



# 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!

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8 am (St. Brendan School)**

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm (St. Mark School)**

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

† Pat O'Connor req. by Fr. Michael

† Leonor Cuenca Canaon req. by Cellie & Family

† Ron Edwards Jr. req. by Jeanette Woodley

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8 am (St. Brendan School)**

† Elena Alparaz req. by Tence Family

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8 am (St. Brendan School)**

† Antonio, Angelina & Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8 am (St. Brendan School)**

Pope, Bishops, Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Ian Sutton & Family req. by Fr. Michael

† Bill Kovalchuk req. by Peter Willan

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm (St. Mark School)**

† Rendulich Family req. by Lou & Heather Rendulich

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9:00 am (St. Mark School)**

† Vincent Quinn req. by Quinn Family

**@ 11:00 am (St. Mark School)**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

### 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.

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood or consecrated life? 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)

## Saint Vincent de Paul



St. Vincent de Paul Society  
St. Mark's Conference

Know of a neighbour in need?

905-640-6954 ex.3

## ShareLife

### Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Cross cultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

**Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

### Ordination Prayer Vigil

**May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to Midnight**

**at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**

"I have chosen you out of the world." - John 15:19

Please join us in praying for our four transitional deacons to be ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Toronto this year: Fr. Renan Roberto Costa, Fr. Eduardo de Oliveira Paixao, Fr. Mauricio Gilo Sanjines Calatayud, and Fr. Joao Gilberto Veras Ferreira.

Readings and reflections will be dispersed throughout the evening while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

**Date: Friday, May 10, 2019 – 6 pm to Midnight**

**Location: St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
65 Bond Street, Toronto**

### Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

**May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at St. Michael's**

You are invited to attend the Sacrament of Holy Orders as four of our transitional deacons are ordained to the priesthood.

This grace filled event is open to the public.

**Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 10 am**

**Location: St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
65 Bond Street, Toronto**

### York Catholic School Board 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. David's Church**

On Tuesday, May 7, 2019, the York Catholic District School Board will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a special Mass and gala banquet. Mass will take place at 4:30 p.m. at St. David's Church in Maple and will be celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. The gala will then begin at 6 p.m. at the Terrace Banquet Centre in Concord. Tickets: \$85

**For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.ycdsb.ca/50](http://www.ycdsb.ca/50).**

**PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>**

# APRIL 28, 2019

## Church Expansion



Glass windows installed

## Easter - Thank You!

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to prepare for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum!

- Altar Society for the fresh clean linens
- Marcel Raes for lighting the fire for the Easter Vigil
- Our Choir Directors/Organist and choir members: 9 am Voices of Praise Choir, Andrea, Teresa & Senior Choir and Alfred & Liza
- Decoration Volunteers: Lad & Mary Ann Mehes, Maureen Morrison, Lisa Baker
- To all of our various ministries – Altar Servers, Counters, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Deacons & Staff

## Coins for Life 2019 – Wrap Up

Coin Boxes to be returned on April 27 & 28



Please drop off your coins boxes on the table outside the gym door.

Campaign Life Coalition and the Colombian Squires of St. Mark thank you for your generosity! Every coin makes a difference. Your contribution will help save countless innocent lives and help CLC pro-life workers to continue to run the March for Life.

## Volunteers for Church Gardens



Volunteers are needed to care for one of the church gardens over the spring and summer months. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the church at 905-640-6954 ext. 101.

## First Communion Ceremonies



Please pray for the children of our parish receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in May and June.

We ask our Church community to remember these special children in their prayers, as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

## Adult Faith Formation Program 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues Beginning May 7, 2019

St Mark's Parish will be running this 6 week program on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9 pm beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's School in the library.

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

**A sign-up sheet is now available at the desk outside the gym.**

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

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**  
Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa

*The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day.*

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE



Rally on the Hill 12:30 – 1:30 pm

March for Life 1:30 – 2:45 pm

Silent No More speakers 2:45 pm

Closing prayer service 3:45 pm

For More Info. Visit [MARCHFORLIFE.CA](http://MARCHFORLIFE.CA)  
OR CALL 1-800-730-5358

**Transportation:** There's a bus leaving the parking lot of St. Patrick's Parish on Hwy 7 at 7 am.

The cost per person is \$15. If you would like to reserve a spot on the bus, please contact St. Patrick's at 905-294-5955 or by email at [parish@stpatrick.on.ca](mailto:parish@stpatrick.on.ca)

## St. Mark Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Spring Lakes Golf Club



Golf with cart, lunch & dinner.

We will also be recognizing our Pastor and both our Deacon's Ordination Anniversaries at the Evening Event.

Early Bird Special: \$170 per person before May 1<sup>st</sup>

After May 1<sup>st</sup>: \$190 per person

Dinner only: \$55 per person

**For Registration Form, go to: [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca)**  
(Link located in the top right corner of the Home Page)

For more information email:

[barnescharles@rogers.com](mailto:barnescharles@rogers.com) or [petegallagher@rogers.com](mailto:petegallagher@rogers.com)

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