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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.
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-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
Weekly 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

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)

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy
(Before Friday 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
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
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Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Media Stand & Bookstall
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

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

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Serra House
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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T: 416-934-0606
W: 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!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 17th @ 7:00 pm

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio and Mary Benincasa

† Romano Stipceovich req. by Milka Stipceovich

Wednesday, January 18th @ 8:30 am

Donna, Tom and Russell Kelly req. by Kelly Family

Thursday, January 19th @ 8:30 am

Niall Hamell req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, January 20th @ 7:00 pm

† Enrique De Las Alas req. by Cruz Family

Saturday, January 21st @ 9:00 am

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

† Gerry Headon req. by Fr. Michael

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi

† Patricia Chalmers req. by Coreen Doucett @ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, January 22nd @ 9:00 am

† Fred Gaerlan req. by Quadrini Family @ 11:00 am

† Loretta Russo req. by Romano and MaryLou Acciaccaferri @ 12:30 pm

† Dino Raponi req. by Tony, Onesima and Family

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Patricia Petura, Paola Malandrino, Filomena Di Santo

Is God Calling You?

St Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux,

Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

Community Prayer Meeting

Sunday, January 15 from 7 pm to 8 pm

TOGETHER IN CHRIST WE CAN SEE OUR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMED!

Christians from all of Whitchurch Stouffville are invited each month to come together to worship and pray for the needs of our churches, community, schools, government, businesses and individuals.

Where: Stouffville Pentecostal Church
6853 Main Street

When: Sunday, January 15 at 7 pm

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.

“When Therese entered Carmel, I must admit there was a certain amount of laxity in the convent. Many nuns were, no doubt, quite observant, but there were not a few who were guilty of abuses. The Servant of God got on with her duty and took no notice of what others did. I have never seen her stop to hear the latest news from the groups that gathered round Mother Prioress outside the parlour, or listen to uncharitable conversations. In our family troubles, she was much braver than the rest of us. After hearing painful news in the parlour, such as our father's state of health, she did not hang around to comfort herself by talking to us about it; she returned immediately to whatever she should have been doing in the community at the time.”— Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's sister and prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

Saturday, February 18th from 9 am to 4:30 pm

On **February 18th** join **Fr. Larry Richards** and **Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine** for Serviam Ministries' 2nd annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr., Toronto. The theme is “Step Up”. The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place. Special Father/Son rates available.

All info and tickets:

www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/,
info@ServiamMinistries.com or
1-888-522-2070.

25th 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 keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. There will be a Eucharistic Adoration procession 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 with Bishop Scott.

For information and ticket sales:

WEB: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

EMAIL: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

Mark Your Calendars

**The New Evangelization Summit is coming
May 12th and 13th, 2017**

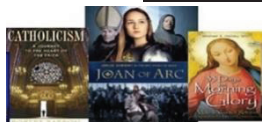
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Parish Movie Night

Saturday, January 21st



This month's movie:

Therese

Therese recounts the life of Therese of Lisieux, the most popular saint in modern times and her spiritual path of love that she called her "Little Way".

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge.

Rated: PG Running Time: 96 minutes



Alpha Registration Now Open

Alpha is starting January 31, 2017!

The online registration form can be accessed from the home page of our parish website at

www.stmarkstouffville.ca or

directly at the following link

<http://tinyurl.com/StMarkALPHA2017-WS>

There are also paper copies of the registration form in the foyer at the bookstall.

School Registration

Kindergarten registration for all Stouffville Catholic Elementary schools has begun. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, visit the Board's website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions.

French Immersion Registration

Parents of current SK students attending at

St. Mark or St. Brigid schools who are considering registering their children for grade 1 French Immersion, will need to apply online at www.ycdsb.ca by Thursday, January 26, 2017. Further information can be gained by visiting our school website at smk.ycdsb.ca

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 25th from 7 pm to 9 pm

The first preparatory Confirmation class will take place on Wednesday, January 25th in the Parish Hall at 7 pm.

St. Mark's Dinner Dance

Friday, February 3rd



When: Friday February 3rd, 2017

Where: Royal Canadian Legion Banquet Hall
150 Mostar Street, Stouffville

Time: Reception 6:30,
Fabulous Buffet Dinner 7:30,
Dancing till Midnight

Tickets: \$40.00 for Adults; \$25.00 for Seniors and Youth (high school & up)

Please come join us to celebrate the wonderful success of our Church Expansion campaign, and meet some great new parishioners.

Tickets will be on sale in the foyer after each mass, or call Charles Barnes @ 905 640 8230.



Catholic Corner

- Integrity -

How do we display our Catholic Faith in our everyday life? How do we operate with integrity when the world operates in the grey?

Integrity is choosing to have consistent moral and ethical standards in our daily life and everyday routines.

So, when we are at the grocery store and walk out accidentally with an unpaid item, do we go back and pay? When an item is fallen off the rack in a store do we pick it up? Do we offer help to an elderly person when we are in a rush? Do we pray before our meals? Do we tell the truth? Are we careful what we search for on the internet?

OR

Do we rationalize and justify our behaviour? The store clerk can pick that up or the store prices are way to high...one accidental free item is ok, let someone else with more time help the senior, who cares about a small fib, I'm not hurting anyone by looking at pictures, everyone else is doing it! We must be careful not to accept behaviours the world has normalized. **One of the most difficult challenges in our lives is to be in the world but not of the world.** (John 15:19)

Integrity always starts with the small things. If we are not faithful with the small choices in our life, how can we be trusted with the big decisions? The Lord has asked us to be a bright light in a dark world. (Phil 2:15)

We are to walk with **integrity** and stand out from the crowd.

If we are truly "Catholics", people will notice "our light."

If we are no different from the rest of the world how will the world ever come to know and love Jesus?

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