



# 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

Altar Servers  
Altar Society  
Children's Liturgy  
Counter's Ministry  
Edge  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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W: [archtoronto.org](http://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!

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- Ochandiano Family req. by Fr. Michael
- † Philippe Gauthier req. by Marie-Jeanne and Jean Claude Cote
- † Lyn Mockler req. by Marita Concil

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

- † Claire Balbin req. by Remy Frair

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

- † Chin Lee Ha Sau req. by St. Mark's Choir

**Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

Amelia and Tony Chong Ling req. by Fr. Michael

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- St. Dunstan's Parish req. by Fr. Michael
- Brian Kelly req. by Paul and Pat McGuire
- † Delphine May Brand req. by Paul and Pat McGuire @ 5:00 pm
- † Dino Raponi req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi and Family

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 am**

- † Fiorina Castriota req. by Adele Castriota and Family @ 11:00 am
- St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

**Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's**  
Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

## SL ShareLife

### “Living the Gospel” by welcoming refugee families to Canada...

Julie and her younger sister arrived in Canada through the help of the Office for Refugees to meet a resettlement group that welcomed them with a home and open arms. As orphans from a Refugee Camp in Ghana, they now have a safe place to call home in a country where their lives are not threatened.

Julie is interested in studying and becoming a nurse in the maternity ward. She feels it is a passion she wants to pursue after watching her mother become ill and pass away after her sister's birth. They now have hope for a better future and are no longer alone because of the work done through ShareLife-supported Office for Refugees. Last year, the ShareLife-supported Office For Refugees assisted 6,000 people.

**Next ShareLife Sunday is June 4, 2017.**  
Please give generously.

### Church Gardens – Thank You!!!

Thank you to the following individuals who volunteered to help care for the church gardens this summer.

(All gardens have now been assigned to someone.)

**Anna Bonkowski, Natalia Horscroft, Maureen Morrison, Damiana McQuigge, Mario Petramala, Vince Sequeira and Milka Stipceovich.**

### Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,775

ShareLife Second Collection \$7,567

## 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.

(Continued from last week... Therese's offering of herself to God.)  
“After this exile here on earth, I hope to enjoy your company in our heavenly home, but I have no desire to amass a fortune of merits for heaven. I want to work solely for love of you, with no other end in view but to give you pleasure to comfort your Sacred Heart, and to save souls so that they can love you for all eternity. When the evening of life comes, I shall appear before you empty-handed, because I am not asking you to count my good deeds, Lord. In your eyes nothing we do is ever perfect. I want to be clothed in your own goodness and to receive from your love the eternal possession of yourself. You are the only throne or crown that I want, my Beloved. .”

Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## Marylake Marian Series

### 13760 Keele St., King City

May 15, 16, 17 and 20

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

##### MONDAY, MAY 15

7:00 pm: Welcome Mass for the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

##### TUESDAY, MAY 16

7:00 pm: Talk by Christine Foisy-Erickson on “Our Lady of Guadalupe - The Story” followed by Q & A and refreshments.

##### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7:00 pm: Talk by Christine Foisy-Erickson on “Our Lady of Guadalupe & the New Evangelization” followed by Q & A and refreshments.

##### SATURDAY, MAY 20

6:30 pm: Mass (in English) with Mariachi musical accompaniment.  
Dusk: Candlelight Rosary procession on the Rosary Path.



[www.marylake.com](http://www.marylake.com)

905-833-5368

## Feast of St. Rita at Marylake

Sunday, May 21 from 11 am to 5 pm

Marylake Shrine, 13760 Keele St. King City

[info@marylake.com](mailto:info@marylake.com) | [www.marylake.com](http://www.marylake.com) | 905-833-5368

Donation of \$10 per car is requested.

