



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor  
Deacon John Schwarzbauer  
Deacon Wayne McCulloch  
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister

## STAFF

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

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9 am - 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12-1pm

## 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  
Sunday - 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 - 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
(or by appointment)

## DEVOTIONS

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

**Mother of Perpetual Help  
Novena**

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

**Divine Mercy**  
(Before Friday pm 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  
Counter's Ministry  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
Lectors  
Media Stand & Bookstall  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Groups  
RCIA  
Sacramental Preparation  
Squires  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Ushers  
Women's Ministry  
Youth Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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!

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm  
Lenten Mission

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm  
Lenten Mission

† Trevor O'Connor req. by Josh Steffoff

† Pietro Di Leo req. by Di Leo Family

† Caterina Caronzo req. by Di Leo Family

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

† Antonio Monaco req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

† Grace Bodogh req. by Marlene Robitaille

Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Stations of the Cross @  
7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

† Rosario Boongaling req. by Flora Villanueva

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

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

Pat and Teresa Hanratty req. by Fr. Michael

Brito Family req. by Fr. Michael

† Maurice O'Connor req. by Peter Willan  
@ 5:00 pm

† Gerolamo Montanari req. by Maria Montanari  
and Family

Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 am

† Aldo Nardi req. by Giovanna Apa Iacono  
@ 11:00 am

† Dino Raponi req. by Tony and Onesima  
Raponi and Family  
@ 12:30 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

## Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias  
and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

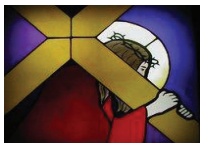
Phyllis Hillick, Roland Evelyn, Art Michea, Theresa McLuskie  
Michelle Trentadue (daughter-in-law of Alba and Steve)

## The New Evangelization Summit

An international event that will inspire thousands of  
Catholics to be engaged in the **New Evangelization**  
April 15 – 16, 2016 in Ottawa

For information go to: [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

## Lenten Stations of the Cross



Every Friday during Lent  
at 7 pm followed by  
Mass at 7:30 pm.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 7,458

## Coins For Life 2016



Would you and your family put aside your  
toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels and  
dimes during the next four to six weeks and  
contribute these savings to help in the  
struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in  
Canada**? If so, the St. Mark Squires will be handing out  
**Coins for Life boxes in the foyer this weekend.**  
They will be collecting the boxes the weekend after Easter.

## Refugee Sponsorship Update

First thank you again for your generous financial support  
to our **Fundraising Appeal in early December!**

A list of our Committees and their Chairs was previously  
published. Our Steering Committee Members are:

**Bill Comeau, Consuela Tabone, Denise MacPherson,**

**Jodi Harker, Marlene Robitaille, Mary Raybould,**

**Maureen Crawford, Onesima Raponi, Patricia O'Sullivan,**

**Sarah Barclay, Sean O'Sullivan, Tom MacPherson**

We wish we had more news to convey. We are still awaiting  
profiles from the Archdioceses (ORAT) in order to be  
matched with a family. Watch for more news next week  
about an exciting upcoming event.

## Lift Jesus Higher Rally

**March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5:30 pm**

24<sup>th</sup> annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

**North Building, Lower Level, 255 Front St. W., Toronto**

**[www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org)**

**Cost: Adults \$20, Youth (ages 13 – 18) \$15, Children \$5**



## ShareLife

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." Matthew 5:7  
Our Lord encourages us with a timely reminder about what  
our actions truly should be – to show mercy to others. Does  
showing mercy mean to take the time delivering food for  
the local food bank in our neighbourhood? Do we have time  
to help by serving on a weekend in the soup kitchen in our  
city or praying for a family who is dealing with a personal  
crisis? Or maybe the refugee family who needs some  
volunteer help resettling their family to a new life here in  
Canada. In essence, ShareLife becomes that connective  
bridge between the pulpit and the street. When we are  
called to action in the Catholic community, we know of so  
many ways we can make a difference by working together  
in the lives of those in need. Annually, we share in helping  
over 114,000 individuals, thanks to the support received  
through our collective efforts.

Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 40th anniversary by  
supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this  
Lenten season! —Thomas Cardinal Collins

**Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday**

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

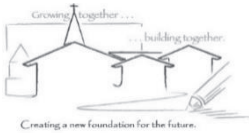
## Canadian Blood Services Clinic

Blood Donor Clinic to be held at Latchman Hall, 8 Park Dr. S.  
on **February 20<sup>th</sup>**. 40 donor spots available. Book an  
appointment by visiting [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) or call **1-888-2donate**.

**PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>**

# FEBRUARY 14, 2016

## FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged  
to date:  
**\$1,161,420**



## BE A SWEETHEART!

We know—and understand—that some of you find yourselves unable to help us at this time.

We ask for your prayers for our success!  
We need to have every commitment card on file.

Please send in your card!

Questions? Email us at: [stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca)

### St. Mark's Lenten Parish Mission

February 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> - February 16<sup>th</sup>

Starting with Sunday Masses February 13/14  
and continuing

Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, February 16  
7:30 pm Mass with extended homily

*Theme: Year of Mercy*

Facilitated by: Fr. John Yake I.V.Dei.

Formation Council St. Augustine's Seminary

### R. Michael Shewchuk Memorial Library

Grand Opening February 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>

At the request of the Shewchuk family, St. Mark's Parish presents the R. Michael Shewchuk Memorial Library! Grand opening to be held February 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. The Shewchuk family has also kindly donated 12 new adult books and 12 new children's books. The library will be located in the church foyer and will be open each weekend after mass.



Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm  
Grades 6 to 8

## 2015 Tax Receipts

2015 Tax Receipts can be picked up in the church foyer this weekend and on the weekend of February 20/21.



### Parish Movie Night

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>



#### This month's movie: Into Great Silence

German filmmaker, Philip Groning, waited sixteen years for permission to film inside the Grande Chartreuse Carthusian monastery. Total immersion into the hush of monastic life.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 162 minutes

## ALPHA Participants

Is there more to life than this?

Does God Exist?

Looking To Ignite Your Faith?

Would you like to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open environment?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

*Join us on Tuesdays starting April 5th  
for 10 weeks from 7:00pm - 9:00pm.*

Each session includes a meal, a short talk, and discussion. Let Alpha help you in finding some answers to your questions.

For further information, please contact  
Connie Quadrini, #416-319-0021

## ALPHA Volunteers

*Has the Holy Spirit blessed you with the gift of hospitality to welcome newcomers and guests? Do you have skills in administration? Can you cook and/or bake? Are you willing to help with set up and/or clean up? Can you help people feel included in group discussions?*

*...then we need you!*

Please consider giving your time and talents as a volunteer for our first ALPHA program at St. Mark Church. Visit our ALPHA table at the back of the church to sign up. Volunteer training sessions will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. For more information, contact Connie Quadrini at #416-319-0021.

## St. Mark's Women's Recollection

Monday, February 22<sup>nd</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.

## St. Mark's Pasta Night

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

*Come and enjoy a delicious meal!*



Penne Pasta, Home Made Sausage & Meatballs,  
Cold Cuts, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea  
Adults \$15 Youth \$8 10 & under \$5

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Tickets will be sold after the weekend masses

For information call Charles Barnes at 905-640-8230

## Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

### HOME MADE PIZZA DINNER

Beat the cold of winter by coming out for fellowship and a fantastic dinner. We will start our meeting earlier - at 6:30pm - as we will be enjoying a full meal of homemade pizza, salad and dessert. We will also be making rosaries. **Come out and join us...and bring a friend!**

*If you need a ride to the meeting,*

*contact Bernice van Herpt at [bvanherpt@rogers.com](mailto:bvanherpt@rogers.com)*

## Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.



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