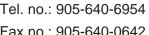
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#### PASTORAL TEAM

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

#### **STAFF**

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator Lisa Baker-Admin, Asst. Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst. Lad Mehes - Custodian

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm Closed for lunch 12-1pm **JULY & AUGUST** 9 am - 12 noon

#### WINTER SCHEDULE

**CLOSED MONDAYS** 

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm Wed. & Thurs. - 8:30 am - 9:00 am Saturday - 9:00 am Statutory Holidays Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

#### **SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

Saturday - 5:00 pm Sunday - 9:00 am -11:00 am -12:30 pm

#### FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Recitation of the Rosary

Mass)

#### Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

#### Divine Mercv

(Before Friday pm Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena (Saturday Morning Mass)

#### **BAPTISM**

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the fover 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 to all new (Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the fover.

#### **COMMUNION FOR THE** SICK AND HOUSE-**BOUND**

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

#### **MEMORIAL MASS POLICY**

Please see website for policy explanation.

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Altar Servers **Altar Society** Children's Liturgy Counter's Ministry **Eucharistic Ministers** Finance Committee Funeral Luncheon Committee Knights of Columbus Lectors Ministry of Hospitality Parish Council Parish Music Ministry **Prayer Group** Sacramental Preparation Squires

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#### **VOCATIONS TORONTO**

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#### 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!

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



# Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, April 21st @ 7:00 pm

†Tommy O'Brien req. by Vince Parry

Tricia Allen req. by Vince Parry

† Ali Hulshof req. by Denis and Ursula O'Connor

Wednesday, April 22nd @ 8:30 am

**†** Giuseppe Tripodi req. by Anonymous

Thursday, April 23rd @ 8:30 am

**†** Michael Bash req. by St. Mark School Staff

Friday, April 24th @ 7:00 pm

† John McKendry req. by Rose and Family Saturday, April 25th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

T Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon Glady MacKay req. by Chris and Anne Lund

Bill Crawford req. by Jill McWhinnie

@ 5:00 pm Parish Feast Day

St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

Sunday, April 26th @ 9:00 am

**†** James Villaneuva req. by Quadrini Family **@ 11:00 am** 

† Patrick Markey req. by Ann and Peter Gallagher

@ 12:30 pm

**†** Juana Argoso req. by Argoso Family

# **Pray For The Sick**

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Douglas Ciceri Sr. and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

#### **Vocations**

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.ca

# **National March For Life**

Thursday, May 14th in Ottawa – "Let Life Win"

Join thousands at the National March for Life as we express concerns about the tragic impact abortion has on our nation. The Rally starts on Parliament Hill at 12 noon followed by the March through downtown Ottawa at 1:30 pm. St. Patrick's Church in Markham has arranged for bus transportation to the March. There is limited seating. For further information, please contact St. Patrick's at 905-294-5955 or go to www.marchforlife.ca

### **ShareLife Sunday**



Next ShareLife Sunday - May 3rd, 2015

#### Working wonders in our livelihoods...

"My worst day clean is better than my best day using," exclaims Suzanne, as she shares the details of her past use of drugs and other substance abuse. "I was on medication constantly to deal with the side effects and was a chronic pain patient for 35 years. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. With the support of Catholic Family Services, I was able to finally kick the habit." The Closed Trauma and Sister mentoring program were crucial to helping Suzanne get her life back on track. The positive influence of CFS program supervisor Valerie Anderson and encouragement from other professional staff gave Suzanne the courage to try again. She sheds 'tears of joy' as she now speaks on behalf of CFS, sharing the detailed differences Catholic Family Services has made in her life. Over 79,000 individuals, received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLifesupported family services program.

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# **Project Rachel**

Hurting as a result of an abortion? Healing is possible. Project Rachel is a sensitive, private and confidential experience that lets you speak with someone who understands and cares. We invite all whose lives have been affected by abortion to a journey of healing and reconciliation with God, their church community and themselves. Project Rachel is for women or men who have been hurt by an abortion. Take the first step. Call 416-629-8264 or email projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org The next Project Rachel retreat for women is set for May 22-24 at St. Mary's Refuge at 206 Barry Rd, Madoc, ON

# Talk on Marriage and Annulment Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7 pm

Fr. Brian Clough, Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese of Toronto will provide an understanding of the Catholic Church's teachings on marriage and annulment. Event to be held at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (Adjacent to the Summerhill TTC Subway Station also Free underground parking available). For inquiries, please email <a href="mailto:mbenincasa@cfstoronto.com">mbenincasa@cfstoronto.com</a> or call 416-921-1163 ext. 2235.