#### Schedule of Events:

11:00 am	Mass at the Shrine (English) Followed by a special blessing with the Relic of St. Rita, distribution of the Oil of St. Rita and blessing of roses for the procession.
12:30 pm	Outdoor Procession (English)
2:30 pm	Rosary at the Shrine (Italian)
3:00 pm	Mass at the Shrine (Italian)
4:30 pm	Outdoor Procession (Italian)

Everyone is welcome to spend the day on the grounds and bring along a picnic lunch.



MAY 14, 2017

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the St. Anne's room. All are welcome.

**New Beginning Talk**

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

You are invited to attend a New Beginnings talk.

**Topic:** What the Catholic Church teaches about Marriage and why in some cases a declaration of nullity (annulment) is granted.

**Guest Speaker:** Fr. Alexander Laschuk, JCL,

**Date and Time:** Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Catholic Pastoral Centre  
1155 Yonge St. Toronto - 4th Floor  
(Adjacent Summerhill Subway; Parking available)  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Talk begins at 7:00 p.m.

**The Church's Social Teachings**

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

An interesting talk on the Church's social teachings will be given by Paul Tomory in the Parish Hall on the following dates: **May 16th, 23rd and 30th after the 7 pm Mass.**

All are welcome!



**Parish Movie Night**

Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>



**This month's movie:**  
**Hidden in Silence**

*A True Story as Heartbreaking and Inspiring as Schindler's List.* Przemysl, Poland, WWII. Germany emerges victorious over the Russians, and the city comes under Nazi control. The Jewish are sent to the ghettos. While some stand silent, Catholic teenager Stefania Podgorska chooses the role of a saviour and sneaks 13 Jews into her attic. Every day, she risks detection- and immediate execution- by smuggling food and water to the silent group living above her. And when two German nurses are assigned to her living quarters, the chances of discovery become dangerously high. This is the true story of a young woman's selfless commitment and unwavering resolve in the face of war.

**Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm**

**Movie to start at 6:30pm**

The movie is free of charge. Rated: 14A Running Time: 90 mins

**Bundle Weekend**

May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>



**Bundle Sunday**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a **Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** accepting donations of clothing, footwear,

small household goods, bedding, and toys. Please note they do not accept appliances, dishes, furniture, books, videos or mattresses. Please bring your donations and help others in your community. Thank you!

**Women's Ministry**

**An Evening of Glory and Praise**

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Monday, May 29th at 7:30PM is the final Women's Ministry meeting of the 2016/2017 year! Our third annual "Glory and Praise" Night will be extra special this year, as it will take place in the church itself. Please join us for this joyful evening of praise, joy, singing and fellowship.

Refreshments will follow. Bring a friend! For more information about this meeting, or to find out what we're all about, please contact the Women's Ministry at [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com). Like us on

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

**Martyrs' Shrine Pilgrimage**

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>



The Women's Ministry is organizing a pilgrimage for St. Mark's parishioners to the Martyrs' Shrine on Sunday, June 11, 2017. Join us as we travel to Midland to visit the beautiful Martyrs' Shrine, tour the grounds, walk the Rosary Walk and join in a celebration of Mass together. This very

special event is open to all adult parishioners, men and women (youth of high school age are welcome). Please pack a picnic lunch. **Bus transportation provided. Cost of the event is \$30 per person to cover transportation costs.**

Thank you to Father Michael and St. Mark's Parish for subsidizing our event and helping to make this trip possible! The Women's Ministry will cover the cost of admission to the shrine, and provide snacks and water during the day. **The bus will depart St. Mark's at 7:30AM and return by 5:00PM.** Spaces are limited, so register as soon as possible. **The deadline to RSVP is May 26.**

Registration will take place in the church foyer after all weekend masses in May, or visit the parish office to sign up. For more information, please contact the Women's Ministry at [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com).

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**St. Mark's Summer Camp**

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

**Children entering Grades 5 to 8**

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

**Registration**

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

Registration forms are available in the church foyer or by going to: [www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017)

Please drop off completed forms to the church office.

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