



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

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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
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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!

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 5th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

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

† Jose Talampas req. by Talampas Family

Wednesday, March 6th Ash Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

(St. Mark School Gym)

Parish Conversion req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, March 7th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Hugo Biondi req. by Ossi and Ann Pierotti

Friday, March 8th Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm and

Mass @ 7 pm (St. Brendan School Gym)

Pope, Bishops, Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Joanna Salmingo req. by Edeliza Mendoza

Saturday, March 9th

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark Church)

Priests and Bishops req. by Fr. Michael

@ 5:00 pm (St. Mark School)

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, March 10th

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Sandy Rozario req. by Mike Rozario and Family

@ 11:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Nicola Mirenzi req. by Anonymous

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

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call.

If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**, Vocation Director,

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As the 2019 Parish Campaign approaches, we thank you for your faithful support!

The Church and the Forty Days

By: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



The Church is being urged ever more loudly and insistently to exchange a distant and unreal redemption by the Word for a more robust redemption by bread and the sure path of politicization. Our experience, then, is of a Church in the wilderness, a Church in her forty-day period. It is one of exposure to emptiness, to a world in which the heavens over us are dark and distant and impalpable. And yet for us too and for the Church of our day this time in the wilderness can become a time of grace in which a new love can grow out of the suffering induced by God's distance from us. We often have the oppressive feeling that the manna of our faith will be enough only for the present day – but God gives us that manna new each day if we allow him to do so. We must live in a world in which God is seemingly to be found only as One who is dead – but he can strike living water even from dead stones. A Church in her Lent, in her "forty days" in the wilderness. I believe that during this season of fasting we must hearten ourselves anew to accept our situation in patience and faith and to follow fearlessly after our hidden God. If we journey on in patient faith, then for us too a new day can dawn out of the darkness. And God's bright world, the lost world of images and sounds, will be restored to us again; there will be a new morning in God's good creation.

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Church Expansion



Inside and outside view of the framing for the stained glass windows



Coins for Life 2019



The St. Mark's Squires will be handing out Coins for Life boxes on March 2nd and 3rd.

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*.

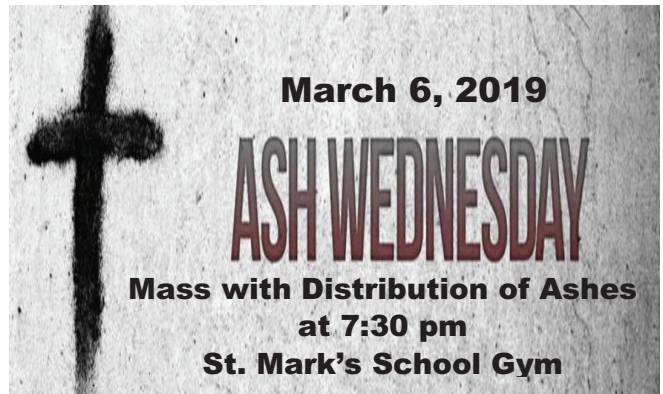
The filled Coins for Life Boxes will be collected after Easter.

2018 Tax Receipts

The 2018 income tax receipts that were not picked up have now been mailed via Canada Post.

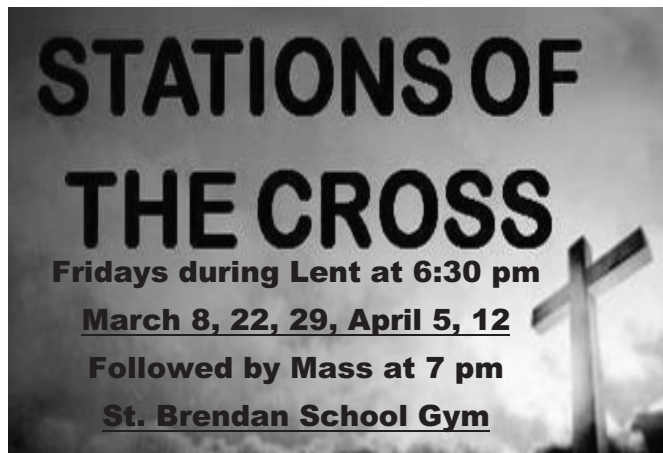
Ash Wednesday Mass

March 6th at 7:30 pm
St. Mark's School Gym



Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent at St. Brendan's School

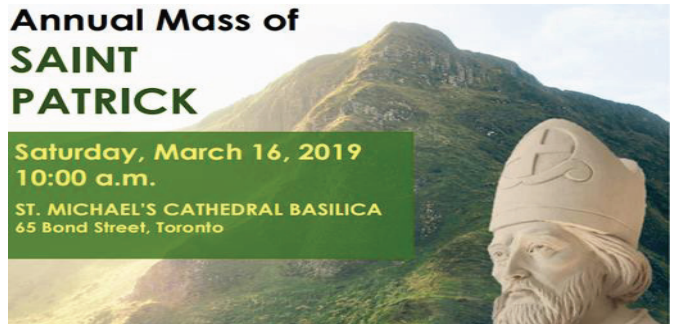


St. Patrick's Day Mass

Saturday, March 16th at 10 am
at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Annual Mass of SAINT PATRICK

Saturday, March 16, 2019
10:00 a.m.
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