



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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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.  
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  
Lectors  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Group  
Sacramental Preparation  
Squires  
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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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St. Brendan's School  
751 Hoover Park Dr.  
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St. Brigid's School  
223 Millard St.  
T: 905-642-5100

### VOCATIONS TORONTO

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### ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: [archtoronto.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm

- † Antonetta DeFilippis req. by Dina and Michael Simon
- † Francesco Volpe req. by Maria and Joe Calla
- † Shane D'Souza req. by Phyllis Casados

### Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:30 am

- † Rev. Stan Moszkowicz req. by Fr. Michael

### Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

Thanksgiving for favour received req. by Jeannine Amoyette

### First Friday, Holy Hour December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm and Mass @ 8:00 pm

- † Peter John Brennan req. by Mary and Rick Powell

### Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

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

- † Michelangelo Giorgio req. by Maria and Joe Calla
- † Elisabetta Giorgio req. by Maria and Joe Calla
- † Nicodemo Calla and Carmela Ruschella req. by Maria and Joe Calla

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

### Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

- † Daniel Ciardullo req. by Mario and Lucy Ciardullo and Family @ 11:00 am
- † Renato Colosimo req. by Angela and Family @ 12:30 pm
- † Charlie and Winnie Dawson req. by Carol Morin

## Vocations

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997** or by email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## Pray For The Sick

Beverly Semon, Darrel Boddington, Lynda Ticknor, Debbie Beauchamp & Douglas Ciceri Sr.

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Otto Erking and Cahal Stewart

## Prayer Box

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS-Please place your prayer request in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Mark.

## French Immersion Program

The York Catholic District School Board's French Immersion Program will be taking applications for September 2015. The French Immersion schools will be holding a parent information evening during November or December 2014. Please visit our Board website at [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca) to confirm the information evening date for your local French Immersion school.

## Stouffville Community Prayer

November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

A Community Prayer meeting will take place in the Council Chambers to pray for the new Mayor of Stouffville and the Council. All are welcome.

## Church Expansion Drawings

We invite everyone to view our [Church Expansion plans and drawings](#) posted on the St. Mark website.

## Advent Booklets & Sunday Missals

Booklets from The Magnificat containing beautiful daily reflections for Advent are available in the church foyer for a small donation. Sunday Missals available for \$5.

## 2015 Envelopes

Next year's envelopes are ready for pickup in the church foyer. Please do not use these envelopes until January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Parking in Fire Routes

Please do not park in the fire route at the front of the church. It is very dangerous and you can be ticketed. Additional parking is available at St. Mark School.

## Many Thanks To Our Parishioners

We would like to sincerely thank the following people for their generous contributions to our Parish Community.

- **Sylvia Usling and her team of volunteers** for coordinating a beautiful Soup and Scoop gathering for our new St. Mark parishioners and also thanks go to Sylvia for organizing our Parish Movie Nights.
- **Grand Knight, Charles Barnes and all of the Knights of Columbus** for providing the wonderful pancake breakfast last weekend.
- **Carolina Diculo, Elizabeth Raes and Maureen Morrison** for labeling and sorting the 2015 envelopes.
- **Laura Ronco** for preparing the *Parents of Young Children* flyers located in the pews and to **Sara Seaward** for making this suggestion and providing a sample.
- **Jodi Harker and the many volunteers** who worked hard to clean the Church in preparation for Christmas.

**May God bless you all!**

## Pulpit Announcements

To arrange for your Ministry Group to make an announcement after Mass, please contact the church office at least two weeks in advance.

# NOVEMBER 30, 2014

## We Belong To God

As we begin a new liturgical year, let us be reminded that each of us- no matter what we have done or did not do- each of us belong to God as we read from Isaiah: "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand". Our Creator made us in His image, loves each of us beyond our imagination and wants each of us to be with Him forever in Heaven. Knowing our human dimension, knowing our need for a Saviour, God sent his only Son, Jesus Christ to earth- to be available for every person in every generation. As Paul writes to the Corinthians in our second reading "God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." **So you and I are called to BELONG to Jesus Christ by making a concrete commitment/renewing our commitment to Jesus as our personal Saviour!**

Experience more at our website:

<http://stmarkstouffville.ca> under the heading "I BELONG" or e-mail: [stmarkibelong@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkibelong@bellnet.ca)

## 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 20/21st 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

## Christmas Pageant & Concert



9th ANNUAL  
Christmas Pageant & Concert  
*Sunday, December 7th, 2014 at 3pm*

TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

**Full Dress Rehearsal: Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 pm**

**Final Rehearsal : Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**

## The Flame of Love Prayer Group

December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3 pm

Pray with us each Tuesday at 3:00 pm in St. Anne's Room. Meditated rosary and other prayers for the salvation of souls. For more information, please **contact Jeanette Woodley at 905-640-7884.**

## 40 Hour Adoration

December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

We invite all parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with Our Lord during our 40 Hour Adoration. **Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer.**

## Chalice Mission Appeal

December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Please welcome Deacon Philip Allard who will speak about **CHALICE**, a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca)

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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

Please join us for mass on the evening of Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with the full choir.

## St. Mark Parish - Day of Confessions

December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Confession Times: 9:30 am to 4:45 pm**

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 9:30 am – 10 am | Fr. Michael          |
| 10 am – 12 noon | Msgr. Conrad Dachuck |
| 12 noon – 1 pm  | Fr. Michael          |
| 1 pm – 2 pm     | Fr. Leslie Tamas     |
| 2 pm – 4 pm     | Fr. Jacob Mado       |
| 4 pm – 4:45 pm  | Fr. Michael          |

## Pray Out the Old Year Pray in the New Year

December 31<sup>st</sup> 11 pm

St. Mark's Parish will host a Holy Hour for the last hour of 2014. We will then commence the New Year celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Mark the date on your calendar and start the New Year with Jesus by your side.

## Steubenville Youth Conference

August 7 - 9, 2015

The Steubenville Conference will be returning to Toronto from August 7 - 9, 2015. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2015 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2015 can attend this exciting conference. **Registration forms can be found in the church foyer.** Please visit the website [SteubenvilleToronto.com](http://SteubenvilleToronto.com) for further details.



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