



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. Assistant
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 - 1 pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday to Friday - 7:00 pm
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am
Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

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

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
(with Children's Liturgy)
Sunday - 11:00 am

All weekend masses are held in the gym of St. Mark's School

EVERY FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Mass - 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 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
(Friday 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-

BOUND
Please call Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

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PARISH MINISTRIES

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Altar Society
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Counter's Ministry
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
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Ministry of Hospitality
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
Sacramental Preparation
Squires
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Ushers
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Youth Ministry

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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 18th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Teresa Shaw req. by Parents
Morrison, Toal & Gavaghan Families req. by
Maureen Morrison

Wednesday, December 19th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Charlie & Winnie Dawson req. by Carol Morin

Thursday, December 20th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

Thanksgiving to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary
req. by Elizabeth and Dominic

Friday, December 21st @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Antonio, Angelina & Costanzo Spedalieri req. by
Mary DiPasqua

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio
Benincasa

† Giuseppe Sinopoli req. by Teresa Sinopoli

† Ray Stansberry req. by Sarah Rodricks

Saturday, December 22nd

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark Church)

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

† Leonor Cuenca Canaon req. by Cellie Canaon and
Family

† Corey Hay req. by Hay Family

† Lilia Fabon req. by Don and Susan Dizon
Naomi and Colin Li (45th Wedding Anniversary)

@ 5:00 pm (St. Mark School)

† Vincenzo Turco req. by Franca Turco and Family

Sunday, December 23rd

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark School)

Austin Kenny req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Dino and Pasqualina Raponi req. by Tony and
Onesima Raponi

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

To sign-up for St. Mark's Church Pre-Authorized Giving program,

Please go to:

www.stmarkstouffville.ca click

on the "Contact" heading then

"Donations" to print off the form.

Complete the form and attach a

void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket.

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

Christmas Schedule 2018



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, December 24, 2018

- ◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 7:30 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 10:00 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 noon Mass



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Monday, December 31, 2018

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 noon Mass

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious to announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did?

If you think God is calling you, contact

Fr. Chris Lemieux,

**Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto
at 416-968-0997 or by email at
vocations@archtoronto.org.**

Marylake Pilgrimage

Every 3rd Sunday of each month

Come join us, as we start a new monthly tradition. **Every 3rd Sunday of each month** the Augustinians will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Marylake. Each pilgrimage starts with Confession commencing at 9 am and ending with Benediction at 2:30 pm. We are located at **13760 Keele St. in King City.**

For more information, contact us at info@marylake.com, at 905-833-5368 or visit us at www.marylake.com.

Retrouaille

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

HOPE IS A PHONE CALL AWAY

416-281-6007

www.torontoretrouaille.com

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

DECEMBER 16, 2018

Church Expansion



Things are coming together!



Church Office - Holiday Hours

December 24, 25 and 26	Closed
December 27 and 28	Open from 9 am to 12 pm
December 31 & January 1	Closed

2018 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2018 donations on Sunday, December 30th, 2018



Any donations you wish to make for 2018 must be received by **December 30th, 2018.**

Anything after this date will apply to the 2019 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office before December 17th.

Lunch Time Supervisor Needed

Looking for a lunch time supervisor at St. Mark Catholic Elementary School. The hours will be from 11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. on Mondays & Tuesdays. This is a paid position. Other hours may be available in future if interested. **Contact Mrs. Wawryk, School Secretary at 905-640-2915.**

Conversion: Following the Call of Christ Beginning February 5, 2019

You're invited to enrich and immerse yourself in this wonderful program!

CONVERSION
Following the Call of Christ

St Mark's Parish will be running this 6 week program on Tuesday evenings starting February 5th at 7:30 pm at

St. Mark's School in the library.

Each session will consist of a video presentation and small group discussion.

Sign-up sheets are now available at the desk outside the gym.

There is no fee to attend the program; however, the cost of the workbook is \$15.

Description of the Program:

Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Raising Catholic Children

By: **Dorothy Pilarski, Founder of CatholicMomsGroup.com**

If you are serious about assisting your children in developing their faith life, it is important that you evaluate your own Catholicity. Is your faith life dynamic, alive, filled with prayer and apostolic activity? Are you participating regularly in the sacraments? Is your faith life joyful? Does the light of Christ shine through you? Do your friends and neighbours notice something delightfully different about the way you and your family live?

I have been hosting a Mother's Group for well over twenty years and there are a number of things that I have learned.

First, do not abdicate your role in passing down the faith.

Second, do not wait when it comes to Catholic formation. Raising a Catholic child begins from day one. Whether it is blessing a newborn with holy water, teaching a toddler Bible songs or encouraging a two-year-old to drop a coin into the collection basket, raising Catholic kids opens a spiritual dimension in the relationship that is, quite simply, supernatural.

Waiting to introduce the faith to your child is a big mistake.

If you can't manage a five-year-old at Mass, what makes you think you will get a teenager to even go to Mass?

Continued next week: Dorothy's 10 tips to raise your kids Catholic

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