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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

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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.
T: 905-640-2915

St. Brendan's School
751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

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223 Millard St.
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W: vocationtoronto.ca

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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 27th @ 7:00 pm

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa
- † Teresa Shaw req. by Parents

Wednesday, March 28th @ 8:30 am

- † Nicholas Philip Constantinidis req. by Balsby Family

Holy Thursday, March 29th @ 8:00 pm

Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Eucharistic Adoration @ 8:30 pm

**Good Friday Services, March 30th
@ 12 noon and 3 pm**

Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 31st @ 8:00 pm

Celebrant: Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Easter Sunday, April 1st

- @ 9:00 am
- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa
- @ 11:00 am
- † Salvatore Battaglia req. by Battaglia Family
- @ 12:30 pm
- † Brian Ruddy req. by Fr. Michael

Good Friday Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is held this year on **Good Friday, March 30, 2018**. Today, as we know, living the Christian faith in the Middle East and in the Holy Land is not at all easy. Christians are often subjected to forms of oppression and discrimination that undermine their living conditions. Keeping hope alive in such circumstances is both difficult and vitally important.

Consequently, the small Christian presence has great need of the support and attention of the entire Church. The generosity of our Canadian Catholic Church comes together effectively in the Good Friday Pontifical Collection.

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

Christ's Work in the Liturgy Catechism of the Catholic Church

1085 In the liturgy of the Church, it is principally his own Paschal mystery that Christ signifies and makes present.

During his earthly life Jesus announced his Paschal mystery by his teaching and anticipated it by his actions. When his Hour comes, he lives out the unique event of history which does not pass away: Jesus dies, is buried, rises from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father "once for all." His Paschal mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by his death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is - all that he did and suffered for all men - participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by supporting the deaf community

Imagine you were a Deaf child and your parents and siblings didn't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. Says one grateful parent, "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 750 Deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice.

April 22nd is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

EWTN Network

Holy Week and Easter Programming



EWTN Network brings you great Holy Week and Easter programming on TV, Radio and Internet!

Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and Live Easter Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC, and much more!

Find your local TV or Radio station by going to ewtn.com/channelfinder/ or ewtn.com/radio/

Paul, Apostle of Christ Nationwide Release in theatres March 23, 2018



Produced by Catholic ministry ODB Films and starring acclaimed actors Jim Caviezel and James Faulkner, this movie dynamically and truthfully illustrates the beginnings of Christian persecution under the Roman Empire.

St. Paul's story is one of conversion, forgiveness and perseverance in the face of extreme intolerance, not unlike that faced by many Christians today.

This dramatic retelling of his life can move the hearts of both believers and nonbelievers.

To locate a theatre near you, go to:

<http://www.paulmovie.com/site/theaters/state/ON/>

Easter Retreat with Fr. Jacques Philippe April 14th at Newman Centre

The Eight Doors of the Kingdom
Saturday April 14th from 9 am to 3 pm
Newman Centre, 89 St. George St., Toronto
Registration:

<https://easterretreatnewman.eventbrite.ca>

Tickets: \$30 (Lunch included)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,773
ShareLife \$ 18,706

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

MARCH 25, 2018

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, March 26th at 6:30 pm

"Soup and Chat" with Carissa Douglas

Join us for our next meeting on Monday, March 26 at 6:30PM in the church hall. (Please note the earlier time.) This month's meeting will be "Soup and Chat" with Carissa Douglas. Carissa is a Catholic writer, speaker and mother of 12. She shares beautiful inspiring stories that deal with Catholic family life. We are thrilled to welcome Carissa to talk to us. Join us for soup with all the fixings, and for what is sure to be a worthwhile event. To ensure we have enough food for everyone, we'd ask that you please RSVP for this event to stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you, and please bring a friend!

Visit us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarksWomensMinistry/>

New Catholic School in Stouffville

Public Meeting: Thursday, April 12th at 7 pm

PUBLIC MEETING: New Catholic School in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

The York Catholic District School Board received funding from the Ministry of Education for a multi-use school in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville that will consist of a secondary school, an elementary school and child care centre. The Board is pleased to host a **Public Meeting** for the new Elementary and Secondary Catholic School. All families are welcome to attend!

When: Thursday, April 12, 2018 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Brendan Catholic Elementary School, 751 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville.

For more information: Please contact Trustee Elizabeth Crowe at elizabeth.crowe@ycdsb.ca

Holy Week Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 27	After evening Mass
Wednesday, March 28	½ hour before and ½ hour after morning Mass
Holy Thursday, March 29	After 8 pm Mass
Holy Saturday, March 30	10 am to 12 noon

Good Friday - Fast and Abstinence

Fasting: Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 is obliged to fast. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

Abstinence: Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Abstaining, in this context, is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. In lieu of fasting, one may substitute works of charity.

Good Friday Church Office Hours
9 am to 12 noon

EASTER TRIDUUM 2018



Holy Thursday (March 29)

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 (March 30)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1st Celebration – 12:00 noon

2nd Celebration – 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

Holy Saturday (March 31)

NO MORNING MASS and NO 5:00 PM MASS

Blessing of the Food – 2:45 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm

*** Celebrant: Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick ***

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

Easter Sunday (April 1)

Normal Sunday Morning Schedule

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

Divine Mercy Novena – 15 min. before all Masses



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2018

Good Friday, March 30, at 7:15 pm

Holy Saturday, March 31, at 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1 - 15 minutes before all

Sunday morning masses

Week of Easter Octave—after all masses

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018

15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses



Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 8th

Jesus I Trust In You



Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 2:30 pm

Celebration of Mass: 3 pm (Fr. Duffy)

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