

#### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor Deacon John Schwarzbauer Deacon Wayne McCulloch Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister

#### STAFF

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

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm Closed for lunch 12-1pm

#### WINTER SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesdav & Fridav - 7:00 pm (except First Fridays-see below) Wednesday & Thursday - 8:30 am - 9:00 am Saturdav 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 Sunday - 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 - 4:00 - 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 Mercv (Before Friday pm Mass) St. Therese of Lisieux Novena (Saturday Morning Mass)

#### BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the fover of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, please allow for up to 3 PARISH MINISTRIES months for an anticipated Altar Servers 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. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil St. Vincent de Paul Society or religious marriage no date Ushers may be set until the Bishop's Women's Ministry 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.

Altar Society Children's Liturgy Counter's Ministry **Eucharistic Ministers** Finance Committee Funeral Luncheon Committee Knights of Columbus Lectors Media Stand & Bookstall Ministry of Hospitality Parish Council Parish Music Ministry Prayer Groups Sacramental Preparation Squires Youth Ministry

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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

St. Brigid's School 223 Millard St. T: 905-642-5100

#### **VOCATIONS TORONTO**

Serra House T: 416-968-0997 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!

# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## **Mass Intentions** For The Week

- Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm **†** Matthew Benincasa req. by Lina and Dante Benincasa
  - **†** Bob Busato req. by Donna and Family
  - **†** Al Hachey req. by Hachey Family
- Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am
- **†** Edward Kaliciak reg. by Helen Kaliciak

### Thursday, November 26th @ 8:30 am

**†** Art Robertson req. by Martha Robertson and Familv

### Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

**†** Pat Hughes and Paraic O'Donaghue req. by Fr. Michael

### Saturday, November 28th @ 9:00 am

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

- **†** Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon Ann Murphy req. by Loretta Hughes
- **†** Al Arbor req. by Peter Willan @ 5:00 pm
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am
  - **†** Robert Knebel req. by Sister of Betty Statham
    - @ 11:00 am
  - 🕇 Peter O'Boyle Sr. req. by Munro Family @ 12:30 pm

Andrew Mehes req. by Fr. Michael

### **Pray For The Sick**

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle), Grace Bodogh, Modesta Manias

# **Pray For The Recently Deceased**

Antonio Monaco, Gennaro Bruno, Helene Neal

# Vocations

Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

**Thank You For Your Generosity** 

Weekly Offering \$ 7,297 Shepherd's Trust \$ 5.984

### St. Patrick's Parish Advent Retreat Saturday, November 28th 9 am to 12 noon

The CWL of St. Patrick's Parish on Hwy 7 in Markham invites everyone to set aside some time to shift their focus during the hectic days leading to Christmas. This Advent mini-retreat will focus on the heart's readiness for the coming of the Saviour. Facilitators: Jim Dunn and Porfirio Garcia, Office of Formation for Discipleship. There is no cost but a free-will offering would be appreciated. Please call 905-294-5955 to register.

#### **Stouffville Community Prayer Meeting** Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8:30 pm

You are invited to join with other Christians living in Stouffville to worship and pray for the needs of our churches, community, schools, government, businesses and individuals. Meeting to take place at the WS Town Hall Council Chambers at 111 Sandiford Dr., Stouffville.

### St. Michael's Cathedral Open House December 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 7 pm

Father Michael Busch, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, cordially invites you and your parish families to join us at the Cathedral on 65 Bond St., Toronto on December 8th or **9**<sup>th</sup>. There will be a prayer service at 12 noon each day. You will have an opportunity to participate in a sneak preview of the restoration progress. Come celebrate our faith in the city and meet the Artists who will be showcasing their work.

### Friars' Student Writing Award 2016 Deadline for entry: January 8, 2016

Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundredword essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18 - 25, 2016. The Theme for this coming year is "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God" (1 Peter 2:9). Students should read the Scripture passage 1 Peter 2:1-10 and respond to the following statement in the essay: Despite division in Christian unity, explain why all Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants should still be considered a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. First prize is an iPad Pro (32 GB) and second prize is a Kobo Aura. Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Email vour essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay). For information, call 416-934-3400, ext. 344.

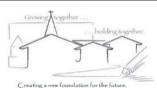
### **Support for Recently Separated** or Divorced Catholics

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 6 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm beginning January 5th to February 9th at 1155 Yonge Street. For information, call Alex Lopechuk at 416-921-1163.

#### PARISH WEBSITE http://stmarkstouffville.ca

# **NOVEMBER 22, 2015**

### FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged to date:

\$804,940



Time is moving on! We're now halfway through our expansion campaign!

We've done very well to this point! Only 3 months to go, then all the campaigning is over!

Ambassadors, you have been awesome!

Parishioners, thank you for your fantastic generosity!

To those who have already returned their commitment cards, our sincere thanks! You are helping to make our vision a reality!

Let's take it over the top!



Questions? Email us at <a href="mailto:stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca">stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca</a>

St. Mark's Christmas Pageant Next Rehearsal: Sun., November 22 at 2:30 pm ST. MARK'S CHURCH **1OTH ANNIVERSARY PAGEANT MUSICAL & CONCERT** "THE BEST STORY EVER TOLD" SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2015 AT 3.00 P.M. For further information please contact Eugenie Villanueva-Landry at 647-828-3884 Email: eugenievlandry@rogers.com Parents and Volunteers are needed to help with this Parish event. **Charismatic Prayer Group** Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> The Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday. The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. Church Cleaning Day Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 am On Thursday, November 26th at 9am, we plan to clean the church for Christmas. Please bring your buckets and cloths for the clean-up. Please use the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are able to help out.

### **Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick** Meeting – Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers to the sick in the St. Anne's room on Saturday, November 28<sup>th.</sup>

### **St. Marks Women's Ministry** Advent Wreath Making in the Church Hall Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Drop in between 10 am and 4 pm



Come join us to make an Advent Wreath and make lighting it 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. We will have up to

50 kits available, so register early to ensure we have one for you. Signup sheets are in the foyer, or you can email Bernice van Herpt at **bvanherpt@rogers.com** to reserve your wreath or for more information.

# St. Mark's Project Hope Update

### Collection to take place on December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

We now have a Refugee Sponsorship Steering Committee in place and will soon be calling on the community to support St. Mark's Project Hope. Please pray for the success of the sponsorship process and for guidance for the members of the Steering Committee.

Cardinal Thomas Collins reminds us that; "to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked and feed the poor is at the heart of our faith. Let us put these words into action."

We will need members of the community to ensure the family resettles successfully by helping us find the refugees suitable housing, employment, and adapt to cultural, social and language challenges. Please think about what gifts or resources you possess that you would be willing to offer.

Please support Our Project Hope by making a financial contribution. A special collection will be held on <u>December 5th & 6th</u> using pink envelopes to be distributed Nov. 28th and 29th. For those who use the boxed envelopes, the pink envelope marked Christmas Family Assistance will also be used for Project Hope donations. Cheques should be made payable to St. Mark's Church – Project Hope

### **Best Advent Ever**

Take your Christmas experience to a whole new level! Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29) and continuing every day through to December 23, Dynamic Catholic will email you simple yet powerful messages from Matthew Kelly to help you encounter God's incredible mercy. Don't miss the opportunity to make this your best Advent ever. Sign up now at dynamiccatholic.com or go to stmarkstouffville.ca and click on the Best Advent Ever link at the bottom of the Home page in the Key Links box.

# **Religious Christmas Cards**

The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 are selling Religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all the Masses over the next few weekends

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.