# Coins for Life 2015 - Wrap Up

Volunteers will be at the back of the church after all the masses this weekend to receive the coin boxes. Campaign Life Coalition and the St. Mark Squires thank you.

### **Women's Recollection**

#### Monday, April 20th 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

The recollection includes 2 meditations by a priest of Opus Dei, a talk on living the Christian life in the middle of the world, an examination of conscience and an opportunity for **confession beginning at 7 pm**.

# **Women's Ministry Meeting**

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm

All the women of our parish are invited to an evening of song and prayer - music provided by the Dizon family, followed by a social. Come out...and bring a friend!

### Totus Tuus Summer Camp Bake Sale Fundraiser

May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> after all of the Masses



We need help from all the bakers in our Parish.
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# Please bring your contribution to the Church Hall on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> between 12:30 pm and 5 pm.

It would help if you could package cookies by the dozen, muffins, tarts or cupcakes by the ½ dozen. Although not necessary, all goods packaged and priced ahead of time are much appreciated. Thank you for helping us raise the needed funds to bring the Totus Tuus Summer Camp to St. Mark's Parish for our children for the fourth year.

Thank you also to those people who contributed and bought baked goods on the evening of our last Parish Movie Night and the following morning after Mass!

# **Bundle Up Weekend**

May 9th and 10th

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> accepting donations of clothing, household goods, drapes, toys and accessories. **Please note they do not accept appliances, baby furniture, books or mattresses.** For more information, **visit ssvptoronto.ca**. Thank you!

# **Church Expansion Notices**

We will be updating our website on a regular basis with our progress for the Church Expansion. For more information, please go to www.stmarkstouffville.ca and choose the Church Expansion Heading.

# **Thank You For Your Generosity**

Weekly Offering \$ 6,571 Second ShareLife Collection \$ 9,327

#### **Catholic Education Week**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> – Exploring Paths of Joy

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2015. For more than 160 years, Ontario's publically funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, empowering one another to serve as faithful disciples. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who diligently nurture this precious gift. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit www.goodnewsforall.ca

# Cotus

# SAVE THE DATE! Totus Tuus Summer Camp

July 12th - 17th, 2015

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for the Totus Tuus Summer Program at St. Mark. The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The cost is only \$75 for the first child in the family and \$60 for each additional sibling. The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12 runs Sunday to Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm and is free.

Registration forms are available for pickup at the church, the three Catholic Elementary Schools, or can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website at <a href="https://www.stmarkstouffville.ca">www.stmarkstouffville.ca</a>. Registration will take place after all masses on April 19th. More information about the program is also available at <a href="https://www.totustuustoronto.ca">www.totustuustoronto.ca</a> or email stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca

#### Vendor's Sale - Thank you!

The Women's Ministry would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped to make our vendor and craft sale a huge success. Special thanks to all vendors, those that donated baked goods and those that came out to shop. A very special thank you goes to Antonietta Botticelli for organizing the event and to Sal Lombardo for helping to advertise the sale.

### **Volunteers for the Church Gardens**

We thank the following people who have volunteered to care for one of the church gardens over the spring and summer months – Damiana McQuigge, Fran Allan, Mario Petramala, Maureen Morrison and Vince Sequeira. If anyone else would be interested in helping, please contact the church office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101.

#### **Easter Thank You!**

Thank you to the following people who made the Sacred Triduum such a special occasion.

- Irma Pescador and Mary Raybould for all the work they did to decorate the church
- •L&M Greenhouses for the beautiful flowers
- •Rose Cabrelli, Cellie Canaon, Carolina DiCillo, Dot Gourley and Anna Marie Pierotti from the Altar Society for the fresh clean linens
- Marcel Raes for lighting the fire for the Easter Vigil
- •Our Choir Directors, Bibiana, Eugenie, Alfred, Liza and the Dizons, our Organist and choir members for the wonderful music. God bless you all! - Fr. Michael

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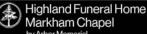


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