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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant
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)
Sunday - 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)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 - 8:55 am
4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

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
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ushers
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
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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: vocationtoronto.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!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 23rd @ 7:00 pm

- † Wing Chiu Chan req. by Mary and Gordon Lee
- † Concetta Cannarella req. by Sebastiano Cannarella

Wednesday, January 24th @ 8:30 am

- † Fr. Roy Thoms req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, January 25th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Wilma Willan req. by Peter Willan

Friday, January 26th @ 7:00 pm

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
- † Eugeniana "Nena" Pedron req. by Piedad Family

Saturday, January 27th @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon
- † Fiorina Castriota req. by Adele Castriota
- † Rosina and Raffaele Aquino and Antonio Melo req. by Antoneta Musto

@ 5:00 pm

- † Bernardo "Dino" Collura (First Anniversary of Death) req. by Josephine Collura and Family

Sunday, January 28th @ 9:00 am

- † Hugo Biondi req. by Ossi and Ann Pierotti

@ 11:00 am

- † Karl and Anna Bayer req. by Erika Bayer

@ 12:30 pm

- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Quote from St. Mother Teresa

I must be able to give **only Jesus** to the world.

People are hungry for God.

What a terrible meeting it would be with our neighbour if we give them only ourselves.

- St. Mother Teresa -

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering

\$ 6,071

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins

February 11th, 2018 at 3 pm at Blessed Trinity

As part of Marriage Sunday celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to join in this special celebration.

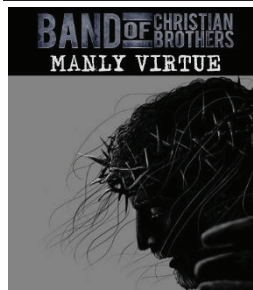
Location: Blessed Trinity, 3220 Bayview Ave, North York

Date and Time: Sunday, February 11th at 3 pm

To register: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or call (416)934-3400 ext. 523

Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

Saturday, February 24th



One Day Intensive

Men's Retreat

consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer.

The theme is "Manly Virtue".

Date: Saturday, February 24th

Time: 9 am to 4:30 pm

Location: Canadian Christian College

50 Gervais Dr., Toronto

General Admission: \$45 **Father/Son Admission:** \$36

Information: www.serviamministries.com

Divine Renovation 2018 Conference

June 11 - 12, 2018 in Halifax, Nova Scotia



Divine Renovation

Are you feeling called to move your parish from maintenance to mission? The Divine Renovation 2018 conference will bring together people like you from around the world to explore principles and tactics of parish renewal.

Join Fr James Mallon, the Divine Renovation and Saint Benedict Parish teams for several days of talks, networking opportunities and worship. In addition to the keynotes, there will be breakout sessions on a range of topics including hospitality, youth ministry, sacraments and many more.

This conference is for: pastors, priests, lay leaders, and passionate parishioners who want to be part of moving their parish from maintenance to mission.

Divine Renovation conferences sell out quickly.

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

JANUARY 21, 2018

Blessed Candles for Your Home



Candlemass candles will be available for purchase in the church foyer at a cost of **\$3 each beginning on January 20th**. These candles are traditionally blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. **Bring your candles for blessing to the Mass on Friday, February 2nd (7 pm Holy Hour and 8 pm Mass).**

Scotland and Ireland Pilgrimage Information Night

Thursday, January 25th at 7:30 pm



For people interested in hearing more about the Pilgrimage to Scotland and Ireland, we invite you to the upcoming Pilgrimage Information Night.

Date and Time: Thursday, January 25th at 7:30 pm

Location: St. Mark's Church, Parish Hall

Pilgrimage Dates: September 23 to October 5

Travel Arrangements by: QS Travel & Tours

Pilgrimage under the spiritual guidance of Father Michael Hughes

Women's Ministry Meeting

January 29th at 6:30 pm



Our January meeting is gearing up to be another exciting (and yummy) one so we hope you'll join us. Please join us on Monday, January 29 at 6:30PM for fun and camaraderie, and some homemade lasagna with all the fixings.

We're bringing back a favourite from last year - Catholic Word Games! Test your knowledge, learn something new, help teach others something they may not have known or forgot they knew. Have fun while learning to feel more comfortable and confident in your faith and the mass, and strengthen your abilities to defend your faith when challenged or asked questions.

We hope to see you there! And of course, bring a friend or two.

For more information, please contact the Women's Ministry at stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com.

Visit us on Facebook for Women's Ministry news @ <https://www.facebook.com/StMarksWomensMinistry>.

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 31st

The first preparatory Confirmation class will take place on Wednesday, January 31st in the Parish Hall.



Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

Beloved: Marriage Course

February 15, March 1 and April 19



Thinking about getting married?

Newly wed?

Married outside the church?

Married for many years and need some invigoration?

This Course is for you!

Classes will be in video format.

Because marriage is a personal matter there will be no formal small group discussion.

Class Dates: February 15, March 1, April 19

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: St. Mark's Church, Parish Hall

No cost to attend. Spaces are limited.

Sign up sheet located at the bookstall in the foyer.

"A Little Way to Pray" e-book

written by Monica McConkey



"A Little Way to Pray" is a 14 page e-book with thoughtful reflections and practical tips for personal prayer as well as printable Pocket Prayer Prompts.

The e-book includes different approaches to prayer that are guaranteed to get us praying when we most need to!

You can download a free copy of this e-book at: <http://armadei.com/product/little-way-to-pray/>

Enter Coupon Code: LittleWayStMark

Thank you!

Sincere thanks to **Susan Dizon** for the wonderful job she did replacing the velcro on the ministry gowns.

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