



# 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. 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

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 7:00 pm  
Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 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

### 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***  
(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-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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Altar Society  
Children's Liturgy  
Counter's Ministry  
Edge  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
Lectors  
Media Stand & Bookstall  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
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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

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House  
T: 416-968-0997  
W: [vocationstoronto.ca](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

## 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!

# TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

- † James Lyons req. by Fr. Michael
- † Mary Winston
- † Tony Guastella req. by Caterina Guastella

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

Leonie and James McCullough req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am**

- † Mary Gayadeen req. by Muriel and Fidelis Noronha

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

O.L.S. Parishioners req. by Fr. Michael

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

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

- † Dionicio Quesada req. by Clemen Casil
- † Del Manley req. by Jon Murphy

**@ 5:00 pm**

- † Juan Bautista Jr. req. by Grace Ducusin

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 11:00 am**

- † Dino Raponi req. by Tony, Onesima and Family

## Winter Mass Schedule

The Winter Mass Schedule will begin on **Sunday, October 15, 2017.**



### Is God Calling You?

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997 or by email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## Catholic Community Services of York Region



### Walk-In Counselling

**Monday and Tuesday 1 pm to 9 pm**  
(Last session starts at 7:30 pm)

21 Dunlop St., Richmond Hill (north of Major MacKenzie)  
The Walk-in Counselling Clinic provides free single session counselling for individuals, couples and families. We help with many concerns such as: depression, anxiety, anger, stress, family communication, grief and bereavement, couple relationships and parenting concerns.

To find out more: 905-770-7040 ext. 241 or [www.ccsyr.org](http://www.ccsyr.org)

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## 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.

“Several times during her life she confided to me that she had sometimes felt extraordinary impulses of love. Before she entered Carmel, she several times experienced what she called ‘transports of love’, without any effort on her part to bring them about. She just felt in her heart certain impulses till then unknown to her. She told me how on these occasions she would not know what to say to Jesus to express her love and the desire she had to see Him loved and glorified everywhere.

So she used to tell God that ‘to please him she would be willing even to be plunged into hell, if that would make someone in that blasphemous place love him’. In this connection, she writes in her autobiography: ‘I knew well that that could not give him glory, because all he wants is our happiness; but when you love, you feel the need to say all sorts of silly things.’” Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus

(Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

## St. Augustine Seminary Presentation at Sacred Heart Parish Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon

We cordially invite you to Sacred Heart Parish to attend a presentation entitled “**Sharing St. Augustine’s**”. This hour-long event, which includes a beautiful video, is not a fundraiser, but rather it is an awareness campaign that focuses on bringing visibility to St. Augustine’s Seminary and on offering insight to our Catholic community. We will also detail what St. Augustine’s has to offer to lay formation groups and to parishioners.

*Please join us on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm in the hall of Sacred Heart Parish, 70 Toronto St. N., Uxbridge.*  
Light refreshments will be served by the CWL.

## Bereavement Support Group at St. Patrick’s Parish, Markham September 25<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup>

Meetings will be held weekly on Mondays.

Space is limited!

To register, visit our website at:

[www.stpatrick.on.ca](http://www.stpatrick.on.ca)

and download our registration package or contact our parish at 905-294-5955.



## Daughters of St. Paul Retreat September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>

### Come and See

A vocational discernment retreat for single women between 18 – 33 years old.

The retreat will include: Daily Mass, Morning and Evening Prayer, Conferences, Adoration and Silent Retreat Day

Contact: Sr. Helena Raphael at 617-850-5584 or [srhelenaburns@gmail.com](mailto:srhelenaburns@gmail.com)

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**PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>**

# SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



## Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the St. Anne's room. All are welcome.



## First Communion Registration

First Communion Online Registration will open on

- Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and will be on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory Parent Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.

For more information, go to [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca)



## Parish Movie Night

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>



### This month's movie: Bella

An international soccer star is on his way to sign a multimillion dollar contract when a series of events unfold that brings his career to an abrupt end. A beautiful waitress, struggling to make it in New York City, discovers something about herself that she's unprepared for. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down...until a simple gesture of kindness brings them together, turning an ordinary day into an unforgettable experience.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge.

Running Time: 91 minutes Rated: PG-13

## Fall Seminar at St. Mark's Parish given by Cale Clarke

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

### **"Homecoming"**

*How to bring loved ones home to the Catholic Church*  
We all have loved ones who have left the Catholic Church. They are our children. Our grandchildren. Siblings and other relatives. Friends, neighbours and coworkers. Our hearts break for them as they brave the wilderness of life, outside the hearth and home of the Catholic Church.

**How do we bring them home?  
And why did they leave in the first place?**

Understanding the answer your loved one gives to that last question is just as important as the first—if we don't grasp the real reasons people leave the Church, we'll never be effective in our attempts to help them home.

This is the subject of "Homecoming: How to Bring Family and Friends Home to the Catholic Church" by Cale Clarke, Director of The Faith Explained Seminars, here at St Mark's Parish. Hope to see you there!



## ALPHA

Coming this Fall to St. Mark's

Alpha will begin September 27, 2017!

The program will run for 10 weeks on Wednesday nights in the Parish Hall. The evenings consist of a warm meal, followed by a video and a group discussion.

**If you would like to participate, please pick up a card with the online registration link at the bookstall.**

**Bible Study at St. Mark's  
Beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Tim Gray, this dynamic bible study series explores the power and joy of life in Jesus Christ and the partnership to which we are called in sharing the Gospel—in the early Church & today.

**Location: St. Mark's Church**

**Date: Beginning October 3, 2017**

(Tuesdays at 7:30 pm for 6 weeks)

**For more information email:**

**stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca or sign up at the bookstall after any of the weekend Masses.**

**St. Mark's Retreat with Fr. John Yake  
Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Fr. John Yake will be hosting a day time Retreat at St. Mark's Church on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The day will include lunch and a copy of a book entitled The Gospel of Contemplation.

Contributions of \$20 would be appreciated to cover the food, book and retreat master.

**Registration sign-up sheet located at the bookstall.**

**The Shroud of Turin Exhibit  
At Immaculate Conception Parish  
September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Fr. Claudio Piccinini, CP will bring a facsimile of the Holy Shroud of Turin to Immaculate Conception Parish. A presentation on the Shroud and veneration of the relic of the Holy Cross will take place after the 7 pm Mass.

**Location: Immaculate Conception Parish  
1710 Scugog St., Port Perry**

**Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**

Our parishioners have the option to give their offertory donations via the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. With PAG your offering is deducted automatically by direct debit from your bank account on a monthly basis.

**How to register for the  
Pre-Authorized Giving Program**

PAG pamphlets are available in the church foyer.  
Enrolment is ongoing.

**Simply fill in the tear off registration portion of the pamphlet, attach a void cheque and submit to the parish office or place in an envelope marked 'PAG Confidential' and place in the weekly collection basket.**

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