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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

Altar Servers
Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Media Stand & Bookstall
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T: 905-642-6728

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

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Serra House
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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!

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 26th @ 7:00 pm

† Salvatore Battaglia req. by Dorothy Battaglia and Family

† Breen Carson req. by Jim Ryder

† Teresa Shaw req. by Parents

Wednesday, September 27th @ 8:30 am

† Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, September 28th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

Msgr. John Pilkauskas req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, September 29th @ 8:30 am

Archdiocese of Toronto req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, September 30th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon

† Akhil Bijo (Birthday) req. by Bijo Family

† Juan Bautista Jr. req. by Grace Ducusin @ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, October 1st @ 9:00 am

† Otto Erkinger req. by Erkinger Family @ 11:00 am

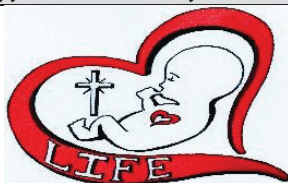
† Dan Roller req. by Munro Family

Winter Mass Schedule

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

Life Chain

Sunday, October 1st, 2017 at 2 pm



Life Chain is a non-confrontational and prayerful way to give public witness to the Truth that abortion is a violent destruction of human life.

It is a simple but powerful reminder to our fellow citizens of the sanctity of human life and our duty to defend the weakest members of our society.

It takes only an hour and all you have to do is stand quietly in silent prayer with others, holding a sign that witnesses to the truth about abortion.

Join pro-lifers in your community and across Canada to stand together and pray for the end to Abortion.

St. Mark's Parishioners to meet at the corner of McCowan & Hwy 7 on Oct. 1st from 2 to 3 pm

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 4,775

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, September 25th at 7:30 pm



Welcome back!

We're looking forward to an exciting new year with the St. Mark's Women's Ministry. Our first meeting will be

Monday, September 25, at 7:30PM.

Come join us to kick the new year off with a fun and social night of fellowship and prayer journaling. New to our meetings? We'll provide you with all you need. Still have your journal from last year? Bring it along. Yours is getting full and it's time for a new one? We've got it for you. Go home with a journal full of prayers, intentions, and traditions and a heart full of new friends. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, contact the Women's Ministry at stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com.

Fall Seminar at St. Mark's Parish

Tuesday, September 26th 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. 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!

EDGE Kick-Off Night

September 29th from 7 pm to 9 pm

EDGE

We welcome **youth in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8** to join us on **Friday, September 29 from 7 – 9 PM** in the Parish Hall Register Online at: <http://tinyurl.com/edge20172018>

Farewell to Fr. Jacob Mado

Sunday, October 1st after the 11 am Mass



Fr. Jacob will soon be re-assigned by his religious order to another country.

The parish will have a farewell reception for him in the hall on Sunday, October 1st after the 11 am Mass.

Everyone is invited to attend

and extend their best wishes to Fr. Jacob!

Donations of sandwiches and fruit and veggie platters are being requested. There are sign-up sheets available in the foyer. The sign-up deadline for food and volunteers to help with the reception is Wednesday, September 27th.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarkstouffville.ca>

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Praying the Rosary in October



Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass in October. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.



First Communion Parent Meeting Monday, October 2nd at 7 pm

There will be a First Communion Parent Catechetical Session in the church on October 2nd beginning at 7pm. For those parents who have volunteered to help teach the children, a training session will take place at 7 pm in the Parish Hall on this same evening.

Bible Study at St. Mark's Beginning October 3rd

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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



St. Mark's Retreat with Fr. John Yake Saturday, October 7th from 10 am to 2:30 pm

Jesus counseled that we should pray always. He did not mean that we should endlessly recite prayer formulas, but that we need to remain present to God's love in all the ups and downs of our lives because Divine Love is reality.

St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) described the journey of prayer in her book Interior Castle which Sr. Mary Niere has translated into contemporary language in her book entitled **The Gospel of Contemplation.**

This book will be used for St. Mark's Day of Reflection with Fr. John Yake on Saturday, October 7th.

The day will include lunch and a copy of the book.

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

Registration sign-up sheet located at the bookstall.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 7th and 8th

Donations for the Thanksgiving Food drive will be accepted at all the Masses on **October 7th and 8th.**

The following items are urgently needed by the food bank: canned fruit, tins of ravioli, tins of spaghetti, gravy, jam and Jello. Please make sure the items are not expired.

Should a cash donation be made over \$10, a tax receipt will be given at the end of the year. Please put it in an envelope with your name, address and postal code.

Thank you for helping our neighbours in need.

Enrolment in the Brown Scapular

Oct 7/8 and Oct 14/15

For anyone who would like to be enrolled in the brown scapular, Fr. Michael will be performing a short ceremony after each of the weekend Masses on October 7th and 8th and 14th and 15th.

Scapulars will be provided by the Parish.



Confirmation Registration

- Confirmation Online Registration for Grade 7 students begins **Tuesday, October 10th at 9 am** and is on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.**

Saint Vincent de Paul – Bundle Up

October 14th and 15th

What an opportunity!



Clean out your closets and drawers because a Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the Church parking lot on October 14th and 15th. Your donation of gently used clothing and household goods will be given or sold to benefit those in need. Thanks for your support.

Women's Ministry Vendor Sale

Sunday, October 22nd from 9 am to 2 pm

THIRD ANNUAL

WOMEN'S MINISTRY VENDOR SALE

The St. Mark's Women's Ministry invites you to attend their Third Annual Vendor Sale, on Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:00AM-2:00PM in the Church

Hall. More than 25 vendors will be in attendance! Come join us, and buy that perfect gift for yourself or someone else. It's a great time to get some early Christmas shopping done too! We thank you for your support in helping us to raise funds for our Ministry and the St. Mark's Church expansion. Vendors are still needed. If you'd like to participate as a vendor, please contact Antonietta Botticelli at antoniettab@sympatico.ca.

Trip to St. Michael's Cathedral

Thursday, October 26th

A bus trip is being planned to see the newly renovated St. Michael's Cathedral on Thursday, October 26th.



The trip will include:

- A one-hour tour of the Cathedral
- Reciting of the rosary
- Followed by a trip to the St. Lawrence Market for lunch.

The bus will depart St. Mark's Church parking lot at **8:15AM, and return at 3:00PM.**

Only 33 spots are available, and payment must be made in advance at the time of signup.

The cost is **\$35.00** which includes a donation to the Cathedral. Signup will take place after masses the weekend of September 23-24.

For more information, please contact Josie Schwarzli directly at schwarzli@rogers.com.

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