



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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 12th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

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

† Christopher Brown req. by Coreen Doucett

† Angela Digiuseppe req. by Marina Magnante

Wednesday, March 13th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Al Bodogh req. by Late Tom and Joan Devlin

Thursday, March 14th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Pat Hughes & Alain Tohme req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, March 15th Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm and Mass @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church Foyer)

Pope, Bishops, Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Emidia Veroni req. by Dominic & Dino Veroni

† Helder Nobrega req. by Nobrega Family

Saturday, March 16th

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark Church)

Priests and Bishops req. by Fr. Michael

@ 5:00 pm (St. Mark School)

† Christopher Brown req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi and Family

Sunday, March 17th

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark School)

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Paul Ignagni req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi and Family

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

"Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you?"

If 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

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering

\$ 5,436

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by Supporting ShareLife Agencies

"As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!"

— Cardinal Thomas Collins —

March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

Agape Latte at MaryLake Shrine

Thursday, March 28th at 7:30 pm

Agape Latte
Caffeinated conversation on faith and life.

**WHEN NO TURNS INTO YES:
DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENT**

with **Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA**

**March 28th
7:30 P.M.**

Marylake Shrine
13760 Keele Street
King City, Ontario

Poverty Cure Series

Thursday, March 28th at 7 pm, Newman Centre

Poverty Cure Series Part 3: Charity that Hurts

We explore the moral, theological, and economic foundations that allow people to create prosperity and get out of poverty, and do so in clear terms illustrated with stories by and about people who live and work in some of the world's poorest regions. The goal throughout is to develop both hearts and minds for the poor.

Location: Newman Centre, 89 Saint George St., Toronto

Date and Time: Thursday, March 28 from 7 PM – 8:30 PM

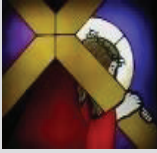
Guest Speaker: Obianuju Ekeocha, Biomedical Scientist & Founder and President of Culture of Life Africa

Registration: <https://povcure3.eventbrite.ca>

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

MARCH 10, 2019

Lenten Stations of the Cross



Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm at St. Brendan's School in the gym ***Except on March 15 which will take place in the foyer of St. Mark's Church ***

Coins for Life 2019



The St. Mark's Squires will be handing out Coins for Life boxes on March 9th and 10th.

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.

Solemnity of St. Joseph

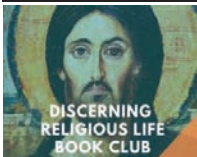


Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 pm
St. Mark's Church Foyer

There will be an evening Mass on Tuesday, March 19th in the foyer of St. Mark's Church at 7:30 pm for the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

Discerning Religious Life Book Club

Wednesday, March 20th from 6:30 pm – 9 pm



Thinking of becoming a religious sister? Join the Daughters of St. Paul for Evening Prayer, Supper & Book Club using "Discerning Religious Life" by Sr. Clare Mattiass.

For Young Women 18 -33

Date: Wednesday, March 20th from 6:30 pm to 9 pm

Location: Pauline Books & Media, 3022 Dufferin St.

Email Sr. Helena Burns to confirm attendance at srhelenaburns@gmail.com

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Bereavement Ministry Training

Saturday, March 23rd and April 6th

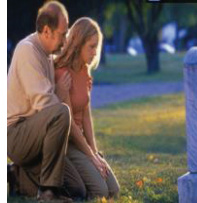
These sessions will prepare participants to minister to the bereaved in the parish setting. Participants will engage in an interactive, two-day faith-based educational and spiritual learning opportunity. Participants are required to attend both Saturdays. Please bring your own lunch. Cost of the workbook (optional) is \$40.

Training is open to new and experienced Bereavement Ministers.

WHEN: Saturday, March 23 and April 6, 2019

TIME: 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

WHERE: This training will be offered at the following



two locations via video conferencing:
St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 1100 Mary Street North, Oshawa, and Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 480 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke

CONTACT: Sally Amaral at
416-934-3400 ext. 518
or samaral@archtoronto.org

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www.martyrs-shrine.com

For Information Contact:

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH
265 Alton Towers Circle, Scarborough, On
Tel. No. 416 291-9422

Dates & Times:

Monday, March 25th, 2019 at 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 at 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 27th, 2019 at 7:00pm

Lenten Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary on March 30th

Mary in the Heart of the Church

Saturday, March 30 – 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Join us for a day on Marian reflection, pondering the Marian dimension of the Church. Fr. Charles Anang, Associate Professor, of Systematic Theology at St.

Augustine's will lead the Retreat which will also include Mass in the seminary chapel. Feel free to invite friends and family to join us on this day.

COST: \$50, includes lunch CONTACT: St. Augustine's

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