



# 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. 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  
Media Stand & Bookstall  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Groups  
RCIA  
Sacramental Preparation  
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## 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: [vocationtoronto.ca](http://vocationtoronto.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

### Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm St. Mark's Feast Day

- St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael
- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio and Mary Benincasa
- † Tony Guastella req. by Caterina Guastella
- † John McKendry req. by Rose McKendry and Family
- † Fred Gaerlan req. by Ben and Krystiana

### Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

- † Mrs. Oloya req. by St. Brigid School

### Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

### Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

- † Patrick Markey req. by Peter and Anna Gallagher

### Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Gerry Ryan req. by Fr. Michael
- † Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon
- † Miguel Paulino req. by Paulino Family
- † Shirley Li req. by Colin and Naomi Li
- † Mrs. Chin, Lee Ha Sau req. by Monlin Crosby

### @ 5:00 pm

- † Juan Bautista Jr. req. by Bautista & Ducusin Families

### Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

- † Mario Cimone req. by Romano and MaryLou Acciaccaferri

### @ 11:00 am

- St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

### @ 12:30 pm

- † Renato Colosimo req. by Angela and Family

## Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's

Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am



## "Living the Gospel" by helping the vulnerable in our society...

Tim and Donna met 25 years ago and have made the Friday and Saturday social nights at Our Place a regular part of their lives. Their intellectual capacity is somewhat limited but they do maintain their own independent apartments. While Tim is currently caring for his aging mother following her recent surgery, Donna is able to support Tim by cooking meals and offering caring attention. As Tim overcomes some social shyness in his own life, he also takes cares of some of Donna's daily needs with household chores, and working on the computer. The support role ShareLife plays enables Our Place to be a caring partner to these vulnerable people.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017.

Please give generously.

## Catholic Websites

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

- [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)
- [www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com)
- [www.lifesitenews.com](http://www.lifesitenews.com)

## 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.

"I have known a good many really fervent Carmelites, nuns who loved God and feared to offend him, but Sister Therese's state of soul was so different from what I have seen in others that they seem to have nothing in common. Such was the intimacy of her union with God that you would have thought she was always able to see him. In the month of June, 1895 she was inspired to offer herself as a victim to the merciful love of God." – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## Free Estate Planning Seminar Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Catholic Cemeteries will be hosting an Estate Planning Seminar at **Christ the King Cemetery, Reception Centre 7770 Steeles Ave. E., Markham**

RSVP: Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544 ext. 2023 or [fjannetta@cc-fs.ca](mailto:fjannetta@cc-fs.ca)

## Piano Recital at St. Luke's Parish Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Oleg Samokhin an accomplished concert pianist will be holding a recital at St. Luke's Parish at **39 Green Lane, Thornhill** on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

His dazzling performance will include the music of Bach-Busoni, Schubert, Beethoven and Chopin.

Reserved ticket pricing: \$17, \$22 & \$27 (not including tax).

Ticket orders: [www.brownpapertickets.comevent/2893620](http://www.brownpapertickets.comevent/2893620)

For inquiries: Greg Benoit at [gregbenoit@rogers.com](mailto:gregbenoit@rogers.com) or call 647-296-6851

## Stouffville Christian Church

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Stouffville Christian Church invites you to share in their **175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration** on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am with a service, special speaker and brass choir.

At 12 noon, there will be a Victorian tea and luncheon.

Location: 6528 Main St., Stouffville (905)640-2561

## Magnificat Retreat

Saturday, May 27 from 8 am to 2:30 pm

Join us for a Magnificat Retreat for women and men. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will be leading a retreat on Journey of Self-Discovery and Healing. The day will include holy Mass, praise and worship, sacrament of reconciliation and hot lunch.

Location: St. Benedict Parish, 2194 Kipling Ave., Toronto

Cost: \$40 (tickets will only be sold online not at the door)

Register at: <http://bit.ly/magnificatretreat2017>

Contact: Inez at 416-745-4268

## Thank You For Your Generosity

- Holy Thursday \$ 2,126
- Good Friday \$ 5,292
- Easter \$ 15,590

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

# APRIL 23, 2017

## Coins for Life 2017 – Wrap Up Coin Boxes to be returned on April 22 & 23

**Volunteers will be at the back of the church after all the masses on the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to collect the coin boxes.**  
*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.*

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2017

Week of Easter Octave – after all masses

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, 2017**

15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses

## Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>



Confessions: 2 pm to 3 pm (Fr. Duffy)  
Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 2:30 pm  
Celebration of Mass: 3 pm (Fr. Duffy)  
Holy Hour: 4 pm to 5 pm (Fr. Michael)

## Women's Group Meeting Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

If you're wondering if there's more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to focus on what really matters, then discover the extraordinary Catholic teaching known as the **Theology of the Body**.

**Rose Heron and Jan Noonan, of the God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry**, will present this adult faith formation session which will introduce to you God's amazing plan for humanity and address the most fundamental and universal questions, including:

**What is my life's purpose?**

We hope you will join us. For more information, contact: [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com).

## First Communion Ceremonies



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

We ask our Church community to remember these special children in their prayers, as they celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

## The Church's Social Teachings

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

An interesting talk on the Church's social teachings will be given by Paul Tomory in the Parish Hall on the following dates: **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> after the 7 pm Mass.**

All are welcome!

## 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.

## Summer Mass Schedule

**Beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Please note the change in Mass times.

Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	9 am & 5 pm
Sunday	9 am & 11 am
Weekday Solemnities	7:30 pm only
First Friday Holy Hour	7:00 pm

## St. Mark's Summer 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017)**

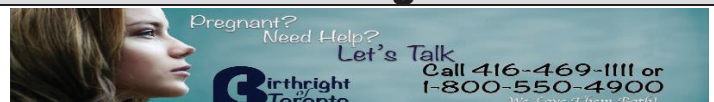
## Easter - Thank You!

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

- Rose Cabrelli, Cellie Canaon, Navis Cruzada, Nella Cassano, Carolina Dicillio and Dot Gourley from the Altar Society for the fresh clean linens
- Marcel Raes for lighting the fire for the Easter Vigil
- The Parishioners who helped clean the church for Easter and Anna Bonkowski who cleaned the Eucharistic Minister gowns
- Our Choir Directors/Organist and choir members: 9 am Voices of Praise Choir, Andrea, Teresa & Senior Choir, Alfred & Liza and the Dizons
- Decoration Volunteers: Lad & Mary Ann Mehes, Maureen Morrison, Rose Cabrelli, Cellie Canaon, Christina Viggiani
- Carmela Tence, Mary Benincasa, Lina Benincasa and Lisa Baker for donating the flowers

To all of our various ministries – Altar Servers, Counters, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Deacons & Staff

## Birthright




Birthright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 45 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies. A representative from Birthright will be speaking at St. Mark on April 29/30.

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