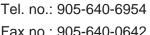
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#### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor Deacon John Schwarzbauer Deacon Wayne McCulloch

#### **STAFF**

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator Lisa Baker-Admin, Asst. Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst. Lad Mehes - Custodian

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm Closed for lunch 12-1pm **JULY & AUGUST** 

9 am - 12 noon **CLOSED MONDAYS** 

#### WINTER SCHEDULE

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm Wed. & Thurs. - 8:30 am - 9:00 am Saturday - 9:00 am Statutory Holidays Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

#### **SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

Saturday - 5:00 pm Sunday - 9:00 am -11:00 am -12:30 pm

#### FIRST FRIDAY

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

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Recitation of the Rosary

Mass)

#### Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

#### Divine Mercv

(Before Friday pm Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena (Saturday Morning Mass)

#### **BAPTISM**

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the fover 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 to all new (Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the fover.

#### **COMMUNION FOR THE** SICK AND HOUSE-**BOUND**

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

#### 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 **Eucharistic Ministers** Finance Committee Funeral Luncheon Committee Knights of Columbus Lectors Ministry of Hospitality Parish Council Parish Music Ministry **Prayer Group** Sacramental Preparation Squires

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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

## Monday, December 8th @ 7:30 pm

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

## Tuesday, December 9th @ 7:00 pm

- **†** Emelda Lim req. by Lim Family
- **†** Isagani Rivera req. by Lim Family Intentions of Bernice D'Souza req. by Phyllis Casados

## Wednesday, December 10th @ 8:30 am

† Pina and Vince Mazzeo req. by Michelle Mazzeo

#### Thursday, December 11th@ 8:30 am

Thanksgiving for favour received req. by Damiana McQuiggie

## Friday, December 12th @ 7:00 pm

**†** For the Unborn req. by Fr. Michael

## Saturday, December 13th @ 9:00 am

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

- **†** Aurelio Jurado reg. by Rodel Jurado
- T Noel Kearins req. by Fr. Michael
- † Paul Kelly req. by Joan Murphy @ 5:00 pm
- **†** Margaret and Andy Bell req. by Tracy Morrison and David Bell

#### Sunday, December 14th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael @ 11:00 am

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro @ 12:30 pm
- t Angelo De Palma req. by Parente Family

## Vocations

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.

## Pray For The Sick

Beverly Semon, Darrel Boddington, Lynda Ticknor, Debbie Beauchamp & Douglas Ciceri Sr.

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Otto Erkinger and Cahal Stewart

## Sunday Missals

The 2015 Sunday Missals are available in the foyer of the church for \$5.

## Christmas Schedule 2014



## CHRISTMAS MASSES

## Wednesday, December 24, 2014

- ◆ 4:30 pm Caroling (Voices of Glory Choir)
- ♦ 5:00 pm Family Mass
- ♦ 7:30 pm Family Mass
- 9:30 pm Caroling (St. Mark's Choir)
- ♦ 10:00 pm Mass

## Thursday, December 25, 2014

♦ 10:00 am and 12:00 noon



## MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

## Wednesday, December 31, 2014

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

## Thursday, January 1, 2014

- ♦ 10:00 am
- ♦ 12:00 noon

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Experience more at our website:

http://stmarkstouffville.ca under the heading
"I BELONG" or e-mail: stmarkibelong@bellnet.ca

## 2013 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2014 donations on Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Any donations you wish to make for 2014 must be received by this date. Anything after this date will apply to the 2015 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes to be made, please contact the office before December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayer Box

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS-Please place your prayer request in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Mark

## **Pulpit Announcements**

To arrange for your Ministry Group to make an announcement after Mass, please contact the church office <u>at least two weeks in advance</u>.

## **DECEMBER 7, 2014**

## Light Up the Tree of Life

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 <a href="December 20/21st">December 20/21st</a> 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

## Chalice Mission Appeal

December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Please welcome Deacon Philip Allard who will speak about **CHALICE**, a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. **www.chalice.ca** 

## Christmas Pageant & Concert

December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm



#### Please join us for the St. Mark's 9th ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

All the children have worked very hard to bring us this beautiful story about the true meaning of Christmas!

Please come and support our young performers in this wonderful Parish Event! Everyone is invited after the Pageant to the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th at 7:30 pm

Please join us for mass on the evening of Monday,
December 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception with the full choir.
Correction: Please note the mass will begin at 7:30 pm not
7pm as printed in last week's bulletin.

## The Flame of Love Prayer Group

December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

Pray with us each Tuesday at 3:00 pm in St. Anne's Room. Meditated rosary and other prayers for the salvation of souls. For more information, please **contact Jeanette Woodley at 905-640-7884.** 

## Charismatic Prayer Group

December 9th at 7:30 pm

Our Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday. The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone welcome

## St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

December 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Parish Confession Times: 9:30 am to 4:45 pm

9:30 am – 10 am Fr. Michael

10 am – 12 noon Msgr. Conrad Dachuck

12 noon – 1 pm 1 pm – 2 pm 2 pm – 4 pm 4 pm – 4:45 pm Fr. Michael Fr. Leslie Tamas Fr. Jacob Mado Fr. Michael

## Pray Out the Old Year Pray in the New Year

December 31st 11 pm

St. Mark's Parish will host a Holy Hour for the last hour of 2014. We will then commence the New Year celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Mark the date on your calendar and start the New Year with Jesus by your side.

#### Steubenville Youth Conference

August 7 - 9, 2015

The Steubenville Conference will be returning to Toronto from August 7 – 9, 2015. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2015 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2015 can attend this exciting conference. **Registration forms can be found in the church foyer.** A non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be paid when booking a spot. Please visit the website www.steubenvilletoronto.com for further details.

#### First Reconciliation

The children of our parish who are participating in the First Communion preparation program have all recently received the sacrament of First Reconciliation. We ask our Church community to remember these special children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey in to the New Year, when they will begin preparing for their First Communion. Thank you.

## Café Night

Thank you to our Youth Ministry Leaders and members for putting on a wonderful family event for our parish. The musical entertainment was outstanding and it was a very enjoyable evening for all. Thank you to all those who supported our Youth by attending or purchasing a raffle ticket. A total of \$660 was raised to help our Youth in their future events and Youth Ministry nights.

Congratulations to the winner of the iPad Mini!!!

Antonietta Ignagni

## Financial Feasibility Executive Study Report

To see a copy of the recently released Church Building Expansion, Financial Feasibility Executive Study Report produced by the fundraising firm, M&M International, please see our parish website at <a href="https://www.stmarkstouffville.ca">www.stmarkstouffville.ca</a> under the Church Expansion heading.

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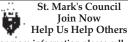


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