



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

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Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Edge
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Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
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W: vocationtoronto.ca

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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!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 31st @ 7:00 pm

Mary Ann Mehes req. by Fr. Michael
Reyanne Achong req. by Fr. Michael
Fr. Michael req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, February 1st @ 8:30 am

Seamus Magill req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, February 2nd @ 7:30 pm

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

† Miguel Herrera Sr. req. by Marie and Camille Herrera

Friday, February 3rd, Holy Hour @ 6:00 pm and Mass @ 7:00 pm

† Mary and Maureen Kelly req. by Baker Family

Saturday, February 4th @ 9:00 am

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

† Pierotti and Biondi Families req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti

† Francine Murphy req. by Marlene Robitaille

† Norma and Jaime Gamboa req. by Angel and Cris Dumanat

† Dionicio Quesada req. by Clemen Casil
@ 5:00 pm

† Luigi Pirocchi req. by Stefanie Bruno

Sunday, February 5th @ 9:00 am

Fr. Michael Hughes - Thanksgiving req. by Quadrini Family
@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
@ 12:30 pm

† Biagio Ferri req. by Maria Ferri

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Paola Malandrino, Filomena Di Santo

Coldest Night of the Year Walk Saturday, February 25th



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**

Mark Your Calendars

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

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

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.

“She was always serene despite her aridity and sufferings; she was so sweet-tempered that one might say grace played a perpetual smile on her lips. But more often than not, that smile was not the expression of natural joy. It was caused by a love for God that made her see a source of joy even in suffering. However, for all its generosity her fervour expressed itself with great simplicity and was entirely free of any affectation or stiffness.”— Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's sister and prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

**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 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

Tickets

Tickets for this event can be purchased through the St. Mark Church office by calling **905-640-6954** or emailing stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca.

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

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- St. Teresa of Avila -

JANUARY 29, 2017

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Utilize this great resource to discover more about your Catholic faith!

It's easy to get started!

- Go to formed.org
- Scroll down and Click on Register
- Create your Free account by entering the Parish Code and your email address
- Our Parish Code is **7FF83T**

If you require technical help, please call the Parish Care Team toll free at 1-844-367-6331.

This free gift subscription will only last until Easter weekend.



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.

Women's Ministry Meeting Monday, January 30th at 7:30 pm

"Soup and Small Group"

This month, we will be having a soup and small group night, to talk about how prayer and worship help us to discern how to deal with difficult times in our life. We hope you will join us as we gather to share a warm bowl of homemade soup, fellowship and prayer. Please RSVP for this meeting by

January 29, 2017, to

stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com.

We hope you'll come out...and bring a friend!

Change to Mass Time and Holy Hour On Friday, February 3rd

Schedule for Friday, February 3rd

Holy Hour 6 pm to 7 pm

Mass at 7 pm

* This scheduling adjustment has been made for February 3rd because of the Dinner Dance *

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 28. These candles are traditionally blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Bring your candles for blessing to the mass on Thursday, Feb. 2nd at 7:30 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 Youth (High school & up)

Please come join us to celebrate the 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.



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, February 18th



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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Join in an ecumenical prayer service, led by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, Chaldean Catholic Bishop Emanuel Shaleta, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba Mina, Anglican Suffragan Bishop Peter Fenty, and accompanied by other city-wide religious leaders on:

Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3 pm

**St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond Street, Toronto**

Paid parking is available, refreshments to follow. For further information contact: vkwok@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or 527.

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