

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 Saturdav - 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 you to register using the Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena (Tuesdav Evening Mass) Holy Hour (Thursday 9 - 10:00 am) **Divine Mercy** (Before Friday Mass) Mother of Perpetual Help (Saturdav Morning Mass)

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the explanation. 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 RCIA parish one year in advance. Sacramental Preparation If either party has previously Squires 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 **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

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 Youth Ministry

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS St. Mark's School 333 Glad Park Ave. T: 905-640-2915

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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

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Monday, March 20 th @ 7:30 pm Solemnity of St. Joseph
Church in Canada req. by Fr. Michael
Tuesday, March 21 st @ 7:00 pm
T Nicanor Bautista req. by Bautista Family
T Miguel Herrera Jr. req. by Marie & Camille Herrera
† Joseph Kassermelli req. by Yolanda Zogheib
Wednesday, March 22 nd @ 8:30 am
T Brendan Lyons req. by Fr. Michael
Thursday, March 23 rd @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour
from 9 am to 10 am
TEmidio Acciaccaferri req. by Romano and
MaryLou Acciaccaferri
Friday, March 24 th , Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm
and Mass @ 7:30 pm
† Special Intention req. by Baker and Kelly Family
Saturday, March 25 th @ 9:00 am
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &
McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
St. Mark's Parish Consecration req. by Fr. Michael
T Gennaro Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno
T Marilyn Delahey req. by Delahey Family
T Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon
T Benkovic Nikola and Family req. by Stefani Versa
and Family
@ 5:00 pm
T Rowena Alfonso req. by Lou & Heather Rendulich
Sunday, March 26 th @ 9:00 am
St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
@11:00 am
f T Mario Colosimo req. by Angela and Family
@ 12:30 pm
Sisters of Carmel of the Infant Jesus req. by St.
Mark's Alpha Team
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Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's
Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

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Sl ShareLife Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth...

On a given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20% of the total homeless population. In Toronto, estimates of homeless youth range from 900 to 2,000 nightly. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House have been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth in Toronto. 75% of these youth have been matched with mentors and have made progress in strengthening their life skills and family relationships, getting them ready for life on their own.

Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Spiritual Corner



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.

In my opinion, Sister Therese breathed the love of God just as I breathe air. When she was very little, mother used to make her offer her heart to God every morning, as is customary with children. But Therese was not satisfied with the morning recitation; she often repeated it by herself during the day. I remember thinking on the evening of her first communion day how like a seraph she looked; she was like someone who no longer lived on this earth. Whenever she came to visit me in the parlour from then till the time she entered, her conversations were always about the love of God and the practices of a devout life." - Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Join The "Call For Conscience" **Contact your Member** of Provincial Parliament

Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Please write to your MPP and visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca.

March For Life Thursday, May 11th in Ottawa

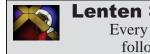


This year marks the 20th National March for Life in Ottawa.

The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day.

Rally on the Hill 12:30 – 1:30 pm March for Life 1:30 – 3 pm Silent No More speakers 3:00 – 4 pm Closing prayer service 4 – 4:30 pm

Theme: Life, We Stand on Guard for Thee



Lenten Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering

\$ 5,436

http://stmarkstouffville.ca PARISH WEBSITE

MARCH 19, 2017

Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord Saturday, March 25th at 9 am

The 9 am Mass on March 25th will be celebrated for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Poverty Lunch

Sunday, March 26th after the 11 am Mass



Many of us do not know what it is like to go without food so this Lent the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting

its third annual poverty lunch that includes a bowl of homemade soup, bun and a bottle of water to remind us of how lucky we are. This will take place on Sunday, March 26th after the 11 am Mass and

before the 12:30 pm Mass in the Parish Hall. There is no cost but a donation would be appreciated.

Everyone is welcome. See you on the 26th!

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, March 27th at 7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of reflection. prayer journaling and stress relief!

Lent is a good time for contemplation, so this month we are planning an evening to do just that. We will discuss our individual prayer life and rituals with each other, join in silent meditation, share our stories and ideas about how we pray, the prayers we've grown up with, talk in small groups and enjoy quiet music. Come comfortably dressed! This will be an evening of relaxation and we want you to enjoy yourselves. Bring your slippers, and a rosary if you can. (If you don't have a rosary, don't worry - we've plenty to share.) We can't wait to share this evening with you! Please join us, and as always, bring a friend. For more information, contact the Women's Ministry at stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com.

St. Mark's Parish Day of Lenten Confessions

Saturday, April 1st from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm



9:30 am – 10:30 am Fr. Michael Hughes 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Msgr. Conrad Dachuck 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Fr. Michael Hughes

Fr. Stephen Gilbert

Fr. John Duffy

3:00 pm – 4:45 pm **Church Cleaning for Easter Volunteers Needed** Tuesday, April 4th at 9 am



Church Cleanup! It's that time of year again. Come join us for a church cleaning on Tuesday, April 4th at 9 am. Please bring a bucket, rubber gloves and rag.

Signup sheet in the fover or call/text Jodi at 416-518-0338. Lunch will be served after.

SAVE THE DATE St. Mark's Summer Camp

Kingdom Camp

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for Kingdom Camp at St. Mark's Church.

Children entering Grades 2 to 4

Program Dates: Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14

Children entering Grades 5 to 8

Program Dates: Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21

Early Bird Special Pricing (register before April 24) 1st Child - \$125

Each additional sibling - \$100

Regular Pricing (register after April 24)

1st Child - \$160 Each additional sibling - \$140

Registration will take place at St. Mark's Church

Saturday, April 22nd from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

First come, first served basis. Registration forms are available for pickup in the church foyer.

FORMED

Catholic Faith Resources on Demand Have a Lent to Remember with Forgiven.

FORGIVEN No matter what you've done, no matter how

long you've been away Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To view this program and many others

- 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

Alpha – Thank you!!!

Thank you to the following members of the Rosary Apostolate for their generous contributions to the Alpha meal on February 21st – Lisa Baker, Susan Dizon, Francis Kelly, Geraldine Kelly, Bruce Orr, Tania

Orr and Jeanette Woodley

Catholic Websites

For current and informative news articles on the Church, check out the following websites:

www.archtoronto.org www.wordonfire.org

www.ewtnnews.com

www.lifesitenews.com

Please remember St. Mark's Church in your will.



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