



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
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant
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)
Sunday - 11:00 am, 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 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

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
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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 5th @ 7:00 pm

- † Tony Trentadue req. by Marlene and Maurice Vella
- † Maria Teresita Co req. by Severino and Lorna Palasaga

Wednesday, December 6th @ 8:30 am

Maurice & Marlene Vella & Family req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, December 7th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Teresa Shaw req. by Parents

Friday, December 8th @ 7:00 pm Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Consecration req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, December 9th @ 9:00 am

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

- † Matty Maguire req. by Peter and Anna Gallagher

- † Gerry Cody req. by Peter and Anna Gallagher

- † Tom and Helen Ryan req. by Sig and Teresa Kusatz @ 5:00 pm

- † O'Reilly, Kirwan, Loewen & Schroeder Families req. by Frank and Sylvia Loewen

Sunday, December 10th @ 9:00 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario Ciardullo @11:00 am

- † Angelo DePalme req. by Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Parente @12:30 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael



Is God Calling You?

“The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master’s return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God’s “particular task” for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.**

2018 Envelope Boxes

Please do not interfere with the 2018 envelope boxes. **Only take the box assigned to you.** If you had a numbered box and cannot find your box for 2018, please contact the office. Parents: do not allow your children to play with the boxes. Thank you.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 4,170

Christmas Schedule 2017



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24, 2017

- ◆ 4:30 pm Caroling (Voices of Praise)
- ◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 7:30 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 10:00 pm Mass

Monday, December 25, 2017

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Sunday, December 31, 2017

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1, 2018

- ◆ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

Religious Christmas Cards

On Sale in the foyer after all Masses



The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 will be selling an assortment of beautiful, religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all Masses over the next few weekends.

Light up the Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon

Christmas is fast approaching, and as is tradition, the St. Mark Squires will be conducting their Light Up the Tree of Life Advent Fundraiser. In the foyer, the Squires have set up a tree. We invite all parishioners to select one or more of the candle tags that have suggested items for babies and their young mothers (ex. diapers, baby clothes etc.) **By the December 16/17 weekend, we ask that you bring what is written on the tag and drop it off underneath the tree.** You can then hang the candle tag on the tree to help light up the "Tree of Life." All donations support the Rose of Sharon.



Thank You - St. Mark Squire Circle 5486

First Reconciliation Ceremonies

Please Pray for Our Children

Receiving their First Reconciliation

On Wednesday, November 29th and December 6th, the children of our parish who are participating in the First Communion preparation program will be receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation. We ask our Church community to remember these special children in your prayers as they encounter Jesus for the first time in confession, and we ask that you please continue to keep them in your prayers until they receive their First Communion next spring.

DECEMBER 3, 2017

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 at 3 pm

Mark Your Calendar!

All Are Welcome

**to the 12th Annual St. Mark's
Christmas Pageant and Concert**



**"God's Gift
To The
World"**
*performed by the
Children
of
St. Mark's Parish*

Please join us in the Parish Hall for light refreshments and fellowship following the concert.

Church Cleaning Day

Tuesday, December 5th at 9 am



Advent Cleaning

Come pitch in and join us for a good old fashioned scrubbing of the Church on Tuesday, December 5 at 9 am.

Bring gloves, a bucket and some rags.

Signup sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

For more information contact: Jodi Harker at 416-518-0338 or jodi@enigmaresearch.com.

Social and lunch to be served at noon.

Celebrating the
**Immaculate
Conception**



Please join us at St. Mark's Church on **Friday, December 8th at 7 pm** for the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass and Consecration of our Parish

The EDGE and High School Youth Ministry Presents

St. Mark's Annual Café Night

Friday, December 8th from 7:30 to 9:30 pm



FREE ADMISSION • BEVERAGES AND SNACKS PROVIDED

Any proceeds will go to the EDGE & High School Youth Ministries.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

Contact stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com

if you would like to:

- 1) Contribute any baked goods
- 2) Prepare a song to sing

St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

Saturday, December 9th



Parish Confession Times: 9:30 am to 5 pm

9:30 am – 10 am	Fr. Michael Hughes
10 am – 12 noon	Msgr. Conrad Dachuck
12 noon – 2 pm	Fr. John Arulthas
2 pm – 4 pm	Fr. John Duffy
4 pm – 5 pm	Fr. Michael Hughes

Women's Recollection

Monday, December 11th at 7 pm



The ladies of our Parish are invited to a Recollection at St. Mark's Church on Monday, December 11th which will include:

- 2 meditations by a Priest of Opus Dei
- A talk on living the Christian life
- An examination of conscience and an opportunity for confession beginning at 7 pm

St. Mark's Parish Mission

Tuesday, December 12th at 7 pm

Everyone is invited to our

St. Mark's Advent

Parish Mission given by

Fr. Joseph Deveaux.

Fr. Deveaux will give the Homily at the 7 pm Mass.



Gumball Machine Raffle

An Exciting Raffle,
Just in Time for Christmas!



The St. Mark's Youth will be raffling off a **Limited Edition Canada 150th Beaver Gumball Machine** guaranteed to delight someone on your gift list! This lovely gift has been generously donated to help the St. Mark's Youth raise funds for all their events & activities.

Raffle tickets will be sold after all the masses on **Dec. 2/3, and Dec. 9/10**

1 ticket for \$3 3 tickets for \$5 7 tickets for \$10

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 10th at 2:30 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.

Immaculate Conception Parish

Sparrows Youth Choir will lead the songs.

The service will end with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.


Location: Immaculate Conception Church
1710 Scugog St., Port Perry

For Information call: 905-985-7071

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