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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 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-

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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
Lectors
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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!

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 21st @ 7:00 pm
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- † John F. Kennedy req. by Fr. Michael
- † Giovanni Flagello req. by Children
- † Teresa Shaw req. by Parents
- † Tony Guastella req. by Caterina Guastella

Wednesday, November 22nd @ 8:30 am
St. Cecilia's Parish req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, November 23rd @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Sonia Velocci req. by Velocci Family

Friday, November 24th @ 7:00 pm

- † Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, November 25th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

- † Beverly Semon req. by Michael Semon

@ 5:00 pm

- † Victor and Rita Carreiro req. by Tavares Family

Sunday, November 26th @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

- † Bert Burke req. by Ossi and Anna Maria Pierotti

@ 12:30 pm

- † Miguel, Jose & Anna Paulino req. by Paulino Family

Thank You!

Thank you for your generosity in support of our St. Mark's EDGE and

High School Youth Ministries!

With your help, we collected \$ 2,352 which will go towards funding this year's youth activities!

Bishop's Altar Server Awards

On November 11th, eight altar servers from our parish received the "Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service" from the Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to:

Katie Baker, Luke Blommesteyn, Anne Bijo, Luca Campolongo, Gabriel Crespo, Julia Raponi, Lillian Thomas and Lucas Vella.

Community Prayer Meeting

Christians from all of Whitchurch-Stouffville are invited each month to come together to worship and pray.

When: Sunday, November 19, 2017 from 7 to 8 pm

Where: In 2 One Community Church 6273 Main St., Stouffville

Religious Christmas Cards

On Sale in the foyer after all Masses

The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 will be selling an assortment of beautiful, religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all Masses over the next few weekends.



Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her Testimonies from the process of beatification

"Nor did St. Therese's influence stop with religious vocations; all sorts of people experience it. Some look on her as their guardian angel, and have tangible proof of her continual assistance. For these, her writings are a code of perfection and they try to follow 'her way'. I have noticed this influence on married women as well as on nuns, but where it has had its most remarkable effect is on priests. I have lost count of the number of people who, after reading the *Story of a Soul*, have passed from lukewarmness to fervour, from fervour to the search for perfection, and even from sin to the state of grace." Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus

Refugee Sponsorship Update

The family we were originally matched with has resettled in Australia. We are elated for them. Our resettlement committee met and decided unanimously to move forward to help others. We had discussions with ORAT and they agreed to fund us under Project Hope, to sponsor two Syrian brothers and further down the road, a family from Ghana with a Mom, a Dad, the Dad's brother, and two young children. This is a family that has been in a refugee camp for many, many years. The estimate for arrival of the Syrian brothers is 9-10 months according to our MP's office. The other family are likely still 2-3 years away.

Watch for further updates as we near arrival.

Shepherds' Trust

Collection November 18th and 19th

The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

The Shepherds' Trust Collection will take place this weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Christ The King Rally 2017

November 25th from 8:30 am to 6 pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council presents

"Going Deeper: Becoming Fire to Ignite the World"

Guest Speaker: Deacon Larry Oney

Worship, Rosary, Healing, Confession, Adoration, Mass

Location: Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr. Toronto

Cost: \$20/Adult \$5/Youth Children Free

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St. Mark's Parish Mission

Sunday, December 12th at 7 pm

Everyone is invited to our St. Mark's Advent

Parish Mission given by Fr. Joseph Deveaux.

Fr. Deveaux will give the Homily at the 7 pm Mass.

MPs Vote To Save Criminal Code Section Protecting Religious Services

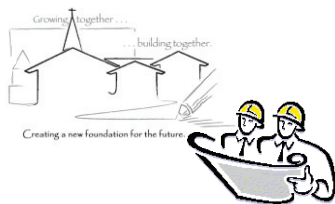
Canada's Criminal Code will likely continue to explicitly prohibit the disruption of a religious service, after MPs were deluged with correspondence urging them not to remove that part of the law.

To see the full **National Post** article, go to

<http://nationalpost.com/news/politics/after-absolute-avalanche-of-emails-mps-vote-to-save-criminal-code-section-protecting-religious-services>

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Church Expansion Update



Our journey on the road to an expanded St. Mark's Church continues. Following Site Plan Approval, our architect has finalized the drawings in order to apply for our Building Permit from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Now that the Site Plan Agreement has been executed we have applied for the building permits. A **building permit** is the formal permission to begin the construction, demolition, addition or renovation on your property. As part of the building permit process the Town building staff must review our plans to ensure they comply with the Ontario Building Code, local Zoning Bylaws, and other applicable law. Typically it takes 20 business days for approval.

When the building permits are approved we can then begin the process of preparing, issuing and receiving tenders which takes several months. On the current path, construction would begin in the Spring of 2018.

40 Hour Adoration at St. Mark's November 24th and 25th



We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with Our Lord during our 40 Hour Adoration on Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th.

Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer.



Parish Movie Night Saturday, November 25th



This month's movie: Joan of Arc

She died at 19, and 500 years later her legend and legacy is stronger than ever. Joan of Arc, at seventeen, led one of the greatest military campaigns for freedom the world has ever witnessed.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free to attend. Running Time: 180 minutes

St. Mark Squire's Investiture Sat., December 2nd at 7 pm in the Parish Hall

To all Young Men aged 10-18

Have you ever wanted to get more involved in your parish community, develop leadership and build your Catholic faith?

Then come join the Columbian Squires!

If you would like to join the circle or have any questions, please contact Chief Squire, Joe McConkey at joemcconkey@rogers.com

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,050

Advent Wreath Making Event

Saturday, December 2nd

The Women's Ministry would like to invite you to our 4th annual Advent Wreath making event and Covenant House "Blessing Bags" charity project.

We hope that lighting the wreath will be part of your Advent tradition.

This activity is open to the whole family, but pre-registration is required so we know how many wreath kits to have available.



Date: Saturday, December 2nd

Time: 10 am-2 pm

Location: Parish Hall

Wreath Cost: \$ 10 Candle Cost: \$ 7

This is a popular event so please sign up to participate, **signup sheets are at the bookstall in the foyer.**

P.S. Don't forget your pruning shears and decorations.

Covenant House Blessing Bags: donations appreciated!
(No registration necessary to come and fill Blessing Bags.)

12th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT SUNDAY, December 3rd, 2017 at 3 pm

Mark Your Calendar!

All Are Welcome!



Pageant Participants: Next Rehearsal

Sunday, November 19th, 2017 at 4 PM

For further details please contact

*Eugenie Villanueva-Landry at 647-828-3884 or
email EugenieVLandry@rogers.com*

We are also looking for Parent & High School Volunteers.

Church Cleaning Day

Tuesday, December 5th at 9 am

Advent Cleaning



Come pitch in and join us for a good old fashioned scrubbing of the Church on Tuesday, December 5 at 9 am.

Bring gloves, a bucket and some rags.

Signup sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

For more information contact: Jodi Harker at
416-518-0338 or jodi@enigmaresearch.com.

Social and lunch to be served at noon.

The EDGE and High School Youth Ministry Presents St. Mark's Annual Café Night Friday, December 8th from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

**FREE ADMISSION • BEVERAGES
AND SNACKS PROVIDED**

Any proceeds will go to the EDGE & High School Youth Ministries.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

Contact stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com
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- 1) Contribute any baked goods
- 2) Prepare a song to sing

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