



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
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STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
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Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.
Lad Mehes - Custodian

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
JULY & AUGUST
9 am - 12 noon
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
Wed. & Thurs. - 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
-12:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

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

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 to all new parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

COMMUNION FOR THE

SICK AND HOUSE-

BOUND

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

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
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
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Ministry of Hospitality
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Group
Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Women's Ministry
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St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
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Serra House
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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!

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, May 19th @ 7:00 pm

- † Teresa Shaw req. by Elizabeth and Dominic Flagello
- † Peg Elliott req. by Jim Elliott and Family & Martha Robertson and Family
- † William Crawford req. by DeLorey Family
- † Lucia Fronte req. by Sara Cugno and Family

Wednesday, May 20th @ 8:30 am

- † Paul MacLeod req. by Margaret Michalsky

Thursday, May 21st @ 8:30 am

Bishop Vianney Fernando req. by Fr. Michael
@ 7:00 pm Confirmation Ceremony

Friday, May 22nd @ 8:30 am

- † For Married People req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, May 23rd @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- My School Teachers req. by Fr. Michael
- † Vincenzo Tassone req. by Maria Tassone
- † Maria Rosa Vitro req. by Maria Tassone
- @ 5:00 pm**
- † Dino Raponi req. Onesima and Tony Raponi

Sunday, May 24th @ 9:00 am

- † Ross Cassano req. by Cassano Family
- @ 11:00 am**
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
- @ 3:00 pm First Communion Ceremony**

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Douglas Ciceri Sr. and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Benvenuto Nobile, Natalie Ware, Matthew Jeremiah

Vocations

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem – to wait – to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Same-sex Marriage News Article

An article entitled Head to head: A daughter of a lesbian mother argues against same-sex marriage has been published in the Irish Times. To read this article, go to <http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/head-to-head-a-daughter-of-a-lesbian-mother-argues-against-same-sex-marriage-1.2186608>

Stouffville Community Prayer

May 24th in the Town Hall Council Chambers

Members of Christian Parishes in Stouffville meet on the last Sunday of each month from 7 pm to 8:30 pm to pray for our community. The next prayer meeting will take place on **Sunday, May 24th**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ShareLife



Working wonders for our new arrivals in Canada...

Within one year of arriving in Canada, large numbers of immigrants who had no prior mental health problems experience mental health challenges that often impede their ability to settle in Canada. In addition, there are few culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services. Last year, ShareLife agencies helped to meet this challenge by providing advocacy programs for more than 40,000 immigrants and refugees in the GTA.

Together we can work wonders!

Pan Am/Parapan Am Games

All parishes in the Archdiocese have been asked by the Alpha Marketing Homestay Program to help host athletes' families and official volunteers during the 2015 Toronto Pan Am Games from July 10 to 26 and August 7 to 15. Portuguese and Spanish speaking families are especially asked to consider this request as many of the people who need billeting are from countries in South and Central America. You can also learn about opportunities to serve in hospitality, homestay, chaplaincy, kid's ministry, sports outreach and community festivals by attending a meeting at St. Margaret Queen of Scotland Parish at 222 Ridley Blvd. Toronto from 7pm to 9 pm. For more information, go to www.morethangold2015.ca/events or call Deacon Steve Pitre at 416-934-3400 ext. 304.

Humanitarian Relief Nepal Earthquake

You can help those in Nepal in the following ways:

- Online at www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
St. Mark Church – Nepal Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

Sisters of Life

Two Upcoming Events – May 30th and May 31st

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? Hope and healing are possible and God's mercy endures forever. The Sisters of Life will be hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for Women in Toronto on **Saturday, May 30, 2015**. For confidential registration, please email the Sisters of Life at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org or call 845-357-0258. Visit: <http://www.sistersoflife.org/days-of-prayer-healing-testimonies-faqs>

The Sisters of Life will have a special Mass for those Grieving the Loss of a Loved One through abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or tragedy on Sunday, May 31, 2015. 2 pm Holy Hour (confessions available), 3 pm Mass for Trinity Sunday, St. Peter's Church, 830 Bathurst Street (Bathurst Subway). For more information email or call: toronto@sistersoflife.org or 416-463-2772

Rose of Sharon Red Carpet Gala Saturday, June 6th at The Manor

Rose of Sharon is excited to announce that 2015 marks their 30th Anniversary. They will be celebrating this incredible milestone at The Manor at 16750 Weston Rd., Kettleby on June 6th. Cocktails at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm. There will also be dancing, raffles and live entertainment. For tickets, call 905-853-5514 or visit www.therose.ca/whatsnew

MAY 17, 2015

Upcoming Parish Council Nominations

There will be upcoming nominations and elections this June for 2 openings for member at large positions on the Parish Council. These positions are for a 3 year term. The draw for the positions will take place mid-June. Nomination Forms are now available in the foyer and on the website – see last page of Parish Constitution. Please consider if you would be interested in serving our Parish Community in this capacity.

