



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
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Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ushers
Women's Ministry
Youth 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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, March 1st @ 7:00 pm

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family
- † Trevor O'Connor req. by Josh Steffoff
- † Robin Lipsius req. by Marlene Robitaille
- Usling Family req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, March 2nd @ 8:30 am

- † Bill Crawford and Intentions of the Gr. 6 class req. by Maureen Crawford

Thursday, March 3rd @ 8:30 am

- † Ashley Fogal req. by Mitchell Family

Friday, March 4th, Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm

- † Lorraine Matthews req. by Groombridge Family

Saturday, March 5th @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Al Lowe req. by Fr. Michael
- † Gennaro Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Roy Paton req. by Eleanor and Peter Rudner
- † Charles Gilbert Hunter req. by McCormick Family

@ 5:00 pm

- † Cahal Francis Stewart req. by Kathleen Stewart

Sunday, March 6th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

- † Paul David Ignagni req. by Antonietta and Frank Ignagni and Family

@ 12:30 pm

- † Pricilo and Lilibeth Gamboa req. by Cris & Angel Dumanat

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)

Lenten Stations of the Cross



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

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

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,988

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 4th from 7 pm to 9 pm

Eastridge Evangelical Missionary Church

12485 Tenth Line, Stouffville, Phone # 905-640-3911

Special Speaker: Ruth Ann Elliott, Camino Global

Featured country of focus is Cuba

A Night of Musical Entertainment

Saturday, March 5th from 7 pm to 9 pm

In partnership with St. Mark's Church, O'Neill

Funeral Home is hosting a night of musical

entertainment in support of a Syrian refugee family.

O'Neill Funeral Home, 6324 Main St., Stouffville

Light Refreshments will be served.

Open to the public. Cash donations for the

family as well as donations to the

Stouffville Food Bank are welcome.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

March 5th from 9 am to 5:30 pm

24th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 5th

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

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

www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

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



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Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

St. Mark School 50th Anniversary

Monday, April 25, 2016



SAVE THE DATE!!!

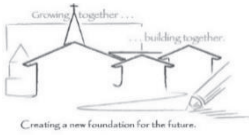
St. Mark CES is celebrating its 50th. Anniversary!

Monday, April 25, 2016

We hope that you will be able to join us on this special day to celebrate the wonderful history of our community as we look forward to our future.

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged
to date:
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DID WE MISS YOU?

DID YOU RECEIVE AN INFORMATION PACKAGE ABOUT OUR EXCITING EXPANSION?

If you did not, there will be a package
waiting for you after Mass.

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, video presentation, and group
table discussion. Let Alpha bless you with a real experience
of God that stirs up your faith and sets your heart on fire.

For further information, please contact
Connie Quadrini at 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.

For more information, please contact
Connie Quadrini at #416-319-0021.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, February 29th 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*



Friday, March 4th from 7 pm to 9 pm
Grades 6 to 8



Poverty Lunch

March 6th after the 11 am Mass

Many of us do not know what it is like to go without food
so this Lent the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting
its second annual poverty lunch that includes a bowl of
homemade soup, bun and a bottle of water to remind us
of how lucky we are. **This will take place on March 6th
after the 11 am mass and before the 12:30 pm mass in the
Parish Hall.** Everyone is welcome. There is no cost but a
donation would be welcomed. See you on the 6th!

Church Cleaning for Easter Volunteers Needed



Thursday, March 10th starting at 9 am
Volunteers are needed to clean the church
for Easter. Please bring your buckets,
rubber gloves and cloths for the clean-up.

Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you are
able to help out.

Day of Confessions at St. Mark

Saturday, March 12th from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm



9:30 am – 10:00 am

Fr. Michael Hughes

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Msgr Conrad Dachuck

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Fr. Michael Hughes

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

To be advised

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fr. Bill Burns

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Fr. Michael Hughes

Ash Wednesday Collection

Thank you for your generosity! The Ash Wednesday
collection totalled \$2,415. Half of the money will be given
to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the other half will
go to support the charitable works of a group of Irish
Religious in Pakistan who work with indentured Hindu
laborers. We will provide further details in the near future.

Book of the Month


R. Michael Shewchuk Memorial Library book of the month:
Children's Book: The Clown of God by Tomie de Paola
Adult Book: Rome Sweet Home by Scott Hahn

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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