# 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 - 9:00 am Saturday 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 Mercv

(Before Friday pm Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena (Saturday Morning Mass)

### **BAPTISM**

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the fover of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, please allow for up to 3 PARISH MINISTRIES months for an anticipated Altar Servers 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 RCIA parish one year in advance. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil St. Vincent de Paul Society or religious marriage no date Ushers may be set until the Bishop's Women's Ministry 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.

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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 T: 416-968-0997 W: vocationstoronto.ca

# **ARCHDIOCESE OF** TORONTO

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 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** Niall Hamill reg. by Fr. Michael

† Helene Barbara Neal req. by Marilyn DuChene

† Trevor O'Connor req. by Josh Stefoff

Wednesday, January 20th @ 8:30 am

**†** Michael Burgess req. by Eric Cashen

Thursday, January 21st @ 8:30 am

Gary Headon and Family req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, January 22nd @ 7:00 pm

T Loreta Russo req. by MaryLou and Romano Acciaccaferri

Saturday, January 23rd @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Fr. Royden Thoms req. by Fr. Michael Thanksgiving req. by Peter Willan

† Patricia Chalmers req. by Coreen Doucett

† Anka Benkovic req. by Katica Iskric @ 5:00 pm

† Dino and Pasqualina Raponi req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi and Family

Sunday, January 24th @ 9:00 am

Tomasina Parente req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi

@ 11:00 am

† Francesco and Giaconda Ronco req. by Emilio and Lina Ronco

@ 12:30 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

# **Pray For The Sick**

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

# **Pray For The Recently Deceased**

Jack Flanagan, Grace Bodogh, Aldo Nardi, Teresa McPhee

# **Vocations**

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

# **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.

# **Prayer for Christian Unity**

Sunday, January 24 at 4 pm

Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Chaldean Catholic Bishop Emanuel Shaleta, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, and other citywide religious leaders on:

# Sunday, January 24th at 4:00 pm Good Shepherd Chaldean Church

2 High Meadow Place (north-west of Finch Ave and Hwy 400)
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Parking is available, refreshments to follow in parish hall
For further information, please contact the Office of
Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at:
416-934-3400 ext. 344 or vkwok@archtoronto.org

# **Stouffville Community Prayer Meeting** Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8:30 pm

You are invited to join with other Christians living in Stouffville to worship and pray for the needs of our churches, community, schools, government, businesses and individuals. Meeting to take place at the **WS Town Hall Council Chambers at 111 Sandiford Dr., Stouffville**.

# York Catholic School Board Winter Programs

YCDSB offers a variety of educational programs throughout the school year for Elementary and Secondary students as well as for Adults living in York Region. For program information and registration procedures, kindly visit the York Catholic School Board website and click on Continuing Education. Kindly take note of the registration deadlines and register early to avoid disappointment. We thank you for your continued support. http://ce.ycdsb.ca

# **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration has now begun in all York Catholic schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, check the parish bulletin board or visit our website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions



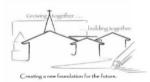
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# **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**

A website with the locations of the Holy Doors, information about how to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence and other resources for the Year of Mercy can be found at: <a href="https://www.archtoronto.org/mercy/">https://www.archtoronto.org/mercy/</a>.

Partial List of designated churches with a Holy Door of Mercy:

St. Paul's Basilica – 83 Power Street, Toronto

St. Theresa's Parish – 2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough

Martyrs' Shrine – 16163 Highway 12 West, Midland

Marylake Shrine – 13760 Keele St, King City

# Confirmation - Grade 8

# Wednesday, January 20th from 7 pm to 9 pm

The second preparatory Confirmation class for Gr. 8 students will take place on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall beginning at 7 pm.

# Women's Ministry Meeting Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

# Real Life Testimonials

This month, speakers from our women's ministry community will be sharing stories from their own life experiences and how their Catholic faith played a role: whether they had to stand up for their beliefs or how their experiences have impacted them as women. The talk will be followed by short, inspirational videos from the "Chosen" program, discussion and then a social. If you need a ride to the meeting, contact Bernice van Herpt at bvanherpt@rogers.com

# **Steubenville Youth Conference**

July 22 - 24, 2016



The Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference will be coming to the UOIT Campus in Oshawa from July 22 – 24, 2016. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2016 up to those who will

be graduating high school by the end of 2016 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 a spot. Please visit the website for further details www.steubenvilletoronto.com

## **2016 World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

Pope Francis declared the theme for 2016 World Day of Migrants and Refugees (January 17) to be "Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy". Weeks later, Cardinal Thomas Collins established Project Hope in the Archdiocese of Toronto in response to the refugee crisis in the Middle East. Since then, we have established enough sponsorship committees to support 90 refugee families and raised more than \$3.5 million to support newcomers in their first year of resettlement.

Cardinal Collins wrote: "This is a tremendous accomplishment and I thank all donors for this tangible demonstration of assistance for refugee families in great need. I also wish to express my profound thanks to the countless volunteers who have formed refugee settlement committees. Let us continue to pray for all those persecuted and displaced in so many parts of our world."

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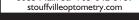
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