



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
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm

Closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm

JULY & AUGUST

9 am - 12 noon

CLOSED MONDAYS

Summer SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 7:00 pm

Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 8:30 am

Saturday - 9:00 am

Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am

All weekday masses to be held in the foyer of St. Mark's Church

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am

- 11:00 am

All weekend masses to be held in the gym of St. Mark's school

FIRST FRIDAY

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

Held in the gym of St. Mark's School

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary

(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux

Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Holy Hour

(Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 pm)

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-

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Please call Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

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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!

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, August 21st @ 7:00 pm

and Holy Hour from 6 pm to 7 pm

Fr. Thoms req. by Fr. Michael

† Francesco Perciasepe req. by Monaco Family

† Peter Scott req. by Maureen Morrison

† Grazia Cusma req. by Caterina Guastella

Wednesday, August 22nd @ 8:30 am

Thanksgiving to Our Lady req. by Tony, Shirley & Family

Thursday, August 23rd @ 8:30 am

† Patricia Stephenson req. by Margie Michalsky

Friday, August 24th @ 8:30 am

† James Hanratty req. by Fr. Michael

† Leny & Arnold Brawer req. by Munro Family

† Demetria M. Cruz req. by Piedad Family

Saturday, August 25th

@ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

Fr. Mario DiGuisti req. by Fr. Michael

† Beverley and Michael Semon req. by Family

@ 5:00 pm

† Wilma Willan req. by Peter Willan

Sunday, August 26th

@ 9:00 am

† Michael Shewchuk req. by Bev Shewchuk & Family

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Set Up and Take Down Teams Needed for Mass at St. Mark School

We hope to create several teams of dedicated parishioners who are willing to either help

set up for our weekend Masses on Saturday or take everything down after Mass on Sunday. We hope to organize teams in such a way that each team will only be scheduled 1 to 2 times per month over the 14 months of our church renovation project.

To volunteer, please contact

Ben Tabucan at 905-640-6954 or

stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com

or sign up at the Sunday Office Assistant desk



Examination of Conscience

You receive regular spiritual direction, you frequent the sacraments, you fast and pray and spend time in adoration. You attend daily Mass, or at least more often than just Sunday Mass (and Holy Days of Obligation). You're not committing mortal sin. You confess your venial sins during regular confession. At times, you feel like what's the use? I'm not really a great sinner ...

any more. Why am I going through the motions of confession? Well, it's spiritually healthy to confess, without entering into scrupulosity, even small or venial sins. Why?

Because the sacrament gives us graces which, if we cooperate with them, help us to grow in virtue and avoid sin.

And, habitual small sins weaken our resolve. They keep us attached to the world and worldly things. They make us more vulnerable to mortal sin. They make it easier to say yes to bigger and/or more frequent venial sins until voila!

We've fallen into mortal sin ... once again.

Ever wish there was an examination just for venial sins? There is! St. Anthony Mary Claret wrote such a guide.

Here is his exam just for venial sins!

St. Anthony Mary Claret's Examination of Venial Sins

The soul should avoid all venial sins, especially those which pave the way for grave sin. It is not enough, my soul, to have a firm resolve to suffer death rather than consent to any grave sin. It is necessary to have a like resolution to venial sin. There is nothing which can give us such a certain security of eternal salvation as an uninterrupted cautiousness to avoid even the lightest venial sin, and a notable, all-extensive earnestness reaching to all practices of the spiritual life — earnestness in prayer, and in dealing with God; earnestness in mortification and self-denial; earnestness in being humble and in accepting contempt; earnestness in obeying and renouncing one's own self-will; earnest love of God and neighbor. He who wants to gain this earnestness and keep it, must necessarily have the resolve to always avoid especially the following venial sins:

1. The sin of giving entrance into your heart to *any* unreasonable suspicion or unfair judgment against your neighbor.
2. The sin of introducing talk about another's defects or offending charity in any other way, even lightly.
3. The sin of omitting out of laziness our spiritual practices or of performing them with voluntary neglect.
4. The sin of having a disordered affection for somebody.
5. The sin of having a vain esteem for oneself, or of taking vain satisfaction in things pertaining to us.
6. The sin of receiving the holy sacraments in a careless way, with distractions and other irreverence, and without a serious preparation.
7. Impatience, resentment, any failure to accept disappointments as coming from God's Hand; for this puts obstacles in the way of the decrees and dispositions of Divine Providence concerning us.
8. The sin of giving ourselves an occasion that can even remotely blemish a spotless condition of holy purity.
9. The fault of advertently hiding from those who ought to learn them, one's bad inclinations, weaknesses, and mortifications, seeking to pursue the road of virtue not under the direction of obedience, but under the guidance of one's own whims. Note: This speaks of times when we might have worthy [spiritual] direction if we seek it, but we prefer to follow our own dim lights.

<https://www.spiritualdirection.com/2018/07/05/an-examination-of-conscience->

AUGUST 19, 2018

Church Expansion



Our location for Mass may have changed to St. Mark's School but our Sunday Office Assistant, Grace, is still ready to help you with any of your questions or to book a Mass intention.



Demolition of upper sacristy and removal of inner walls



Footings poured



Catholic Missions In Canada

There will be a second collection today for Catholic Missions/Canadian Missions. Catholic Missions in Canada and the selected Dioceses in Northern Canada who will benefit from your generosity, help sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in Canada. In these areas, a mission church or parish can be the remaining community place for the faithful.

Your support will be a blessing for those who fulfill the challenging work of keeping the Catholic faith alive and strong in the remotest parts of our country. *Thank for your support of this important work!*

Expansion Progress Report



St. Mark's Church Expansion Expansion Progress Report

Over the next several weeks we expect:

- Sign up volunteers for set up and take down of items for mass in the gym beginning in September.
- Further demolition to the inside of the church and parish hall.

Stay tuned to the bulletin and website.

Taste of Stouffville For Evergreen Hospice

Saturday, August 25th from 12 pm – 11 pm
In Memorial Park (4 Park Dr., Stouffville)



Taste of Stouffville for Evergreen Hospice is returning for another year of delicious food, tasty drink, live music and all kinds of fun for the kids.

The event is taking place on

Saturday August 25th from noon until 11:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family and come for the day so you can sample more foods at dinner and now also, at lunch!

We're featuring local suppliers, breweries and bands to show you how much talent we have in the region!

We're asking for a minimum \$5 donation to enter the event for people over 16 years which goes to support palliative care and bereavement support for people in the community. Location: Memorial Park, Stouffville

Come hungry and thirsty, bring the kids, and spend the day in the summer sun followed by music under the stars!

For more information call: 416 499-2185



ALPHA Coming this Fall

Alpha will begin at the end of September!

The program will run until the end of November on Wednesday nights from

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Eastridge Church.

The evenings consist of a warm meal, followed by a video and a group discussion.

Offering of \$5 to \$10 per evening would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to participate, contact the Church office at stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca.



Sunday Smiles

Quotes from Will Rogers

- "The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket."
- "Lettin'the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n than puttin' it back in."
- "When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of algebra..."

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