First Communion Ceremonies

Beginning May 10 and for most Sundays in May and June, the children of our parish who are participating in the First Communion preparation program will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion. We ask our Church community to remember these special children in your prayers as they encounter Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Thank you.

Talk on Marian Shrines of Europe

Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Since May is the month of Mary, Teresa Tomory will present a "virtual pilgrimage" of some of the Marian Shrines in Europe. The presentation will include the history of the shrines and the statues and icons for which the shrines are renowned. Everyone is welcome!

Spring Dinner Dance & Silent Auction

Friday, May 22nd beginning at 6:30 pm

Come join us for an evening of Fine Dining, Fun, Fellowship and Fireworks at Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club.

**Cocktails 6:30–7:30 PM, Dinner 7:30-8:30,
Dancing till Midnight**

Fabulous Buffet Style Dinner, featuring various Salads, Pastas, Chicken, Roast Beef Carving Station, and two bottles of wine per table. **Tickets are \$60.00 per person**

Tickets will be available after each mass, in the church foyer, or please call Charles Barnes @ 905 640 8230.

Parishioners, either personally or corporately, wishing to donate a New (or "Almost New") item for the Silent Auction, please contact the number above.

If you are not able to attend, please consider a \$20 gift to subsidize a ticket for one of our Youth Group members.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, May 25th at 8 pm in the Parish Hall

The St. Mark's Women's Ministry presents:

"The Happy Catholic" - An Evening with Dorothy Pilarski
Everybody wants to be happy. Pursuing happiness can be a life-long adventure, or it can be as simple as making a decision. This thought provoking talk will surprise you.

Learn three secrets to becoming happy!
Join the women of St. Mark's as Dorothy shares her signature talk. She comes with a treasure chest full of things that will leave you inspired, laughing and thinking about your life in a whole new way.

Dorothy Pilarski is a high spirited Catholic with an entrepreneurial flair, founder of Dynamic Women of Faith, author of Motherhood Matters, Monica Loves Dresses & I Love You more than Pizza Pie. As a professional speaker, facilitator, author and coach, she has appeared on Salt Light TV.



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, May 30th



An epic feature film on the famous "Apostle of Rome". St. Philip Neri was widely known for his great charity, deep prayer life, and tremendous humour. Hoping to join St. Ignatius of Loyola's new order of Jesuits and be a missionary to India, Philip was instead guided by Providence to seek out the poor and abandoned youth of Rome to catechize them in the faith and help them find a better life. He became the founder of the religious congregation, the Oratory that worked with the youth and also laboured to re-evangelize a decadent Rome.

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

Proceeds from snack bar and donations to go towards the purchase of more movies!

Movie to start at 6:30 pm

There will be no charge to attend the show.

Not Rated Italian with English subtitles

Running Time: 205 minutes (Break after Part 1 for tea & cookies)

Marylake Shrine Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 30th and Sunday, May 31st

The Augustinians would like to invite everyone to join them at the Marylake Shrine at 13760 Keele St., King City.

May 30th at 7 pm - Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form with Fr. Paul Nicholson. If you have a pre-1962 missal, please bring it along. Refreshments to follow.

May 31st – Rosary Sunday beginning with Confession from 10 am to 11 am, Mass at 11 am, Procession, Outdoor Living Rosary and Benediction at 12:45 pm. Bring a chair, umbrella and sunscreen and stay for the day and have a picnic.

For more information, call 905-833-5368 or email info@augustinians.ca.



Totus Tuus Summer Camp

July 12th - 17th, 2015

The Grade 1/2 group is now full. We are still accepting registration forms for Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Pilgrimage to Shrines in Quebec

Saturday, August 29th to Monday, August 31st

A three day pilgrimage is being organized to the beautiful shrines of Quebec this summer. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board or contact **Amelia at 647-977-6991 or email ameliachongling@yahoo.com**

Parishioner Email Addresses

In order to facilitate communications with our Parishioners, we ask that you please provide us with your email address. This can be done by completing the yellow slips in the pews, by writing your email address on the back of your envelope or by emailing stmarksbulletin@bellnet.ca. Thank you.

Summer Mass Schedule

Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	9 am & 5 pm
Sunday	9 am & 11 am
Weekday Solemnities	7:30 pm only
First Friday Holy Hour	7:00 pm

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