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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 - 1 pm

JULY & AUGUST

9 am - 12 noon

CLOSED MONDAYS

Summer SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 7:00 pm

Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 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

- 11:00 am

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 - 8:55 am and
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

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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!

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, July 10th @ 7:00 pm

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio & Mary Benincasa
- † Teresa Ferrari req. by Dante & Lina Benincasa
- † Archie Mauro req. by Maria Mauro
- † Tony & Lina Mauro req. by Maria Mauro

Wednesday, July 11th @ 8:30 am

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, July 12th @ 8:30 am

and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Benincasa Family

Friday, July 13th @ 8:30 am

- † Loreta & Leonardo Russo req. by MaryLou & Romano Acciaccaferri
- † Emidio Acciaccaferri req. by MaryLou & Romano Acciaccaferri
- † John & Bill Taylor req. by Mary & Joanne Taylor

Saturday, July 14th

@ 9:00 am

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

- † Natividad Lomibao req. by Lomibao Family
- † Nicolaas & Betty van Ryn req. by Liza & Alfred Cadawas

@ 5:00 pm

- † Brian Ruddy req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, July 15th

@ 9:00 am

- † Danielle Duchesneau req. by Michael & Dina Simon

@ 11:00 am
St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Canadian Bishops

“Marijuana use is sinful despite legislation”

Marijuana will remain a sin in the eyes of the Church, Canada’s bishops have said, after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that recreational use of the drug would cease to be a crime.

With the exception of cannabis use for medicinal purposes, consuming marijuana violates the virtue of temperance and should be avoided, said Mgr Frank Leo, general secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. “Our bodies are ours to use, but we have to account one day to the Lord as to how we took care of them and what we did with them,” he said.

The Catechism calls the production and trafficking of drugs scandalous practices which “constitute direct cooperation in evil, since they encourage people to practices gravely contrary to moral law.” Mgr Leo said. “To this latter point might be added the legalisation of drugs for recreational purposes, for this legalisation risks being another way to proliferate seriously addictive substances as well as to condone practices which harm individuals and society.”

www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2018/06/26/canadian-bishops-marijuana-use-is-sinful-despite-legislation/

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

St. Mark’s Parishioners have the option to give their offertory via the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. With PAG, your offering is deducted automatically by direct debit from your bank account; no need to search for your cheque book or stop by a cash machine on the way to church.

PAG allows you to support your parish when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

Most importantly, you are in control. You can increase or decrease your amount or withdraw from the PAG plan simply by dropping a signed note in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Enrollment forms are available in the church foyer. To sign up for the program, simply fill in the form, attach a void cheque and submit it to the parish office or place it in an envelope in the collection basket.

For more information, please call the parish office.

Naming of New Stouffville School

Throughout the months of April and May, the Board consulted with its area schools to name the new school.

The following school names were chosen:

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic High School and Blessed Chiara Badano Catholic Elementary School.

A chapel in the high school will be named after Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

“A school is the heart of a community, and it was wonderful to witness Board and school staff come together with parents and Father Michael Hughes from St. Mark’s Parish to select names for our elementary and secondary schools,” says Ab Falconi, Director of Education.

St. Michael’s Cathedral Tour



If there is enough interest, another tour of St. Michael's Cathedral followed by a visit to the St. Lawrence Market will be scheduled in October 2018.

If this is a consideration for you, call Josie Schwarzli at 905-640-1693 or leave your name with Lisa in the office at 905-640-6954. Probable cost \$40.

Thank you!!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

A group of pilgrims stayed overnight at St. Mark’s Church last weekend.

We would like to thank the following people who helped by providing them with dinner and transportation of their belongings:

**Rose Cabrelli & Priscilla Fernandes
Francis Kelly & Patrick Baker**

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JULY 8, 2018

Location of Weekend Masses

Get ready for our move!

Beginning July 21st until the completion of our church renovations, the weekend masses on Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 9 am and 11 am will take place in the gym of St. Mark's School.

There will be signs directing parishioners to the entrance closest to the gym (the street number sign is posted outside the door that leads to the gym).

We thank you for your understanding while the church is under construction.



Set Up and Take Down Teams Needed for Mass at St. Mark School

We hope to create several teams of dedicated parishioners who are willing to either help set up for our weekend Masses on Saturday or take



everything down after Mass on Sunday. We hope to organize teams in such a way that each team will only be scheduled 1 to 2 times per month over the 14 months of our church renovation project. Ideally, we would like to create 6+ teams that will rotate throughout the year with 5 to 6 people per team so set up and take down can be done in 30 to 45 minutes.

Set up

- Set up chairs for Masses
- Put out altar, ambo and credence table
- Set out money boxes for Saint Vincent de Paul
- Place signs indicating where Mass is taking place
- Pull out a.v. equipment for music ministries
- Ensure the gym is clean from litter

Take down (essentially the opposite of everything above)

We are also looking for individuals who are willing to be "team captains" to direct and assist other volunteers.

Sign-up sheets located at the bookstall.

For more information, please contact Ben Tabucan at 905-640-6954 or stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com

Expansion Progress Report



St. Mark's Church Expansion

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Over the next several weeks we expect:

- All items removed from the inside of the Church and placed in storage.
- Expected date to vacate the church – July 21/22
- Sunday masses will be held at St. Mark's Catholic School, immediately adjacent to the church.
- Signs placed outside St. Mark's School to direct people to the door to use to enter the school.
- Folding chairs and portable altar set up in St. Mark's School gym for weekend masses.

Stay tuned to the bulletin and website.

Last Chance Sponsorship Opportunity For Church Expansion

The items listed below had to be dropped from our original Church Expansion plan.

We have only a few weeks to add these back into the plan if there is funding.

If anyone would like to take up this sponsorship opportunity, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

These items are currently being repriced by the contractor.

Front Canopy.....	\$ 12,800 (Sponsored)
Crying room.....	\$ 25,800 (Sponsored)
Kitchen.....	\$ 34,000 (Plan to do crowdfunding)
Side entrance enclosure.....	Approx. \$ 49,200 (Sponsored)
Pew support required.....	Details to follow

Summer Office Hours

JULY 3 TO AUGUST 31

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