



# 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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T: 905-642-5100

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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!



# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † Olga Novak req. by Bev and Family
- † Rosario, Teresa and Gino Novello req. by Franco Mallia
- † Bill Fleming req. by Bruce and Tania Orr

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

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy & Mario Ciardullo

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

- Peter McAleer req. by Fr. Michael

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Federico Cimone req. by Romano and Mary Lou Acciaccaferri

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- For the Sick req. by Fr. Michael
- † Silvio and Rosina Pierotti req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti

**@ 5:00 pm**

- † Doreen and Michael Singh req. by Singh Family

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- † Ron MacDonald req. by Mary and Rick Powell

**@ 11:00 am**

- † Gerry Montanari req. by Maria Montanari and Family

**@ 12:30 pm**

- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

## 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>



**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)**

## Mark Your Calendars

**The New Evangelization Summit is coming May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The main event will be held in Ottawa and hopefully, there will also be a remote site in Toronto.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,636

## 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.

“Sister Therese saw everything from the standpoint of faith; she never confined herself to the worldly or human side of events. When she had charge of the novices for instance, she never permitted them to criticise sermons or conferences. It was not that she thought all priests spoke equally well, but she could not bear for people to dwell on the shortcomings of their preaching. The same was true of the shortcomings of priests themselves: the spirit of faith did not allow these to be discussed, she said.

She went to confession for the first time when she was about six and a half years old. She regarded this as a great event in her life and very carefully examined her conscience before me. I had told her that the tears of the

Child Jesus would fall on her soul and purify it at the moment of the priest's blessing, so she looked forward to it as if it were a great feast.”— 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 by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and Bishop Scott McCaig. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass with Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will also be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks, inspirational skits, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass. For information: WEB: [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](tel:905-640-6954) or emailing [stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca).

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

## Building Expansion Corporate Donor

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## Holy Hour

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.

## 2016 Tax Receipts

**February 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>**

2016 Tax Receipts can be picked up in the church foyer on the weekend of February 4/5 and February 11/12.

## 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

## Prayer Box

Please leave your prayer requests in the prayer request box in the foyer and the Charismatic Prayer Group will be pleased to pray for your intentions at their meetings.

## 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.

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)



## Catholic Corner

As Catholics, we are blessed to have traditions and sacramentals such as the brown scapular.



### Wearing a Scapular

A scapular typically consists of 2 rectangular pieces of wool cloth with religious text or image on each side, connected by 2 strings. One piece rests on your chest and the other drops down your back.

### Origin of the Brown Scapular

The brown scapular is most likely the oldest of all the scapulars and has served as a model for all others. It was in 1251 that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St.

Simon Stock with a scapular in her hand and said, "Whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant." Mary also promised to grant special aid, especially at the hour of death, to all those who wear the scapular with fidelity and honor throughout life. Those who wish to become invested in the Confraternity of Mount Carmel need only have their scapular blessed by a priest and then wear it at all times to share in the indulgences and privileges.

### Where to get a scapular

The St. Mark bookstall sells scapulars from \$2 to \$10.

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



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