax receipt can be issued to the purchaser. Best Offer accepted.

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