



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-

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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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Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
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Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
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Squires
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Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
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751 Hoover Park Dr.
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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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 4th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

Living and deceased members of Canaan Family req. by Cellie Canaan & Family

† Emidia Veroni req. by Connie Veroni

† Carlos Ramcharan req. by Catherine Tymon

Jimmy Miller req. by Sarah Rodricks

Wednesday, December 5th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Catherine, Clement and Mary Kelly req. by Baker and Kelly Families

Thursday, December 6th @ 7 pm (St. Mark Church)

† Feli Navidad req. by Gaerlan & Medina Families

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

† Elizabeth Barrera req. by Mendoza Family

† Teofilo Zuniga req. by Mendoza Family

† Maria Angela Fortunato and Pina Saija req. by Francesca Schembri

Jimmy Miller req. by Sarah Rodricks

Saturday, December 8th Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark Church)

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

The Catholic Church req. by Fr. Michael

† Ann Marie Munro req. by Munro Family

† Tessie Manese req. by Don and Susan Dizon

Jimmy Miller req. by Sarah Rodricks

@ 5:00 pm (St. Mark School)

O'Reilly & Loewen Families req. by Sylvia and

Frank Loewen

Sunday, December 9th

@ 9:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Daniel Ciardullo req. by Mario and Lucy Ciardullo

@ 11:00 am (St. Mark School)

† Angelo DePalma req. by Tony & Carmela & Family

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

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.

Marylake Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 9th at 3 pm



This event will feature the Columbus Concert Band. The concert starts at 3 pm. Tickets are available for \$12 each for adults and \$10 for children under 12 at Marylake or on

line at www.marylake.com. Bring the whole family. We are located at 13760 Keele St. in King City.

For more information, contact us at info@marylake.com

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 16th at 3 pm

Immaculate Conception Parish, Port Perry

You are invited to prepare for Christmas by recalling the prophecies of salvation in nine biblical readings, carols and anthems.

Sparrows Youth Choir will lead the songs.

The service will end with Benediction.

Location: Immaculate Conception Church

1710 Scugog St., Port Perry

For Information call: 905-985-7071

DECEMBER 2, 2018

Church Expansion – Sponsor a Pew

Pew Sponsorship is now available

If you would like to help cover a portion of the cost of one of our new pews, please contact the church office at 905-640-6954 on a Tuesday or Wednesday between 9 am and 3:30 pm.

Large Pew: \$1000

Medium Pew: \$750

To receive a tax receipt for 2018, we must receive your donation towards the pew before Christmas.



Sample name plate to be dedicated to the living or deceased. Cost of name plate: \$50.

St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions Saturday, December 15th at St. Mark's School



Parish Confession Times: 1 pm to 5 pm

1 pm to 3 pm Fr. John Duffy

3 pm to 5 pm Fr. Michael Hughes

Confessions will take place in the gym office at St. Mark's School.

St. Mark Dinner Dance Fundraiser

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Christmas Concert & Pageant

Thank you!

To all those who performed in our 13th Annual

Christmas Concert and Pageant

It was a beautiful event that helped us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. A special thanks to Eugenie and Kiana Landry for organizing and directing the event and to Oliver Dizon for co-hosting the evening with Eugenie.



2019 Envelope Boxes

This is the last weekend to pick up your 2019 envelopes in the hallway outside the gym. Last names beginning with A to Z. Any envelopes not picked up this weekend, can be picked up at the Church office during regular office hours.

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Training Day

Saturday, January 12th at St. Philip Neri Parish

All current extraordinary ministers of holy Communion are invited to a formation and training day on Saturday, **January 12, 2019 at St. Philip Neri Parish, 2100 Jane St., North York.**

The day will provide an opportunity to learn more about the importance of the Eucharist and the role of the extraordinary minister of holy Communion in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The day is open to all current extraordinary ministers or holy Communion and clergy.

There is no cost to attend but we ask that you please bring a lunch.

To register: <https://emhcarchto.eventbrite.ca>

For information: rspellacy@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400, x525

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