



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
Ben Tabucan-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

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday to Friday - 7:00 pm
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am
Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only
All weekday masses are held in the foyer of St. Mark's Church

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
(with Children's Liturgy)
Sunday - 11:00 am
All weekend masses are held in the gym of St. Mark's School

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 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)

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 or on our website.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-

BOUND
Please call Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Cancelled during construction.

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!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 29th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

Living & Deceased Members of Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Hugo Biondi req. by Ossi and Ann Pierotti

† Maria Helena Giraldo req. by Giraldo Family

Intention of Anne Bijo req. by Bijo Family

Wednesday, January 30th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Rosina & Raffella Aquino and Antonio Meola req. by Anonymous

Thursday, January 31st @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

Mary Ann Mehes, R. Achong and Fr. Michael req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, February 1st @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

Pope, Bishops, Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Seamus Magill req. by Fr. Michael

† Tom Devlin req. by Bencic Family

† Cheryl McCulloch req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

Saturday, February 2nd

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark Church)

† Al Bodogh req. by The Rosary Apostolate

† Marcel Coulombe req. by Sheila & Karen McLellan

† Al Bodogh req. by Mary and Rick Powell

@ 5:00 pm (St. Mark School)

† Alberto Masetti req. by Oriana Lommori, Maria Natale & Alberto Masetti

Sunday, February 3rd

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark School)

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Corrado DiPietro req. by Josie DiPietro & Francesca

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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

To sign-up for St. Mark's Church Pre-Authorized Giving program, **Please go to:**

www.stmarkstouffville.ca, click on the "Contact" heading then "Donations" to print off the form.

Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket.

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

VOCATIONS

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto **416-968-0997**.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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Weekly Offering

\$ 3,894

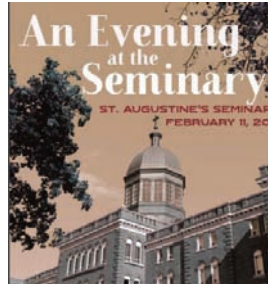
Town Prayer Meeting

Sunday, Jan 27th at Bloomington Gospel Church

The next Whitchurch Stouffville Town Prayer Meeting will take place at Bloomington Gospel Church, 13660 Ninth Line, (just south of Bloomington) on January 27 from 7 pm to 8 pm.

An Evening at the Seminary

Monday, February 11th at 4:45 pm



Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary.

St. Augustine's Seminary 2661 Kingston Rd., Toronto

CONTACT: Office of Vocations PHONE: 416-968-0997

EMAIL: vocations@archtoronto.org

WEB: <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>

Theology on Tap

Monday, February 11th from 7 pm to 9 pm

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All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for Theology on Tap, an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics, with munchies provided - come and bring a friend!

Topic: How do you ask someone out on a date?

CONTACT: Office of Catholic Youth PHONE: 416-599-7676

EMAIL: youngadult@ocytoronto.org

LOCATION: Le Spot Billiard Lounge 4531 Sheppard Ave E., 2nd Floor #200, Scarborough

Young Women's Retreat

February 15th to 17th



Join the Sisters of Life for the weekend Retreat, "Heart Speaks to Heart" for Young Women (18-35). A weekend of prayer, with time for silence, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences by the Sisters and an opportunity to meet with a Sister. Confessions and Mass will be available.

LOCATION: St. Francis Retreat Centre, Caledon

CONTACT: The Sisters of Life PHONE: 416-463-2722

EMAIL: toronto@sistersoflife.org

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PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

JANUARY 27, 2019

Church Expansion



Roof almost complete

Blessed Candles for Your Home



Candlemass candles will be available for purchase in the church foyer at a cost of **\$3 each on Saturday, February 2nd before the 9 am Mass.**

These candles will be blessed on that day only which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

2018 Tax Receipts

February 9th/10th and February 16th/17th

2018 Tax Receipts can be picked up outside the gym door before and after the masses on the weekends of February 9/10 and February 16/17.

Conversion: Following the Call of Christ Beginning February 5th

You're invited to enrich and immerse yourself in this wonderful program!



St Mark's Parish will be running this 6 week program on Tuesday evenings starting February 5th at 7:30 pm at St. Mark's School in the library.

Each session will consist of a video presentation and small group discussion.

Sign-up sheets are now available at the desk outside the gym.

There is no fee to attend the program; however, the cost of the workbook is \$15.

Newcomers Committee

Isaac and Harout, Syrian brothers are arriving in Canada on February 14th.



We are looking for an affordable, sustainable, self-contained apartment for them. Please email us at stmarkncc@gmail.com if you have an apartment available.

World Day for Consecrated Life Celebration at St. Paul's Basilica

On Saturday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 consecrated men and women. The World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these sisters, virgins, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women, who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

**Saturday, March 2nd from 9 am to 5:30 pm
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto**



This Year's Theme:

"Hope In The Midst of Suffering"

Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally!

Featuring: Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring.

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

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

Contact: 647-243-9441

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