



# 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](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: [archtoronto.org](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

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

† Fernando Rayappu req. by Mary Fernando  
† George McPhee req. by Patricia and Sean O'Sullivan

### Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Armando Villanueva req. by Marie and Camille

### Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

Dylan Carroll req. by Fr. Michael

### Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

Pope, Bishops, Priests req. by Fr. Michael  
Bannon Family req. by Fr. Michael

† Emidia Veroni req. by Dominic and Dino Veroni

### Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark Church)

† Bob Williams req. by Fr. Michael  
† Mary McKenna req. by Fr. Michael

@ 5:00 pm (St. Mark School)

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

### Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Rebecca Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family

@ 11:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Jerry Montanari req. by Maria Montanari and Family

## Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

### Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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](http://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

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,750

## St. Rita Novena

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
Our Lady of Grace Shrine at Marylake



You are invited to join the Augustinians at Marylake for:

### Monthly Mass with Novena Prayers to St. Rita and veneration of St. Rita's Relic

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 pm

Confession will be available at 6 pm

At The Shrine of Our Lady of Grace Marylake,

13760 Keele St., King City

For more information: 905-833-5368 or  
[info@marylake.com](mailto:info@marylake.com)

## Estate Planning Seminar

Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am

### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 am

Come and learn from the Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funerals

*An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost.*

**Location:** Christ the King Catholic Cemetery,  
7770 Steeles Avenue E, Markham ON

**RSVP:** Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries  
416.733-8544 ext. 2023 or [fjannetta@cc-fs.ca](mailto:fjannetta@cc-fs.ca)

## Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am to 4 pm



10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

**Location:** John Paul II Polish

Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

**Includes:** a light breakfast, lunch,  
free parking and a free book

**Mass celebrant:** Cardinal Thomas Cardinal Collins

**Speakers and topics to include:** - Dr. Ray Guarendi –  
Laughter: The Sanity of the Family Life - Mary Wagner –  
Jesus won my heart - Fr. Eric Mah – Lawyer to Priest –  
The Journey - Dorothy Pilarski: Motherhood matters  
Early bird rates are available. Limited seating.

Register at <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com>

For more information, please contact 416-907-1042.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

# FEBRUARY 10, 2019

## Newcomers Committee

NEWCOMERS  
TO  
— CANADA —

**We are just days away from Valentine's Day and the arrival of Isaac and Harout.**

They have a long journey ahead of them, 2 flights, Beirut to Cairo, Cairo to Toronto and over 9 hours in the air. Needless to say they will be exhausted but are very excited about coming to Canada and beginning a new chapter of their lives. Their only trepidation is the weather/temperature they will be arriving to! It is 17 °C where they are now! We have coats, boots, hats and mitts ready for them and are finalizing housing. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers in the coming week as they adjust to their new "home".

## 2018 Tax Receipts

**February 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## Friar's Student Writing Contest

**Deadline: February 18<sup>th</sup>**



Students aged 14 to 18 are invited to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18

– 25. The theme for 2019 is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20). Students should read the below scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay: **Christians sometimes commit to prayer and worship, but neglect the poor. Sometimes we pray in church, but act unkindly to others or exploit the environment. Refer to Deuteronomy 16:18-20 and answer: How can Catholics and Christians of all denominations unite to create a more just society and be examples of Christ's healing grace in a broken world?**

Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is February 18, 2019. Email your essay to [editor@catholicregister.org](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org) or fax it to **416-934-3409** (please include your full name, email address, phone number and the name of your school on the front page). For further information, call 416-934-3400, ext. 344.

## Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**



Restore Stouffville is holding a walk-a-thon fundraiser on February 23<sup>rd</sup> for charities

helping the hungry and homeless in our communities. They are looking for volunteers to help prepare a warm meal to be served to all walkers and volunteers. If you are able to lend a hand and make a crockpot of stew or bake a batch of buns, **please contact Donna Dyck at [donnaleadyck@restorecanada.org](mailto:donnaleadyck@restorecanada.org)**

## Lift Jesus Higher Rally

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Website: [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca)**

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