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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
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
(except First Fridays-see below)
Wednesday & Thursday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am
Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
(with Children's Liturgy)
Sunday - 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Mass - 8:00 pm
(except Statutory Holidays
9:00 am Mass Only)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 - 8:55 am
4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux

Novena
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Holy Hour
(Thursday 9 - 10:00 am)

Divine Mercy
(Before Friday Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help
(Saturday Morning Mass)

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, please allow for up to 3 months for an anticipated Baptismal date given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class. This time delay is because of the very large number of baptisms and because we limit the number attending the bi-monthly classes and celebrations to six families, to preserve the dignity of the celebration.

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.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-

BOUND
Please call Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Please see website for policy explanation.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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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

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W: vocationtoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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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!

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 6th @ 7:00 pm

- † Tony Moncada req. by Tina Moncada
- † Salvatore and Maria Speranza req. by Tina Moncada
- Biagio and Maria req. by Maria

Wednesday, February 7th @ 8:30 am

Dot Gourley and Family req. by Anonymous

Thursday, February 8th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Mario & Lucy Ciardullo

Friday, February 9th @ 7:00 pm

- † Corey Hay req. by Hay Family
- † Ruban and Josephine Hughes req. by Sig and Teresa Kusatz

Saturday, February 10th

@ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

- † Peter McAleer req. by Fr. Michael
- Barbara Bristow req. by Helen Kaliciak

@ 5:00 pm

- † Tony Trentadue req. by Mary & Lou Vella and Mary Lou Dufour

Sunday, February 11th

@ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

- † Brian Ruddy req. by Fr. Michael

@ 12:30 pm

For the Sick req. by Fr. Michael

Christmas Gifts

My Dear Parishioners,

You have all been exceedingly kind and generous to me once again this past Christmas and by now I have been able to thank nearly everyone individually. Unfortunately however, each year a few gifts go astray and at this moment, I have not been able to identify the families who gave the Walkers shortbread and Ferrero chocolates, the round pudding and cookies, as well as the Brooks Delectable chocolates. I have also been unable to identify one particular family who gave a gift of \$50. Thank you one and all for all of your love, support and encouragement. Sincerely, Fr. Michael

ProLife News

Archbishop to Trudeau: You're 'confused' if you think you can be pro-abortion and Catholic (Archbishop Terrence Prendergast)

[Read the full article here:](https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/archbishop-to-trudeau-youre-confused-if-you-think-you-can-be-pro-abortion-a)

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Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,836 Heating \$ 2,100

Catholic Young Adults Event

Wednesday, February 7th

Hey Young Adults! Ages 19 – 35 students, professionals, single or married

We want to serve YOU and minister to You so that you enjoy being Catholic!

Young Adults from our local parishes in the Eastern Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto are meeting monthly to learn and grow in faith, build community and belonging, and volunteer!

Join us to explore

THE WORLD'S SEARCH FOR IDENTITY

Who am I? What is my identity? It is a question that most of us continually ask throughout our youth. It is a question that the world has many, many different answers for. Join us as we explore the truth of who we are and how so many issues arise when we place our identity in something other than the truth.

Date & Time: February 7th at 7 pm

Location: St. Lawrence Parish, 2210 Lawrence Ave. E.

For information: spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org

Coldest Night of the Year Walk

Saturday, February 24th



Accomplish something remarkable by doing something ordinary!

Walk with us in Stouffville on **Saturday, February 24th.**

Registration begins at 4pm at

Eastridge Missionary Church. The Coldest Night of the Year walk is a super-fun, family-friendly fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless, and hurting across Canada. **For pledge forms and further information, go to cnoy.org.**

To volunteer to cook a crockpot of chili for the participants, contact the Church office at 905-640-6954.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 3rd from 9 am to 5:30 pm
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto



This Year's Theme:

Fire on the Earth (Luke 12:49)

Featuring: Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield

Mass to be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and youth Mass celebrated by Bishop Scott McCaig; there is a separate youth event (13 to 18 years) with great music, talks and skits.

Cost: \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth

Website: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Canada Summer Jobs Program Action Item

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant.

This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision.

Contact Your MP

Please take a moment to visit

www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.

2017 Tax Receipts

February 3rd/4th and February 10th/11th

2017 Tax Receipts can be picked up in the church foyer on the weekends of February 3/4 and February 10/11.

Recollection for Women

February 12, 2018 at St. Mark's Church


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: February 12, 2018, Confession: 7:00 pm

Talks given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Ash Wednesday

February 14th - Mass at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm

 This is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 – 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

Envelopes

This is the last weekend to pick up your envelopes in the Church foyer. After this weekend, please contact the office.



Parish Movie Night Saturday, February 17th



This month's movie (double feature): Veil of Tears - Hope is on the Way

This documentary tells the untold story of millions of women in India who are culturally persecuted for no other reason than the fact they are women. See what happens when Christian volunteers come into these communities and change the lives of these women forever.

Cambodia Deployment 2012

The Canadian International Search and Rescue Team was documented while in Cambodia in 2012. Sylvia Usling will accompany this team when they revisit the same community in March.

**Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm
Movie to start at 6:30pm**

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 110 minutes

Coins for Life 2018



Would your family put aside your townies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada?**

If so, the St. Mark's Squires will be handing out Coins for Life boxes on February 17th and 18th.

Your small change can lead to a BIG change and does help to save countless innocent lives. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. Every life from conception to natural death, which God created, is sacred and no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death, we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this **'little project' for life.**

Coins for Life Boxes will be collected after Easter.

Words from Bishop Robert Baron



"John Henry Newman said that what gives a river verve and energy is precisely the firmness of its banks. If one were to knock down those banks, the river would promptly spread out into a lazy lake, serene perhaps, but lacking in direction.

Our moral and spiritual lives are something like a river: provided they are delimited by clear boundaries and objective values, they will remain purposive and invigorated.

In the name of liberty and self-expression, our culture is frenetically knocking down every restriction imaginable and the predictable result is that the river is broadening out into that lazy lake of subjectivism and indifferentism, what I have called the "M'eh" culture. We might be blandly tolerant of one another, but we lack common purpose. We are no longer adventurers on the fast-flowing river; rather we are individuals, floating languidly on separate air-mattresses.

The laws, teachings, demands, and prescriptions of the Church are not threats to our flourishing. On the contrary, they are the very restrictions that make meaningful action possible. They are the banks that ensure that the river is actually going somewhere. Accordingly, they ought to be embraced as the condition for the possibility of an authentic humanism." - Bishop Robert Baron -

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