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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 **JULY & AUGUST** 9 am - 12 noon **CLOSED MONDAYS**

SUMMER SCHEDULE **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday - 7:00 pm Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 8:30 am Saturday - 9:00 am - 9:00 am Statutory Holidays Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm Sunday - 9:00 am - 11:00 am

FIRST FRIDAY

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary

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 (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 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 office has been consulted.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. We encourage (Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before 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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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!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 23rd @ 7:00 pm

Mikaela Dinunno req. by Caterina Guastella
Salvatore, Rosa, Michelangelo and Corrado Mallia
req. by Franco Mallia
Jesus and Mary Mother of God for the intention of
the wedding of Stefanie Ferri and Christopher req.
by Maria Ferri

Wednesday, May 24th @ 8:30 am

Tenrique Alejandro Velez req. by Luis and Carmela Tence

Thursday, May 25^{th} @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

TAnton Blommesteyn req. by Fons & Nel Blommesteyn

Friday, May 26th @ 8:30 am

The Oratorians req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, May 27th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael St. Paul's School req. by Fr. Michael

Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon Ramona Santiago Tence req. by Luis Tence @ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, May 28th @ 9:00 am Ascension of the Lord Blessed Trinity req. by Gerardo and Antonietta Quadrini

@11:00 am

T Silvio Pierotti req. by Ann and Ossi Pierotti

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's

Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

51 ShareLife

"Living the Gospel" by caring for the elderly...

"Words cannot convey our gratitude to Elizabeth and to the Society of Sharing for giving our mother a new meaning to her life. Before the friendly visit program started, our mother was very depressed and unmotivated. However, her life changed when Elizabeth started to visit her. Elizabeth is a very kind and enthusiastic volunteer and her hobby is artwork. She decided to share her talent with our mother and has been giving her art lessons in acrylic painting. The intellectual stimulation has been tremendous and, as a result, has enhanced her health and her quality of life as she relaxes and focuses on her art projects. Thank you again, for all your support." Last year ShareLife-supported agencies provided outreach programs that met the needs of over 2,200 seniors.

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

Bethlehem Orphanage

The Bethlehem Orphanage would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mark's Church for their generous donation of \$1,000. These funds were collected on Holy Thursday.

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.

"When she was a child, I taught her the practice of making little voluntary sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. She took to this with great fervour. But it was on Christmas Day,

1866 that she began to be really drawn to this particular expression of fraternal charity. "Jesus," she wrote, "made me a 'fisher of men'. I felt a strong desire to work for the conversion of sinners." Later on, she was more attracted to the spiritual welfare of priests, because she knew these were dearer to our Lord and better able to attract people to Him. It was then that she saw what weak and frail men priests were, in spite of the dignity that raised them above the very angels. She always prayed for priests after that, and spoke of the need of obtaining graces for them. It made her very happy to offer her prayers and sacrifices for them." Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

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 | 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.

Rosary Sunday at Marylake Sunday, June 11

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

RMSARY SUNDAY

AT MARYLAKE

Confession: 10 am - 11 am Mass: 11 am Procession, Outdoor Living Rosary and Benediction: 12:45 pm (rain or shine)

13760 Keele Street, King City

Bring a chair, umbrella and sunscreen. Stay for the day, have a picnic or stroll the grounds (\$10 per car).

Pasta Night - Thank You!!!

Our sincerest thanks to the following people who made the St. Mark's Church Pasta Night a wonderful success!

- Metauro Families for providing all of the meats.
- Charles Barnes, Sal and Rose Lombardo for preparing the meats and pasta.
- Men's Ministry and the many other helpers involved



Parish Movie Night Saturday, May 27th



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 27th and 28th



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a

Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of

May 27th and 28th accepting donations of clothing, footwear,

small household goods, bedding, and toys. Please note they <u>do not</u> 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 29th 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. Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/StMarksWomensMinistry/

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,313

Annual Parish Council Update Location: Parish Hall Pater Sunday, June 4th at 10:10 am

Date: Sunday, June 4th at 10:10 am

Night of Praise and Worship at St. Mark's Church on June 7th

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday June 7th from 7:00-8:00 PM Everyone Welcome!

Be prepared for a beautiful evening hosted by the High School Youth Ministry and open to everyone! As we approach the end of another great ministry year, we would like to share in God's grace with all of you. Please join us for Praise & Worship led by our high school worship team in the main church.

Martyrs' Shrine Pilgrimage Sunday, June 11th

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 \$25 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.

St. Mark's Summer Camp

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

Registration

1st Child - \$160, Each additional sibling - \$140Registration forms are available in the church foyer or by going to: www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017
Please drop off completed forms to the church office.

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