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*Give thanks to the Lord for  
His many Blessings  
On Thanksgiving*

# TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

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

† Soosaipillai Bastiampillai req. by Maria Soosaipillai Bastiampillai

† Giovannina Grossi req. by Mario & JoAnne Colangelo & Family

† Wong Gut Kim req. by Henry & Helen Chan

Intentions of Bea Pasacsac req. by Abad Family

In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received req. by Peter Willan

**Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

† Wayne Hainschwang req. by Carol Hainschwang

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

† Gennaro Bruno req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

**Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

† Joe Martinho req. by Nida & Sonya and Grandchildren

**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

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

**@ 9 am**

† Wanda Ruddy req. by Peter Ruddy

† Brian Ruddy req. by Peter Ruddy

† Helen Zielinski req. by Peter Ruddy

† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

† Rosa Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno

Intentions of Aquilina Gerardo req. by Abad Family

**@ 5 pm**

† Innamorato Family req. by Dina & Michael Simon

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

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

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

**@ 11 am**

In Thanksgiving req. by Mariette Galzote

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Jeffrey Keen



## Confessions

**Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm  
or by appointment**



## Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each **Friday from 9:30 am to 1 pm and on the First Friday of the month from 9:30 am to 7 pm ending with Benediction.** We ask for help to ensure at least 2 people in the church each hour of Adoration by **signing in** with the **paper registration sheet at the back of the church.** Please consider attending for even 5-10 minutes.

## Is God Calling You

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca)

## Welcome to Seminarian Nathan Hoffmann



We welcome seminarian, Nathan Hoffmann to our parish. Nathan was born in Calgary, he grew up in Indonesia, Texas, and Australia before settling in Halifax in 2014. He achieved a Masters in Resource and Environmental Management and worked as a Policy Analyst for a Nova Scotian municipality before discerning a call to the Priesthood. Nathan is currently in his Philosophy year at St. Augustine's Seminary and has five more years of Formation before Ordination for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. In his free time, Nathan likes to garden, cook, and be active in his rowing club.

## Bishop's Altar Server Awards

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, seven altar servers from our parish received the "Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service" from His Excellency Bishop John Boissonneau.

We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to:  
**Mia Bruno, Brandon Casil, Kailyn Chin, Arya Hughes, Ian Lynch, Claire Kocsis, & Elijah Vaz**



## St. Mark's Church Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm**

**INVITATION TO ALL CHILDREN  
OF ST. MARK'S PARISH**

**Come and Have FUN singing, acting, and telling the story of Jesus' birth.** We are looking for **YOU** to cast in the role of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Soldiers, Innkeepers and many more! We are also looking for Parent & High School Volunteers to assist with this event.

**FIRST REHEARSAL & ROLE ASSIGNMENT  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> FROM 1 PM TO 3 PM**

Pick up a registration form in the church foyer **OR** use the QR code to go to the online registration form.

Volunteers are also needed. Please see the sign up sheet in the church lobby.



## Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 am**

In this free webinar, the Archdiocese and Catholic Cemeteries Estate Planning Team will share:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals**

**3 WAYS TO REGISTER:**

1. **scan this QR code:**
2. **follow this QR link:** [grco.de/WebOct19](http://grco.de/WebOct19)
3. **send an email to:** [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar Oct 19" in the title line + your name(s)



# OCTOBER 13, 2024

## Bundle Sunday

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a **Container Unit** in our church parking lot on the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> accepting donations of new and used clothing, footwear, small household goods, bedding, new toys, and bicycles. Please note they do not accept appliances, dishes, furniture, books, videos, or mattresses. Please bring your donations and help others in your community. Thank you!

## Recollection for Women

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life.

Date: Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Confessions and Talk given by  
a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:00 – 9:30 pm

## Recruiting Altar Servers

Submit Registration Form by October 25<sup>th</sup>



If you have a child in Grade 3 to 8, who would like to join the Altar Server Ministry, please pick up a registration form in the church foyer or on our website and **submit it to the church office by October 25<sup>th</sup>**.

## Parish Ministry Fair

Serve with Joy!

October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> after all Masses



## Where is God calling you to serve?

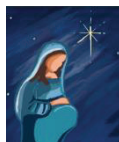
We invite you to come to St. Mark's Parish Hall after Mass on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> to see all the Ministries that are active in our parish, talk to ministry leaders and see where your talents can be used to serve God and your fellow parishioners. Grab a coffee and some delicious baked goods as you check out the St. Mark's Ministry Fair!



Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

The Women's Ministry welcomes you to our first SOCIAL of the 2024-2025 Season! Back by Popular Demand, we will be hosting **Catholic Trivia/Game Night on October 28 at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall**. Please bring food items and/or Grocery/Walmart Gift Cards for the Stouffville Food Bank. We will be delivering the items by November 1st, ahead of the Christmas Rush!

Also, please mark your calendar for our Guided Painting Workshop on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be painting Our Expectant Mother Mary for the Advent Season, guided by artist Kelly McConkey, in the Church Hall. Details to follow. (Sneak Peek at the canvas we will each paint and take home.)



## Confirmation Parent Night

Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

The Confirmation Parent Registration Night will take place on **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm**

at the church. Baptismal certificate of the child and the \$130 offering for the sacrament will be collected that evening, as well as distribution of the program outline and handout package.

## Coats for Kids Fundraiser

November 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus is launching our annual coats for kids fundraising campaign to purchase coats for less fortunate children in Stouffville. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child goes without a coat during the winter season. For only \$30, you can sponsor a coat for a child in need.



To donate, please send an e-transfer to [kofc10874@gmail.com](mailto:kofc10874@gmail.com) and include your full name, address, and phone number to receive a tax receipt. You can also donate in-person by cheque payable to **Knights of Columbus Council 10874 after Mass the weekends of October 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>**.

## Horizons of Hope Seminar

November 7, 14, 21, 28

The way our society views matters of life and death has changed rapidly over the years, often in ways that emphasize personal autonomy over the Church's teaching that the end of our life's journey is in God's hands not our own. Our Church, with all its resources, is ready and willing to help us discern the best approach to issues relating to the end of life. **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care is a program with an emphasis on a 'good death,' palliative care and living life to the end in as positive way as possible.**

This program will help parishioners in the following areas:

- Understanding the Experience of Death and Dying
- Discerning and Decision-making at the End-of-Life
- Accompanying others at the End-of-Life

It does so through discussions led by a facilitator, as well as participation in small and large group sessions, use of videos, questions for private reflection and multiple suggestions for growth in understanding the issues relating to the end of life.

This program will take place at St. Mark's Church on November 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 7:30 to 9 pm.



Please register using the QR code or by putting your contact information on the list in the lobby.

## Honey Sale by the Carmelite Nuns



The Carmelite Nuns in Zephyr have an **abundant** autumn harvest of **Raw natural wildflower honey straight from the beehives of their monastery's organic farm**.

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