



# 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. Asst.  
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 12-1pm  
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)  
- 11:00 am  
- 12:30 pm

### RECONCILIATION

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

### 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)

**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  
Knights of Columbus  
Lectors  
Media Stand & Bookstall  
Ministry of Hospitality  
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Sacramental Preparation  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School  
333 Glad Park Ave.  
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St. Brendan's School  
751 Hoover Park Dr.  
T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School  
223 Millard St.  
T: 905-642-5100

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House  
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W: [vocationstoronto.ca](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: [archtoronto.org](http://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!

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**  
 Bannon Family req. by Fr. Michael  
 Dylan Carroll req. by Fr. Michael  
 † Armando Villanueva req. by Marie and Camille Herrera  
 † Rayappu Fernando req. by Mary Fernando

**Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**  
 † Mary Boriskewich req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**  
 † William Gouglas req. by Laurina Josefchuk

**Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**  
 Tony and Amelia Chong Ling req. by Fr. Michael

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**  
 Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael  
 † Denise Kennedy req. by Jill McWhinnie  
 † Adelaida Penales req. by Lomibao Family  
 † Bill Farrar req. by Bruce and Tania Orr  
**@ 5:00 pm**  
 † Linda Butler req. by John, Lori, David and Meredith Butler  
 St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**  
 † Brian Foley req. by Catherine Tymon  
**@ 11:00 am**  
 † Dino Raponi req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi and Family  
**@ 12:30 pm**  
 † Sarah Stella req. by Mazzei, Monachino & Civello Families

## Pray For The Sick

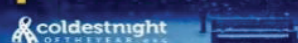
Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Filomena Di Santo, Dino Collura

## Coldest Night of the Year Walk Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**a little walk for a big problem.**



Accomplish something remarkable by doing something ordinary! Walk with us in Stouffville on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Registration begins at 4pm at Eastridge Missionary

**Church.** The Coldest Night of the Year walk is a super-fun, family-friendly fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless, and hurting across Canada. For pledge forms and further information, go to [cnoy.org](http://cnoy.org)

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,849

## 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.

"In 1895 Therese wrote: 'When I was seventeen or eighteen years old, the works of our holy father, St. John of the Cross, were my only nourishment. Later, all books left me cold and I am still that way. In this impotence, the Bible and the Imitation of Christ come to my aid. In these, I find nourishment that is pure and solid; for prayer, however, it is the Bible I use mainly; everything I need for my soul is there... I understand, and know from experience, that God's kingdom is within us... I have never heard Jesus speak, but I feel he is within me. He guides me at every moment, and inspires me with the right thing to say or do. I discover new insights just when I need them and not always during prayer either; usually it happens in the middle of my daily work.'" – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's sister and prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally Metro Toronto Convention Centre 255 Front St. W., Toronto Saturday, March 4 from 9 am to 5:30 pm

Join us for the largest single-day Catholic event in Canada! Hear inspired testimonies and talks.

There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass with Cardinal Thomas Collins.

For information: [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca)



## Ticket Sales

Tickets for this event can be purchased through the St. Mark Church office by calling 905-640-6954 or emailing [stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca).

Adult Tickets: \$25 Youth Tickets: \$15

## The New Evangelization Summit

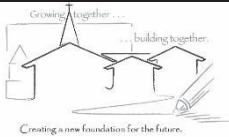


This two day conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church.

The annual NES will be held in Ottawa and streamed to 21 host-sites including one in Toronto and Whitby. [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

# FEBRUARY 12, 2017

## St. Mark's Church Expansion



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**The Work Goes ON!**

Your Church Expansion Committee has been working away with the architect; pouring over drawings, checking out lighting, picking out flooring, figuring out just where that electrical receptacle should go and all the myriad details that are necessary to finalize the plans for the church expansion. Concurrently, they're talking to the town and taking the next steps towards **Site Plan Approval**. Expect to hear more from **The Expansion Committee in early March.**



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## Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's

Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

Every Thursday morning from 9 am to 10 am, there is a Holy Hour at St. Mark's Church after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and spend some quiet time with our Lord.

## St. Mark's Women's Recollection

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

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.**



## Parish Movie Night

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>



### This month's movie: Lilies of the Field

Homer Smith, played by Sidney Poitier, is driving through the Arizona desert when he meets five impoverished nuns. Stopping to fix their leaky farmhouse roof, Homer discovers that not only will the Mother Superior not pay him for the job, but she also wants him to build their chapel - for free! Hesitant at first, Homer soon finds himself single-handedly raising the chapel.

**Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm**

**Movie to start at 6:30pm**

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 95 minutes

## Mardi Gras Mass at Marylake

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

The Augustinians at Marylake (13760 Keele St., King City) would like to invite you to a Mardi Gras Mass on February 25 in preparation for Lent. The music for the Mass will be entirely in the style of Louisiana Dixieland Jazz. The Mass will be at 5:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Marylake. After the Mass, traditional Shrove pancakes and sausages will be served while the Red Peppers Dixieland Jazz Band will be entertaining everyone with a short concert. For more information call us at 905-833-5368 or e-mail at [info@augustinians.ca](mailto:info@augustinians.ca).

## Lenten Retreat with Fr. Jacques Philippe March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mark's Church



Fr. Jacques Philippe, a world-renowned spiritual director and author, will be preaching two Lenten Reflections at St. Mark's Church. Fr.

Jacques Philippe's writings, with over 1 million copies sold in 24 languages, on themes such as prayer, interior freedom, and peace of heart, have become classics of modern Catholic spirituality.

March 1, 2017 Ash Wednesday

Holy Mass: 7 pm to 7:45 pm

Reflection: 8:15 pm to 9 pm

Theme: Personal Prayer Life and Deep Relationship with God

March 2, 2017 Thursday

Holy Mass: 7 pm to 7:30 pm

Reflection: 8 pm to 8:45 pm

Theme: The Way of Trust and Love According to St. Therese

**Ticket—\$10.00 for both days**

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION and to ORDER**

**E-mail:** [susling2000@yahoo.ca](mailto:susling2000@yahoo.ca) or go to the bookstall

## Steubenville Youth Conference

July 28 – 30, 2017



The Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference will be coming to the UOIT Campus in Oshawa from July 28 – 30, 2017. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 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. For info: [stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com](mailto:stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com)  
[www.steubenvilletoronto.com](http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com)



**Please Pray for the Success of our Alpha program.**

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[www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com)

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