# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## 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**

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm (except First Fridays-see below) Wednesday & Thursday - 8:30 am - 9:00 am Saturday 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.

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St. Brendan's School 751 Hoover Park Dr. T: 905-642-6728

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

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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!

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, December 1st @ 7:00 pm

T Carmen Poliselli req. by Dinunno Family Jack and Joyce Baker req. by Baker Family

Wednesday, December 2nd @ 8:30 am

Joe and Gina Mazzone and Family req. by Anonymous

Thursday, December 3rd @ 8:30 am

**†** Carmel Ryder req. by Andy and Rosemary Richard

Friday, December 4th @ 7 pm

**†** John Perini req. by Oriana Lommori

Saturday, December 5th @ 9:00 am

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

† Tosca Meiorin req. by Meiorin Family

† Bert Chichioco req. by Don and Susan Dizon and Family

🕇 Gertrude Mulcahy req. by Peter Willan

† Anne Coady req. by St. Mark's School Staff @ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, December 6th @ 9:00 am

† Mary Carole Lant req. by Lant Family @ 11:00 am

† Tony Heber req. by Catherine Heber @ 12:30 pm

Thanksgiving to Our Lord req. by Tony, Shirley and Family

# **Pray For The Sick**

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

# **Pray For The Recently Deceased**

Antonio Monaco, Gennaro Bruno, Helene Neal

# Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Please join us for mass on the evening of Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Also, the Immaculate Conception Novena will begin next week after all of the masses.

# Thank you!!!

- Thank you for filling the truck last weekend on **Bundle Sunday!** Your generosity continues to help those in need.
- •Thank you also to **Marcel Raes** for repairing the LightHouse Media Stand.

# **Thank You For Your Generosity**

Weekly Offering \$ 7,827

# Jubilee of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Toronto

Pope Francis has designated December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Holy Year is marked by the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Each diocese around the world has the opportunity to open a Door of Mercy to allow those who cannot travel to Rome to make a Jubilee pilgrimage. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Collins has designated seven Holy Doors in various locations to be opened on the Third Sunday in Advent. Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows "the deep desire for true conversion."

To obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, after going through the Holy Door, each pilgrim is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy, make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostle's Creed or the Nicene Creed), and pray for the Holy Father and for his intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended).

#### Designated churches with a Holy Door of Mercy

St. Paul's Basilica – 83 Power Street, Toronto
St. Patrick's Parish – 131 McCaul Street, Toronto
Merciful Redeemer Parish- 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga
St. Anthony of Padua Parish – 940 North Park Drive, Bramalea
St. Parick's Parish – 11873 The Gore Road, Brampton
St. Theresa's Parish – 2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough
Martyrs' Shrine – 16163 Highway 12 West, Midland

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a prayer service at 12 noon each day.

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

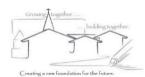
Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18 – 25, 2016. The Theme for this coming year is "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God" (1 Peter 2:9). Students should read the Scripture passage 1 Peter 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. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409.

## **Books for Sale**

- The new Missals for 2016 and the Year of Mercy Booklets are available to be purchased in the foyer.
- •We have beautiful Golden Children's Bibles for sale in the bookstall. These would make wonderful Christmas gifts for children ten years and older.

# PARISH WEBSITE http://stmarkstouffville.ca

### **FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN**



Amount pledged to date: \$862,290

# **COMMITMENT SUNDAY! DECEMBER 5/6 AT ALL MASSES**



You're lookin' good! You've received your information package but ...

# **HAVE YOU RETURNED** YOUR COMMITMENT **CARD YET?**

Many thanks to all those who have returned their cards already! Not yet? Please bring it with you on December 5 or 6! Join us on Commitment Sunday to \*\*celebrate our campaign.\*\*

If you want a tax receipt for 2015, we need to receive your gift in this calendar year!

If you want your pledge to start in 2016, simply indicate that on the pledge card but bring the card back!

Following Commitment Sunday, the campaign will be taking a short break until January.

Questions? Email us at stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca

# St. Mark's Christmas Pageant **Full Dress Rehearsal**

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# 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.



# **Light Up The Tree of Life**

**December** 

Christmas is fast approaching, and as is tradition, the St. Mark Squires will be conducting their Light Up the Tree of Life Advent Fundraiser. In the foyer, the Squires have set up a tree. We invite all parishioners to select one or more of the candle tags that have suggested items for babies and their young mothers (ex. diapers, baby clothes etc.) By the December 19th/20th weekend, we ask that you bring what is written on the tag and drop it off underneath the tree. You can then hang the candle tag on the tree to help light up the "Tree of Life." All donations support the Rose of Sharon. Thank You - St. Mark Squire Circle 5486



Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm For Youth in Grades 6 to 8

# St. Mark's Project Hope Update

Collection to take place on December 5th & 6th

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. Please support Our Project Hope by making a financial contribution. A special collection will be held on December 5th & 6th using pink envelopes to be distributed this weekend. 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

# O Come Let Us Adore Him

December 11th from 7:30 pm to 9 pm

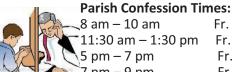
Fellowship of the King (our high school youth ministry) invites you to O COME LET US ADORE HIM an Advent Night of Praise and Worship in support of Project HOPE.

Each year our high school youth ministry takes on an Advent project, and this year, we've chosen to give St. Mark's an opportunity to come together as a parish family in prayer and song led by our very own high school worship team.

Join us at St. Mark's Church on Friday December 11 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Donation boxes will be available during the evening for proceeds towards Project Hope. Light refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

# St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

December 16th



8 am - 10 am 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Fr. Michael

5 pm – 7 pm

Fr. Michael Fr. Michael

Fr. Jacob Mado

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

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St. Mark's Council

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