



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. Asst.
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 - 1 pm

JULY & AUGUST

9 am - 12 noon

CLOSED MONDAYS

Summer SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 7:00 pm

Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 8:30 am

Saturday - 9:00 am

Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am

Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

All weekday masses to be held in the foyer of St. Mark's Church

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am

- 11:00 am

All weekday masses to be held in the gym of St. Mark's school

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 - 8:55 am and

4:15 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

Held in the gym of St. Mark's School

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

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.
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751 Hoover Park Dr.
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W: vocationtoronto.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!

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, July 17th @ 7:00 pm

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Lina Benincasa
- † Mario Raponi req. by Grace Raponi
- † Charlie Atkinson req. by Jill McWhinnie
- Sr. M. Carmel req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, July 18th @ 8:30 am

- † Elio Tripodi req. by Anonymous

Thursday, July 19th @ 8:30 am

and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

Thanksgiving to Our Lord req. by Tony, Shirley & Family

Friday, July 20th @ 8:30 am

- † Mike McCarthy req. by Fr. Michael
- † Christopher Brown req. by Coreen Doucett
- † Emdia Veroni req. by Connie Veroni

Saturday, July 21st

@ 9:00 am

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

Madeleine O'Connor req. by Fr. Michael

- † Michael Shewchuk req. by Bev Shewchuk & Family

@ 5:00 pm

- † Aldo Nardi req. by Nella Nardi

Sunday, July 22nd

@ 9:00 am

- † Dino Raponi req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

In today's first reading Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet; God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing at this time and perhaps begin the special work He has for you. If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of priest, religious or deacon, contact

**Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or
by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.**

Email Scam Alert

An email scam previously reported by several other dioceses has now appeared in our own diocese with reports of at least one parishioner who lost \$300 to a fraudster pretending to be the pastor of a parish. Several other dioceses reported an email scam where Catholics have been hit by scammers sending requests, purportedly from their parish priests, for iTunes gift cards. A false email from a priest is sent asking for the electronic gift cards to be sent to another address so that they may be given to someone in need. Please advise caution when checking email messages. Always verify suspect messages by phoning the sender on a known phone number (not the phone number in the suspect message).

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering

\$ 6,011

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

St. Mark's Parishioners have the option to give their offertory via the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. With PAG, your offering is deducted automatically by direct debit from your bank account; no need to search for your cheque book or stop by a cash machine on the way to church.

PAG allows you to support your parish when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

Most importantly, you are in control. You can increase or decrease your amount or withdraw from the PAG plan simply by dropping a signed note in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Enrollment forms are available in the church foyer. To sign up for the program, simply fill in the form, attach a void cheque and submit it to the parish office or place it in an envelope in the collection basket.

For more information, please call the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



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St. Mark's Conference

Know of a neighbour in need?

905-640-6954 ex.3

Pilgrimages at Teopoli

**1458 Housey's Rapids Rd., Gravenhurst
Sunday, July 29th at 9:30 am**

Since 1977, when a large wooden Cross was erected next to the water fall, Teopoli became a center for monthly pilgrimages. These pilgrimages have three strong moments of common prayer: holy Mass, the stations of the cross, and the holy Rosary with Eucharistic benediction. For information and bus reservations, please call **416-243-7319** or email **info@teopoli.com**



Sunday Smiles

After getting his driving license, David visited home during vacation and asked his dad for the family car. His dad agreed, but put forward three conditions- good grades in school, a neat room and a decent haircut. After several months, David came home again. He had followed the three things that he had promised his dad, except getting his hair cut. When the father saw that his son had disobey him, he asked for an explanation. David smartly said, "Hey dad, even Jesus had long hair." His Father was not someone to be taken for a ride and smilingly replied, "Yes, son, you're absolutely right. And Jesus also walked everywhere he went."

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

JULY 15, 2018

Location of Weekend Masses

Get ready for our move!

Beginning July 21st until the completion of our church renovations, the weekend masses on Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 9 am and 11 am will take place in the gym of St. Mark's School.

There will be signs directing parishioners to the entrance closest to the gym (the street number sign is posted outside the door that leads to the gym).

We thank you for your understanding while the church is under construction.



Set Up and Take Down Teams Needed for Mass at St. Mark School

We hope to create several teams of dedicated parishioners who are willing to either help set up for our weekend Masses on Saturday or take

everything down after Mass on Sunday. We hope to organize teams in such a way that each team will only be scheduled 1 to 2 times per month over the 14 months of our church renovation project. Ideally, we would like to create 6+ teams that will rotate throughout the year with 5 to 6 people per team so set up and take down can be done in 30 to 45 minutes.

Set up

- Set up chairs for Masses
- Put out altar, ambo and credence table
- Set out money boxes for Saint Vincent de Paul
- Place signs indicating where Mass is taking place
- Pull out a.v. equipment for music ministries
- Ensure the gym is clean from litter

Take down (essentially the opposite of everything above)

We are also looking for individuals who are willing to be **"team captains"** to direct and assist other volunteers.

Sign-up sheets located at the bookstall.

For more information, please contact **Ben Tabucan at 905-640-6954 or stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com**



Expansion Progress Report



St. Mark's Church Expansion Expansion Progress Report

Over the next several weeks we expect:

- All items removed from the inside of the Church and placed in storage.
- Expected date to vacate the church – July 21/22
- Sunday masses will be held at St. Mark's Catholic School, immediately adjacent to the church.
- Signs placed outside St. Mark's School to direct people to the door to use to enter the school.
- Folding chairs and portable altar set up in St. Mark's School gym for weekend masses.
Stay tuned to the bulletin and website.

Sponsorship - Thank you!!!

Thanks to the generosity of our Sponsors we are able to add the three items listed below back into our construction plan!

- Front Canopy
- Crying Room
- Side Entrance Enclosure

At a future date, once crowdfunding is set up, we will list details of how to contribute towards the kitchen and pews.

Please Arrive Early For Mass

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers

Once we are in St. Mark's School gym for Mass beginning on July 21st, we ask that you arrive early for your first scheduled date to serve in order to familiarize yourself with the location of items.

We will be using the school library as the sacristy.

Funerals

After July 21st, funerals will be held at Christ Church (Anglican) and Canadian Mar Thoma Church until renovations are completed. Otherwise, arrangements can be made for use of the chapel at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.

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