St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor Deacon John Schwarzbauer Deacon Wayne McCulloch Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister

STAFF

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm Closed for lunch 12-1pm

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm (except First Fridays-see below) Wednesday & Thursday - 8:30 am - 9:00 am Saturday 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 Sunday - 12:30 pm

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

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary

(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before 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 PARISH MINISTRIES months for an anticipated Altar Servers 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 RCIA parish one year in advance. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil St. Vincent de Paul Society or religious marriage no date Ushers may be set until the Bishop's Women's Ministry 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.

Altar Society Children's Liturgy Counter's Ministry **Eucharistic Ministers** Finance Committee Funeral Luncheon Committee Knights of Columbus Lectors Media Stand & Bookstall Ministry of Hospitality Parish Council Parish Music Ministry Prayer Groups

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

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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!



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 4th @ 7:30 pm

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Consecration of our Parish to the Blessed Virgin Mary req. by Fr. Michael

Tuesday, April 5th @ 7:00 pm

Santa Benincasa and Vincenzo Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa

Michael Shewchuk req. by Bev and Family Rosa Locurto req. by Caterina Guastella

Wednesday, April 6th @ 8:30 am

† Frank Preiditsch req. by Anonymous

Thursday, April 7th @ 8:30 am

🕇 Edward Kaliciak req. by Helen Kaliciak

Friday, April 8th @ 7:00 pm

Frank Magistrele req. by Sig and Teresa Kusatz

Saturday, April 9th @ 9:00 am

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

Pat O'Connor req. by Fr. Michael

‡ Frank Iannuzzi req. by Julia Ianuzzi and Family

† Frank and Rose Gallo req. by Ida and Frank Nacarato

@ 5:00 pm

† Gennaro Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno

Sunday, April 10th @ 9:00 am

Polly Janiszewski req. by Cybruch Family

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

@ 12:30 pm

† Judy Normandeau reg. by Elizabeth Mitchell

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Martin Glynn, Ron Gibson and Philip Gauthier

Vocations

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 at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org



ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's Home helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and support.

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016
Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Thank You For Your Generosity

Holy Thursday \$ 1,803 Good Friday \$ 4,669 Easter \$ 10,152 Offertory \$ 5,716

Marriage Encounter Weekend

April 15th to 17th

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps married couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Location: Queen of Apostles Centre, Mississauga For more information and application, please go to: www.wwme.org or contact Gerard and Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or call 905-792-1925

Toronto Ordinations

Saturday, April 30th at 10 am

Please pray for those being ordained.

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kluger and

Rev. Mr. Julien Malenfant

Ordinations to take place at St. Michael's Cathedral.

Sister of St. Joseph of Toronto Women's Retreat Weekends

May 13th to 15th and May 27th to 29th

"Living Mercy" a weekend of prayer and contemplation.

Single Women ages 25 to 55 are invited to a retreat weekend, on Lake Simcoe, in Orillia, offered by a team from the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Cost \$150 (subsidies available) Registrer By: April 27th For information contact: Frances Harrison-Atell at fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca or call 416-467-2642

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena

IMPORTANCE OF THE CHAPLET OF MERCY FOR THE DYING

Our Lord said to Saint Faustina:

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death... When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Saviour...

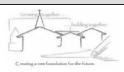
Jesus promises extraordinary graces to those who recite this powerful chaplet.

Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy... Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.

Divine Mercy pamphlets are available in the church foyer. We encourage you to take one and pray this powerful prayer.

PARISH WEBSITE http://stmarkstouffville.ca

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged to date: \$1.254.455



ARE YOU "IN THE KNOW"? DO YOU HAVE A FOLDER?

LEARN ABOUT OUR **EXPANSION PLANS!** PICK UP AN INFORMATION PACKAGE ON APRIL 9/10!

Coins for Life 2016 - Wrap Up

April 2nd and 3rd

Volunteers will be at the back of the church after all masses this weekend to collect the coin boxes. Campaign Life Coalition and the Colombian Squires of St. Mark thank you for your generosity. Your contribution will help save countless innocent lives.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Monday, April 4th at 7:30 pm

Mass will be celebrated for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Monday April 4th.

The New Evangelization Summit April 15th and April 16th

An international conference that gathers leading experts from around the world to inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the New Evangelization.

Friday, April 15 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm Saturday, April 16 from 8:45 am to 4:30 pm **Blessed Sacrament Church** 24 Cheritan Ave, Toronto Cost: \$50 (includes Saturday lunch)

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For information go to: www.newevangelization.ca, call 416-209-3318 or email troy.beharry@gmail.com

Book of the Month

R. Michael Shewchuk Memorial Library book of the month: Children's Book: St. Louis de Montfort Adult Book: Surprised by Truth



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, April 16th



This month's movie:

Faustina the Apostle of Divine Mercy

Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to promote devotion to His Divine Mercy. The movie is based on her bestselling book The Diary of Sister Faustina.

Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. **Running Time: 88 minutes**

St. Mark's School 50th Anniversary Monday, April 25th

St. Mark's School will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary of learning and faith on April 25th!

6 pm - Open House - St. Mark School

7 pm – An Evening of Celebration
Please RSVP by Friday, April 5th to SMK50th@ycdsb.ca
Please provide your name and the number attending.

Vendor Sale at St. Mark's Church

April 30th from 10 am to 3 pm

The Women's Ministry is hosting their second annual Vendor Sale on April 30th from 10 am to 3 pm With over 20 Vendors.

> And great prizes to be won! We are excited to see you all there.



Totus Tuus Summer Camp July 10th - 15th, 2016

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for the Totus Tuus Summer Program at St. Mark.

Children entering Grades 1-6

Program Dates: Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm Cost: \$75 for the first child in the family \$60 for each additional sibling.

Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12 Program Dates: Sunday to Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm

Registration forms are available at the church, or from the St. Mark Church website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca

Registration will take place at St. Mark's Church April 23rd from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and after all masses on April 24th. First come, first served basis.

Easter Thank You!

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

- •Irma Pescador, Mary and Wayne Raybould for all the work they did to decorate the church
- •Rose Cabrelli, Cellie Canaon, Navis Cruzada 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
- Aldo De Marinis for the beautiful job he did cleaning the floor of the parish hall
- •Our Choir Directors, Eugenie, Andrea, Alfred, Liza and the Dizons, our organist, Teresa Kusatz and our choir members for the wonderful music
- •To all of our various ministries Altar Servers, Counters, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Deacons and Staff

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

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