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Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
Lisa Baker-Admin. Asst.
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
JULY & AUGUST
9 am - 12 noon
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

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy

(Before Friday 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. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Please see website for policy explanation.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, September 13th @ 7:00 pm

- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish req. by Fr. Michael
- † Joe and Maria Dias req. by Maria Tavares
- † Miguel Paulino req. by Alda Paulino and Family
- Josephine Presta req. by Family

Wednesday, September 14th @ 8:30 am

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family

Thursday, September 15th @ 8:30 am

- † Joseph Iacono req. by Larry Tumino

Friday, September 16th @ 8:30 am

- † William M. Elliott req. by Martha Robertson

Saturday, September 17th @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Giuseppe, Vincenzo and Maria Rosa Tassone req. by Maria Tassone

- † Jerry Danylewick req. by Peter Willan

- † Fred Gaerlan req. by DeLorey Family
- Ron and Chris Ribbons req. by Mike and Fran Rozario

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, September 18th @ 9:00 am

- † Filomena and Pasquale DeFilippis req. by Michael and Dina Simon

@ 11:00 am

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

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2016 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. **Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.**

Rededication of St. Michael's Cathedral

Friday, September 30, 2016



You are invited to join in celebrating the rededication of St. Michael's Cathedral on

Friday, September 30th at

two FREE public events:

- Mass and Street Party beginning at 12 noon (first come, first-seated event)
- Sacred Music Concert featuring St. Michael's Choir School at 7 pm (free event with tickets available online on a first come, first served basis)
Link: <https://cathedralconcert.eventbrite.ca>
You must reserve a ticket to attend.

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.

"I am very fond of her and have great confidence in her because I think she is very near God and has great power over his Sacred Heart. I pray to her a great deal, not because she is my sister, but because of her holiness.

I want to see her beatified because she will bring God great glory, and will make his mercy known especially. People will put more trust in his mercy and fear his justice less: that is the secret of the 'humble path of trust and self surrender' that she hoped to make known to everybody once she was dead" – Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's elder sister and future prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Humanitarian Relief

Italian Earthquake

The Archdiocese is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of a serious earthquake in Italy on August 24th.

Those wishing to help may do so by:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Mark's Parish – Italian Earthquake-Humanitarian Relief



Catholic Corner

One of the many Blessings of being Catholic is our use of Holy Water. Holy water is water blessed by our priests with a solemn prayer asking for God's blessing on those who use it and also for their protection.

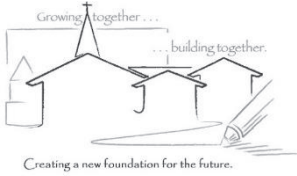


Holy Water is also a powerful spiritual weapon that can be used against temptations and provide protection. The great Saint St. Teresa of Avila stated in her autobiography "I have found by experience that there is nothing from which the devils fly more quickly than from Holy Water."

Holy water is available to all parishioners in the lobby of our church. Keep some in your home. Bless your children each day as they go to school, bless yourself as you go to work. **Holy water bottles are available at the bookstall in the church lobby.** Each time you use it ASK for God's Blessing. The Catholic faith is sprinkled with blessing for everyday life.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

St. Mark's Expansion Committee



We're moving forward ... The Church Expansion Committee has been working diligently to keep our project advancing towards the construction phase.

- Meetings with the architect have enhanced our plan for the expansion. Final adjustments to the elevations and floor plans are proceeding. We look forward to revealing these to you next month.
- We have concluded the pre-consultation with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville who have received our plans well. We are moving onto the next step, submission of the Site Plan for approval by end of month.
- Positive feedback from the archdiocese provides guidance and assurance that the expansion of our worship space is a top priority!

In the month of October, look for special notices in the bulletin about our expansion.

We're moving forward! Planned construction start phase – Spring 2017!



Charismatic Prayer Group Monday, September 12th at 7 pm

Please join us for our first Fall Charismatic Prayer Meeting on Monday, September 12th at 7 pm. We will be listening to a CD about "Growing in Virtue" by Fr. Mark Goring. Our Prayer Group meets every second Monday in the St. Anne's Room. Everyone is welcome.



First Communion Registration

First Communion Online Registration will open on

- Monday, **September 12th, 2016 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 21st, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the church.

For more information, go to www.stmarkstouffville.ca

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 7,089



Parish Movie Night Saturday, September 17th



This month's movie:

Little Boy, Believe the Impossible!

A powerful, moving and heartwarming film about a little boy who is willing to do whatever it takes to bring his father home from World War II.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge.

Running Time: 147 minutes Rated: PG

Let Our Lady Bless Your Home Presentation on September 17 and 18



At all Masses on the weekend of September 17/18, the Heralds of the Gospel will be in our parish to introduce the Apostolate of the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The apostolate consists in **forming groups of 30 families and having a shrine (icon) of Our Lady of Fatima circulating among them, passing from family to family.**

Bereavement Training Program

September 24th and 28th at St. Patrick's Church

A Training Program to minister to those suffering from a loss due to death or divorce will be offered at St. Patrick's Church on Hwy. 7 in Markham on **September 24 from 9 am to 3:30 pm and Wednesday, September 28 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.** For information, please contact Alex Lopechuk at alopechuk@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 ext. 2227.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Beginning September 27th

An engaging 8-Part Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

This study provides the *easiest* way to understand the Bible. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture.

Date: Beginning Tuesday, September 27th

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: St Mark's Church, Parish Hall

Cost: \$10 per person (space is limited)

For information: stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca

Winter Mass Schedule

The Winter Mass Schedule will begin on **Sunday, October 16, 2016.** However, First Friday Mass on October 7 will be at 8:00 pm not 8:30 am.

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

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

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