



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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NOVEMBER 2019 - JUNE 2020

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Camille Herrera - 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 & Friday - 7:00 pm
(except First Fridays-see below)
Wednesday & Thursday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am
Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
(with Children's Liturgy)
Sunday - 11:00 am

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Mass - 8:00 pm
(except Statutory Holidays
9:00 am Mass Only)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

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.
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St. Brendan's School
751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

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223 Millard St.
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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!

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 12th @ 7:00 pm

- Living & Deceased Members of Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Fallen Soldiers req. by Fr. Michael
- † Avelino Caspe req. by Cherry Caspe
- † Anna & Joseph Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen & Family
- † Russell Michalsky req. by Neilena Stephenson

Wednesday, November 13th @ 8:30 am

Thanksgiving for petition answered and God's love to the family req. by Don & Susan Dizon

Thursday, November 14th @ 8:30 am

- † Tom Devlin req. by Bencic Family

Friday, November 15th @ 7:00 pm

- † Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, November 16th

@ 9:00 am

- † All Souls in the Cong Family req. by Cong Family
- † Aldo Verna req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Joe Di Sabatino req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Gennaro Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Dennis & Gerturde Toal req. by Maureen Morrison

@ 5:00 pm

- † Jose & Jerry Talampas req. by Lina & Family

Sunday, November 17th

@ 9:00 am

- † Bibiano & Clarita Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

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,
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.

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Thank You Letter from Cardinal Collins



Cardinal Newman, who was canonized on October 13, took as his motto as a Cardinal: heart speaks to heart.

This phrase succinctly describes how to live a Christian life. It's not about "lips speaking to the ears" – what we tell others about our faith. Rather, it's the love we demonstrate through a heartfelt personal encounter, through which our neighbour physically experiences the love of the Lord God in our midst.

One particular way heart speaks to heart is through our annual ShareLife appeal. For the second year in a row, our parishioners raised \$13 million for those in need. With deep gratitude, I thank you and your parish community for all you have done for the success of our campaign. From the hard work of our priests, parish staff and volunteers, to the selfless generosity of our parishioners, each contribution represents an act of love.

Heart speaks to heart when a counsellor attentively listens to a widow expressing her grief. When an isolated senior makes a new friend at a drop-in program. When a social worker journeys with a man recovering from addiction. These are not cold interactions, but matters of the heart. Likewise, supporting ShareLife is not an unfeeling act of obligation. It is a manifestation of the Living God: "just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me." Your support of ShareLife is bringing God's love to those in greatest need, here in our archdiocese and around the world. On behalf of ShareLife agencies and the thousands of people they help, thank you. Yours sincerely in Our Lord, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death November 25th at St. Patrick Parish



St. Patrick's Parish is showing the film
Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death on
Monday, November 25, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

in the large hall - 5633 Highway 7, Markham

The guest speaker will be **Alex Schadenberg**, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. *Our faith values and upholds the dignity of all human life. Yet contemporary developments present many ethical, spiritual and medical challenges to this basic belief. Are laws allowing euthanasia & assisted suicide leading society down a dangerous path? Film maker Kevin Dunn travels to the Netherlands, Belgium, the U.S.A. and Canada to ask some of the most fundamental philosophical questions of our time. Should we be giving medical professionals the legal right to end the life of another human being? How do these laws affect society over time? What are the flaws in these laws and how are they fatal? What is the state of palliative care in Canada?*

Following the film there will be an opportunity for questions and a discussion. It is a free public forum. Please join us. All are welcome.

November, Month of the Holy Souls

Remembrance of the Faithfully Departed

During November, the **Month of the Holy Souls**, we join the whole Church, in prayerful remembrance of the faithful departed members of our families and our parish community.

We remember them each of our Friday evening masses during November.

All Souls envelopes can be found on the table in the foyer. They can be placed in the glass vase in front of the altar.

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Audio Visual Team



Interested in Audio and Video? Looking for a new way to help during mass?

Ready to learn new technologies? Need high school community service

hours? Are you in grades 7 or above? If you said yes, we want you to be part of our new St Marks Audio Visual Production Team.

Please see Alfred Cadawas after the 5pm mass on Saturday or email him for more information at alfred.cadawas@gmail.com.

Bishop's Altar Server Awards

On October 19th, six altar servers from our parish received the "Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service" from the Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to:

Julianna Angheloni, Jack Lynch, Julienne Mansueto, Christina Mikhail, Isabelle Mikhail, Bethany Sabarillo

Religious Christmas Cards

On Sale in the Foyer beginning Nov. 9 & 10

The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 will be selling an assortment of beautiful, religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all Masses beginning the weekend of November 9th and 10th.



Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th at 7:30 pm



The next meeting of the fraternal year will be held on November 13th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall meeting room.

For further information contact: Nicholas Quadrini at squirenq@gmail.com

Poinsettias For Sale

Beginning November 16th and 17th



POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Order a beautiful poinsettia for yourself or as a gift for a friend - beginning the weekend of November 16/17 in the church foyer.

Sales will conclude the week of

November 30/December 1. Delivery will take place the weekend of December 14/15.

Cost: \$20 for the small (8" Poinsettia) and \$25 for the large (10")

Colours: red, white, pink and tricolours

Recruiting Altar Servers



If you have a child in Grade 4 to 8, who would like to join the Altar Server Ministry, please pick up a registration form in the church foyer and **submit it to the church office by November 17th**.

Hoodie Drive for the Homeless

November 16/17 and November 23/24

Light Patrol is an Outreach ministry of Youth Unlimited that works with teenage youth experiencing homelessness in Toronto. **By donating adult size, new or gently used hoodies and sweaters** to Light Patrol you are helping provide for the youth we meet and allowing us to begin a relationship in which we can walk alongside them towards stability. There will be collection bins in the church foyers on the weekends of November 16/17 and 23/24. Thank you.

Shepherds' Trust

Collection on November 16th and 17th

The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. This fund is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us.

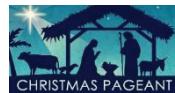
The Shepherds' Trust Collection will take place next weekend.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

SUNDAY, December 1st, 2019 at 3 pm



IT'S PAGEANT TIME

ONCE AGAIN!

We invite ALL Children of St. Mark's Parish to Participate in our

14th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

Sunday, December 1st 2019 at 3 PM

Come and Have FUN singing, acting and telling the story of Jesus' birth. We are looking for YOU to cast in the role of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Soldiers, Innkeepers and many more! We are also looking for Parent & High School Volunteers to assist with this event.

Also featuring: The Choirs from St. Brendan, St. Brigid and St. Mark Elementary Schools, The various Music Ministries of St. Mark's and guests.

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FIRST REHEARSAL & ROLE ASSIGNMENT
Sunday, November 10th at 2 P.M

For further details please contact **Eugenie V. Landry** at
Cell: 647-828-3884 or

Email: EugenieVLandry@rogers.com with

Subject Line: 2019 ST. MARK'S Christmas Pageant

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