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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
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
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 Mercy
(Before Friday pm Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
(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
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Counter's Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
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751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

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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!

PALM SUNDAY



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, March 22nd @ 7:00 pm

- † Trevor O'Connor req. by Josh Steffoff
- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa
- † Edward Kaliciak req. by Helen Kaliciak
- † Nicola Benkovic req. by Katika Iskric

Wednesday, March 23rd @ 8:30 am

- † Emidio Acciaccaferri req. by Mary Lou and Romano Acciaccaferri

Holy Thursday, March 24th @ 8:00 pm

Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Good Friday Services, March 25th

**@ 12 noon and 3:00 pm,
Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 pm**

Easter Vigil, March 26th @ 8:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Easter Sunday, March 27th @ 9:00 am

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
@ 11:00 am
- † Salvatore Battaglia req. by Dorothy Battaglia and Family
@ 12:30 pm
- † Leopoldo and Jamie Gamboa req. by Cris and Angel Dumanat

Pray For The Sick

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

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Michelle Trentadue (daughter-in-law of Alba and Steve)

The New Evangelization Summit

*An international event that will inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the **New Evangelization** April 15 – 16, 2016 in Ottawa*

For information go to: www.newevangelization.ca

Thank you for your help!

We would like to sincerely thank the following people who helped prepare the church for Easter:

- Jodi Harker, Bernice van Herpt, Susan Logan, Jeri-Lynn Vogan, Dot Gourley, Edna Billsborough, Pat McGuire, Navis Cruzada, Rose Cabrelli, Fidelis Noronha, Meagan Lynch and Erica Fazzina.
- Thank you also to Anna Bonkowski for washing the Eucharistic Minister gowns.



Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,915 ShareLife \$ 14,116

EASTER TRIDUUM 2016

Holy Thursday

NO MORNING MASS

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Until 11:00 pm

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1st Celebration – 12:00 noon

2nd Celebration – 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

Holy Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

Blessing of the Food – 2:45 pm

Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm

Reminder: Bring your bells to the Easter Vigil to ring at the time of the Gloria

Easter Sunday

Normal Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2016



Good Friday, March 25, at 7:15 pm

Holy Saturday, March 26, at 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 27

15 minutes before all

Sunday morning masses

Week of Easter Octave—after all masses

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016

15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses

Holy Week Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 22 **After evening Mass**

Wednesday, March 23 **½ hour before and ½ hour after morning Mass**

Holy Thursday, March 24 **After 8 pm Mass**

Holy Saturday, March 26 **10 am to 12 noon**

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

April 3rd



Confessions: 2 pm to 3 pm

Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 2:30 pm

Celebration of Mass: 3 pm

Holy Hour: 4 pm to 5 pm

MARCH 20, 2016

Good Friday Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land

Friday, March 25th

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to help Christians in the Holy Land who depend on this collection and to help protect the Holy Places.

Reminder: There will also be a collection on Holy Thursday for the benefit of the poor.

ALPHA Participants

Is there more to life than this? Does God Exist?
Looking To Ignite Your Faith?
Would you like to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open environment?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

Join us on Tuesdays starting April 5th for 10 weeks from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Each session includes a meal, video presentation, and group table discussion. Let Alpha bless you with a real experience of God that stirs up your faith and sets your heart on fire.

For further information, please contact
Connie Quadrini at 416-319-0021.

Physician Assisted Suicide Symposium

Saturday, April 2nd from 9 am to 12 noon

At St. Patrick's Parish – 5633 Hwy 7, Markham

Keynote speaker – Dr. Moira McQueen

from the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute

Learn more about the Catholic thought on this troubling issue that is about to become law. Ethical, Legal, medical and end of life issues to be discussed. Free admission.

Pre-registration required at stpatrickscwl@gmail.com

Euthanasia / Assisted Suicide

Tell Legislators How You Feel

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca and support the Coalition for HeathCARE and Conscience.

You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns.

Please urge your elected representative

- 1) To protect the vulnerable; and
- 2) To ensure that individuals and institutions can provide health care without having to compromise their moral convictions

Please take action no later than April 1, 2016.

National Catholic Mission

March 21 - 23

Salt and Light airing March 22 & 23 at 8 pm and midnight

Vision TV airing March 21 & 22 at 6 pm and 10 pm

Good Friday Church Office Hours

9 am to 12 noon



Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:30 pm

Our Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday. The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Good Friday Lenten Supper

Friday, March 25th at 6:30 pm

Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life will be providing a Lenten Meal in the Parish Hall on Good Friday. All are welcome. No cost to attend but good will offerings towards the St. Mark's Building Fund would be greatly appreciated.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, March 28th at 7:30 pm

Small Group / Café Night

This month, we will break into small groups to talk about how prayer and worship help us to discern how to deal with difficult times in our life. A special guest will share some thoughts and personal experiences on maintaining faith in hardship. We will also enjoy a coffee house-style music worship session with the High School Worship Team. If you need a ride to the meeting, contact Bernice van Herpt at bvanherpt@rogers.com.

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



Totus Tuus Summer Camp

July 10th – 15th, 2016

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for the Totus Tuus Summer Program at St. Mark.

Children entering Grades 1-6

Program Dates: Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm

Cost: \$75 for the first child in the family

\$60 for each additional sibling.

Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12

Program Dates: Sunday to Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm

Cost: Free

Starting March 30th, registration forms will be available for pickup at the church, or can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca

Registration will take place at St. Mark's Church

April 23rd from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm,

and after all masses on April 24th.

First come, first served basis.

More information about the program is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca or email stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca

Thank you to O'Neill Funeral Home

A big thank you to O'Neill Funeral Home for hosting a wonderful evening of musical entertainment on March 5th that raised \$1,500 to help the Refugee family that St. Mark's will be sponsoring. God bless you for your generosity!

Thank You to St. Brendan's School!

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Principal, Diane Sharp, the staff and the students of St. Brendan's School for their very generous donation of \$800 towards the St. Mark's Family of Faith Campaign! The money was raised during the Valentine's Dance held at the school in February.

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.

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