



# 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**

## SUMMERR 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 - 4:00 - 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.

## ANOIDING 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  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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T: 905-642-6728

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

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House  
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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!

# TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

† Patricia Chalmers req. by Coreen Doucett and Family

† Sandro Di Giancroce req. by Stefanie Bruno

† Leonardo Russo req. by MaryLou and Romano Acciaccaferri

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Clementina Mondelli req. by Anonymous

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Raphael Sanchez req. by George and Joanne Berthiaume

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

† Tom Harding req. by Dorothy Smith

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Patricia Chalmers req. by Coreen Doucett and Family

† Antonietta Mirabella req. by Daughters Josie and Nina

† Edward Kaliciak req. by Trudy Wolanski

† Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon

**@ 5:00 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

† Annina and Francesco Cassano req. by Cassano Family

**@ 11:00 am**

† Salvatore Battaglia req. by Dorothy Battaglia and Family

## Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Douglas Ciceri Sr. and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle), Grace Bodogh

## Pray For The Recently Deceased

Anna Debeljak, Leola Banks, Violando Pacelli Carmel Ryder, Laura Fantini, Molly McManingwell

## Stouffville Community Prayer

Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly prayer meeting held on the last Sunday of each month at the Town Hall. The next meeting is September 27<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

## Confirmation Registration – Grade 8

- Confirmation Online Registration for Grade 8 students begins **Monday, September 28 at 9 am and is on a first-come first-serve basis.**
- A mandatory Parent Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.**

## Project Hope

### Special Emergency Appeal

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. **This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible.** The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3411. You can also donate using the yellow humanitarian relief envelopes located in the foyer with a cheque made payable to **St. Mark's Church – Project Hope – Refugee Sponsorship.** We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the **Office for Refugees at 647-780-0827.**

## Life Chain

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 2 pm to 3 pm  
at the intersection of McCowan Rd. and Hwy 7**



His Holiness, late Pope John Paul II in His Encyclical Letter "The Gospel of Life" said... "procured abortion is the deliberate and direct killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his or her existence, extending from conception to birth"

Many forget that the status quo in Canada is any abortion, at any time, for any reason, at taxpayer expense. Many don't realize that as a Catholic Christian we need to defend life and publicly oppose abortion.

**Life Chain is a simple and prayerful way to give public witness to the Truth that abortion is a violent destruction of human life.** It takes only an hour and all you have to do is stand quietly with others, holding a sign with a simple message. And as you stand, you can quietly pray the Rosary for the conversion of our leaders.

## Lectio Divina

**with Cardinal Thomas Collins**

**2015 – 2016 Theme: The Gospel of Mark**

**Sundays from 7 pm to 8:15 pm**

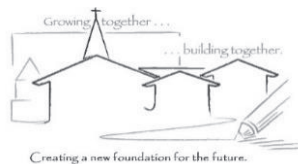
Lectio Divina is a 2000 year old spiritual tradition among Christians, in which they attentively and prayerfully read the Word of God. Although there is an element of study, it is not the same as Bible Study. It is more prayerful, seeking not to master or grasp the sacred text, but rather to come into the presence of God. We seek to be humbly attentive to God's Holy Word, to savour it, and to let it enter into our hearts as much as our heads, so that it may transform us.

**Locations:**

**November 1:** St. Peter's Parish, 840 Bathurst St. Toronto  
**December 6:** St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd.

# SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

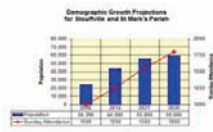
## FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



Amount pledged to date:  
**\$228,020**

**Why are we having this campaign?**

1. We desperately need to **expand our church**. The basic truth is we've outgrown our premises. The population of Whitchurch-Stouffville has skyrocketed. As of the last census (2011), we were the second fastest growing city in all of Canada. Our Catholic population is growing accordingly. We can seat 300: we need to be able to seat 600.



2. The new French **Catholic School** has just opened and a new Catholic high school is coming in 2019. This will bring with even more pressure to bear on our parish. We need to plan ahead.



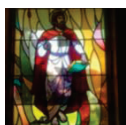
3. Look at the **growth in our groups**. We have a flourishing Youth Ministry, a growing Women's Ministry, the Squires, the Knights of Columbus, to name only a few. We simply don't have enough meeting space for these groups that are so vital to the spiritual life of our parish.



4. Our **parish hall** does not meet modern accessibility requirements. Very soon we will be forced to comply.



5. The Archdiocese of Toronto is conducting a **Family of Faith** campaign over the entire Archdiocese. Every parish is participating. To avoid running two fundraising campaigns, we have chosen to combine our share of the Family of Faith contribution with our expansion plans. We have already received a share of the Family of Faith funds in the form of a \$50,000 contribution to our Youth Ministry.



## St. Mark's Choir – SMC

September 2015

♪♪♪♪ The St. Mark's Choir invites you to join the 11 am music ministry starting this month.

You're invited to try out one of the Thursday practices in the September month at 7:30 pm. The choir sings traditional, contemporary, and sacred hymns/chorals.

**Come and be part of a dynamic parish choir.**

Please see Bibiana L'Abbé, the choir director, after the Mass or any choir members for more info. ♪♪♪♪

## First Communion Registration

First Communion **Online Registration** is now open.

- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 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)

## Youth Ministry

**2015/2016 Launch Dates**

High School Youth Ministry (Grades 9 to 12)

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 10 pm**

EDGE Nights (Grades 6 to 8)

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7pm to 9 pm**

EDGE Registration forms can be found in the foyer.

## Women's Ministry Social Night

**Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8 pm**

The Women's Ministry would like to welcome all women from the parish for a **Welcome Back Social Night**. Join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and a look at what this year's meetings will bring.



## RCIA Program

**Beginning September 28, 2015**

**Monday nights from 7 pm to 9:30 pm**

**Know someone who wants to become a Catholic or someone who is already Catholic and would like to gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith?**

If so, all are invited to join the RCIA program. If you are unsure about joining the program, you are welcome to attend a few sessions to see if this will be beneficial to you on your faith journey. You can register by contacting the Parish Office at 905-640-6954.

## Winter Schedule

The Winter Mass Schedule will begin on the weekend after Thanksgiving – **Sunday, October 18, 2015**

## Thank You For Your Generosity

**Weekly Offering \$ 6,076    Building Fund \$ 3,637**

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



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