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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.
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 12-1pm
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)
- 11:00 am
- 12:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

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

FIRST FRIDAY

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

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux

Novena
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Holy Hour
(Thursday 9 - 10:00 am)

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.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

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
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
T: 416-968-0997
W: vocationtoronto.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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, April 4th @ 7:00 pm

- † Mike Shewchuk req. by Bev and Family
- † Carmel Ryder req. by Jim Ryder
- † Tessie de Sousa req. by Sandra and Elmer van Gramberg

Wednesday, April 5th @ 8:30 am

Pat O'Connor req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, April 6th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Bryceson Sheehan req. by Bernadette Sheehan

Friday, April 7th, Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

- † Roy Biondi req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti

Saturday, April 8th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
 Fred Schmidt req. by Fr. Michael

- † Albertina Biondi req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti
- † Eufemia Di Nardo req. by Pat and Paul McGuire
- † Liotta Family req. by Viggiani Family
- † Norma Bon req. by Pat and Paul McGuire
- † Aniceto and Adelaida Penales req. by Gigi Penales Lomibao
- † Marcelino Penales req. by Gigi Penales Lomibao @ 5:00 pm
- † Giuseppe Tripodi req. by Anonymous

Sunday, April 9th @ 9:00 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario Ciardullo @ 11:00 am

- † Federico Cimone req. by Romano and Mary Lou Acciaccaferri @ 12:30 pm
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's
 Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am



"Living the Gospel" by supporting ShareLife...

"The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps to evangelize the Gospel to brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday." – Cardinal Collins

Today is ShareLife Sunday – April 2, 2017.
Please give generously.



Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm.

Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her Testimonies from the process of beatification

Edited and translated by Christopher O'Mahony.
 Published by Veritas Publications.

"Before she entered Carmel, she told me that she wanted to be a Carmelite nun even if it was to save only one soul; a lifetime of suffering, she said would not be too much for that. But afterwards her desires embraced a lot more than that: her constant preoccupation was to win souls for God; she never stopped talking to me about it. When she was due for profession, she was asked, in accordance with the requirements of Canon Law, what her motives were for embracing this way of life. 'Above all,' she replied, 'it is to save souls and pray for priests.'" – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Theology on Tap

Monday, April 10th from 7 pm to 9 pm

Want to discuss faith and justice topics relevant to your life and meet other young adults who share these interests?

Faith Connections invites young adults 19-39 to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussions and presentations in a comfortable and relaxed setting.

Our God is Human – A Holy Week Reflection
Location: Boston Pizza, 400 Progress Ave., Scarborough

Munchies provided. Come and bring a friend!

For Information contact: OCY at 416-599-7676

www.faithconnections.ca



NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th

Friday, May 12 – 7 to 9:15 p.m. and

Saturday, May 13 – 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Local Host Site: Holy Family Parish
91 Ribblesdale Dr., Whitby

The conference will livestream to the parish from Ottawa. This two-day conference will encourage, train and provide resources on how Catholics can evangelize effectively.

COST: \$35, includes lunch **PHONE:** 905-665-6470

WEB: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/#map>

Newly Appointed Monsignors

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has honoured the following seven priests with the title, "Chaplain of His Holiness", acknowledging their tremendous contributions to the Church. They will now be referred to as 'Monsignor':
Monsignor Allen Arbour, Monsignor John Borean, Monsignor Gregory Choi, Monsignor James Hannah, Monsignor Philip Kennedy, Monsignor Vid Vlasic and Monsignor Peter Pham-Hoang-Ba

Alpha – Thank you!!!

Thank you to the following **Eucharistic Ministers** for their generous contributions to the Alpha meal on March 7
 – Ann Marie Munro, Lynn Sullivan,

Anna Bonkowski, Pamela Terrigno & Family,
Sal & Rose Lombardo and Lorraine Majcen

APRIL 2, 2017

Women's Recollection

Monday, April 10th from 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.



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, April 22nd



This month's movie: Little Margaret of Castello

Little Margaret is the story of a girl born blind and disabled. She is imprisoned by her family until she is 13 and then brought to a shrine in the hopes of a miracle. When no cure takes place, she is abandoned in the streets of a strange town where she is eventually cared for by the homeless. At her death, miracles begin to occur. She is the patron Saint of the poor, disabled and unwanted. This is a beautiful story of love and God's Cinderella.

Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 97 minutes

St. Mark's Summer Camp

Kingdom Camp

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for Kingdom Camp at St. Mark's Church.

Children entering Grades 2 to 4

Program Dates: Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14

Children entering Grades 5 to 8

Program Dates: Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21

Early Bird Special Pricing (register before April 24)

1st Child - \$125

Each additional sibling - \$100

Regular Pricing (register after April 24)

1st Child - \$160

Each additional sibling - \$140

Registration will take place at St. Mark's Church

Saturday, April 22nd from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
or completed forms can be dropped off at the church office.

First come, first served basis. Registration forms are available for pickup in the church foyer or by going to:

www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017

Rosary Apostolate Volunteers Needed



Do you have a devotion to Mother Mary, love children and pray the Rosary? If so, the Rosary Apostolate would like to hear from you. We are currently seeking volunteers to visit our Catholic elementary schools in Stouffville once a month from October to May. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Lisa Baker at 905-640-6954 or by email at bakerkelly@rogers.com.

EASTER TRIDUUM 2017

Holy Thursday

NO MORNING MASS

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1st Celebration – 12:00 noon

2nd Celebration – 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

Holy Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

Blessing of the Food – 2:45 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm

Reminder: Bring your bells to the Easter Vigil to ring at the time of the Gloria

Easter Sunday

Normal Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 15 min. before all Masses

Stouffville's Intergenerational Choir

A new intergenerational choir is starting in Stouffville at the Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence. We are welcoming Stouffville residents of all ages to come for some fun and friendship singing together. Share your love of music and sing your heart out! No previous choir experience is required. The group meets on Saturday afternoon every 2 weeks at Stouffville Creek.

We look forward to seeing you there.

When: Saturday April 8th at 3:00pm.

Where: Stouffville Creek. 40 Freel Lane (parking available in the GO station lot next door).

For more information contact: Brian Puppa at 905-852-3777 or brianpuppa@legacyproject.org

Catholic Websites

For current and informative news articles on the Church, check out the following websites:

www.archtoronto.org

www.wordonfire.org

www.ewtnnews.com

www.lifesitenews.com

www.lifesitenews.com/news/watch-pounding-table-cardinal-tells-ontario-govt-its-bullying-to-force-docs

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