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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.
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
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
Weekly Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy
(Before Friday Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
(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
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Edge
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Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
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Parish Music Ministry
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Women's Ministry
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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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, December 6th @ 7:00 pm

Justin req. by Jeannine Amyotte

† Aldo Nardi req. by Nella Nardi and Family

† Scott McLachlan req. by Baker Family

Wednesday, December 7th @ 8:30 am

† Philippe Gauthier req. by Mike and Fran Rozario

Thursday, December 8th @ 7:30 pm

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Consecration of St. Mark's Parish req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, December 9th @ 7:00 pm

† Fred Cimone req. by D'Ulisse Family

Saturday, December 10th @ 9:00 am

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

Devereaux Family req. by Fr. Michael

Brigitte Bantoc req. by Bantoc Family

† Mario Raponi req. by Mary Raybould

@ 5:00 pm

† Gennaro Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno

Sunday, December 11th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

† Angelo Depalma req. by Mr. and Mrs. Antonio

Parente and Family

@ 12:30 pm

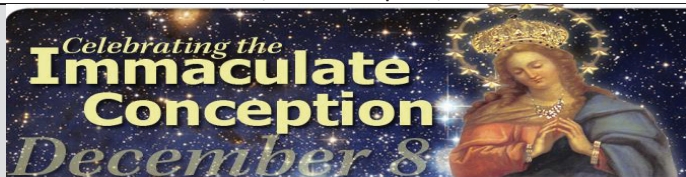
† Vincenzo Turco req. by Franca Turco

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Connie Desousa, Mario Raponi, Patricia Petura



Please join us at St. Mark's Church on

Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 pm on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary for mass and the consecration of our parish.



Is God Calling You?

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? 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 vocations@archtoronto.org**

Thank You For Your Generosity

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Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her Testimonies from the process of beatification

Edited and translated by Christopher O'Mahony.

Published by Veritas Publications.

“Here is an excerpt from a letter she wrote to me after this audience with the Pope: ‘I think I have done God’s will; there is nothing for it now but to pray. My heart is full, but I know that God cannot give me trials that are too much for my strength. He has given me the courage to bear this one. Oh! Pauline, this is a very great trial, but I am the Child Jesus’s little ball; if he wants to break his toy he is free to do so. Yes, indeed; I want only whatever he wants.’”

– Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese’s sister and prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Gum Ball Machine Raffle

An Exciting Raffle, Just in Time for Christmas!



The St. Mark's Youth will be raffling off a **Vintage 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 **Nov. 26/27, Dec. 3/4, and Dec. 10/11**

3 tickets for \$5

7 tickets for \$10

(The winning ticket will be drawn after the last mass on Dec. 11)

Building Expansion Corporate Donors

We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their generous contributions to our Parish Building Expansion Fund.

With their donations they are contributing to the future of our parish growth.

THANK YOU to

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Lindy's Florist situated at 6287 Main St.

St. Patrick's Parish (5633 Hwy 7)

All Choirs Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 11th at 7 pm

St. Patrick's Parish choirs and musicians are coming together for an evening celebration of seasonal songs. Everyone is invited to come, enjoy the music, sing along, and get into the Christmas spirit! Admission is free.

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide

Did You Know?

Since Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide in June 2016, 374 people across the country have already died by lethal injection. Meanwhile, only 30% of Canadians have access to quality palliative (end of life) care.

Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write to the Ontario government.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

DECEMBER 4, 2016

Invitation to St. Mark's 11th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT SUNDAY, December 4th, 2016 at 3 pm



PRESENTING

The Children Of St. Mark's Parish
In The Advent/Christmas Play

"Soon and Very Soon,
We Are Going To See The King"
&

Congregational Hymn Sing and Concert
Performance by the Music Ministries.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Come and take a Family Photo!

A "Christmas Manger" Photo Booth will be set up
after the Concert downstairs with props and costumes.

Hosted by the Pageant Volunteers.

*Light Refreshments and Fellowship in the Parish hall
following the concert.*

Women's Recollection

Monday, December 5th

The recollection includes 2 meditations by a priest of Opus Dei, a talk on living the Christian life in the middle of the world, an examination of conscience and an opportunity for confession beginning at 7 pm.

Café Night

Friday, December 9th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall

*Fellowship Youth Ministry is
pleased to announce the arrival of
our Cafe Night!*

Join us on Friday, December 9th
from 7:00-9:30 PM to hear the
sweet sounds of our talented
performers and indulge in some sweet treats
while you're at it!



Donations will be graciously accepted &
go toward a charity of Fellowship's choosing!

***What better way to celebrate the coming of
our King than to rejoice with His people?***

St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

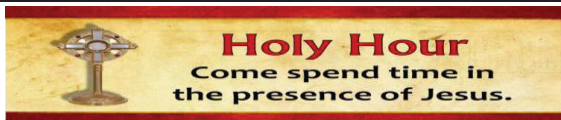
Saturday, December 10th



Parish Confession Times: 9:30 am to 5 pm
9:30 am – 10 am Fr. Michael Hughes
10 am – 12 noon Fr. Conrad Dachuck
12 noon – 1 pm Fr. Michael Hughes
1 pm – 3 pm Fr. Stephen Gilbert
2 pm – 4 pm Fr. Jacob Mado
4 pm – 5 pm Fr. Michael Hughes

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Marks

Every Thursday beginning Dec. 1st from 9 - 10am



Christmas Schedule 2016



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24, 2016

- ◆ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 7:30 pm Family Mass
- ◆ 9:30 pm Caroling (St. Mark's Choir)
- ◆ 10:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2016

- ◆ 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Saturday, December 31, 2016

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2017

- ◆ 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

Alpha

***Alpha is coming January 31, 2017! Watch for
upcoming Bulletin and Mass announcements.***

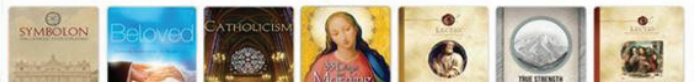
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Light up the Tree of Life Donations for The Rose of Sharon December

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 17/18 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




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