



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
Camille Herrera - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday - 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday - 8:30 am
(except First Fridays when Mass is at 7 pm)
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am

HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration & Benediction
Every Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10 am
4 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Registration is required for the Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am and 11 am masses.

Registration for the upcoming weekend, begins on Wednesday at 7 pm. The registration link can be found on our website.

DEVOTIONS

Temporarily Suspended

Recitation of the Rosary
St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Mother of Perpetual Help
Prayer

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, due to COVID-19, please allow 3 to 6 months for an anticipated Baptismal date given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class

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 or on our website.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Suspended due to COVID-19.

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
Ministry of Hospitality
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ushers
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
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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!

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Mass Intentions for the Week

ALL WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED AT <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>

Tuesday, May 25th @ 7 pm livestreamed

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
Intentions of the Molloy & McDonald Extended Family req. by Rose Marie Scott



Cheryl McCulloch req. by Wayne McCulloch
Joyce Davis req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, May 26th @ 9 am livestreamed

Gerald Pennie req. by Filomena Di Rienzo

Thursday, May 27th @ 9 am livestreamed

Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Arnel Palomares req. by Nina Palomares & Larry and Vicky Bartolome Family

Friday, May 28th @ 9 am livestreamed

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 pm

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Fr. Leslie Tamas, 61st Anniversary req. by Fr. Michael

Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

Saturday, May 29th @ 9 am livestreamed

Paddy McKearney req. by Fr. Michael

Signorina Medina req. by St. Mark Knights of Columbus

Fr. Rick Davis req. by Krystiana and Ben Tabucan

Mary O'Brien req. by Lureen Henderson

Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity req. by Gerardo & Antonietta Quadrini

Sunday, May 30th @ 9 am livestreamed

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Michael

Thanksgiving to Our Lady req. by Tony, Shirley & Family

Church Office

The Church Office is closed except by appointment only from Tuesday to Thursday. If you need assistance, please call 905-640-6954 ext. 101 to leave a message or email stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:30 am



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Saturday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays from 9:30 am to 12 noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each

Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with

Benediction. Registration is required to attend

Adoration. Please go to our website:

<http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org> to sign-up.

Registration will open every Wednesday at 7 pm.

Personal Prayer

Tuesday to Thursday 9:30 am to 4 pm

Friday 12 noon to 4 pm

Saturday 10:30 am to 12 pm

Please ensure that the limit of 10 people in the building is not exceeded during these times. Registration is not required.

Humanitarian Relief India's COVID-19 Outbreak

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis that is already in India helping those who are suffering. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

• Online at www.archtoronto.org

• By phone at 416-934-3411

• Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

St. Mark's Church – India COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

Commentary on the Holy Spirit by St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop

After Christ had completed his mission on earth, it still remained necessary for us to become sharers in the divine nature of the Word. We had to give up our own life and be so transformed that we would begin to live an entirely new kind of life that would be pleasing to God. This was something we could do only by sharing in the Holy Spirit. It was most fitting that the sending of the Spirit and his descent upon us should take place after the departure of Christ our Savior. As long as Christ was with them in the flesh, it must have seemed to believers that they possessed every blessing in him; but when the time came for him to ascend to his heavenly Father, it was necessary for him to be united through his Spirit to those who worshiped him, and to dwell in our hearts through faith. Only by his own presence within us in this way could he give us confidence to cry out Abba, Father, make it easy for us to grow in holiness and, through our possession of the all-powerful Spirit, fortify us invincibly against the wiles of the devil and the assaults of men.

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MAY 23, 2021

Retirement Event for Mary Ann & Lad Mehes



We would like to sincerely thank everyone who organized and participated in the Farewell for our Office Administrator, Mary Ann Mehes and our Caretaker, Lad Mehes. They were very touched by the many emails, phone calls and gifts. Also, by the beautiful Mass and the line up of parishioners in their cars outside the church who took part in the drive by to wish them well. Thank you for making this such a wonderful day for them!
(see email blast for their full message of appreciation)

Weekend Communion Services



Communion Services have resumed each Saturday and Sunday

Communion Services will be short, so we ask those attending to remain standing throughout and avoid touching the pews or sitting. As a preparation for the service, we ask you to watch Mass online.

Schedule

Saturdays	5 pm to 6:30 pm (15 minute timeslots)
Sundays	10:30 am to 12:30 pm (15 minute timeslots)

Online Registration (required)

Registration will open on Wednesdays at 7 pm
<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>

Parish Council Nominations



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

As the current parish year draws to a close at the end of June, we reach out to invite you to nominate a fellow parishioner or put your own name forward to become a new Parish Council member to serve for a 2 or 3 year term to replace those who are completing their terms (summer elections). If you feel called to share your talents with the church in this manner, please see the Parish website for the process and Parish Council Nomination Form. <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/parish-council-constitution/>

Completed forms can be emailed to stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca by May 31.

Chalice Sponsorship Weekend

May 29th and 30th



During the homily on May 29 and 30, a speaker from Chalice will address our parishioners virtually. We hope many of you will respond to this appeal from an organization that brings Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ. For just \$37 a month, you can help a precious child in need. Please see our website for further details.

www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth is online!

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate on May 28
For details contact, stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com or follow our Instagram account @stmarksyouthmin.

St. Mark's Women's Ministry

May 31st at 7:30 pm Online via Zoom



**SAVE THE DATE!
GLORY AND
PRAISE EVENING**

We are SO EXCITED to announce that our own **Michael and Michelle Dizon** will be providing the sweet sounds of Praise and Worship for our **Annual Glory and Praise Event on May 31st at 7:30pm, on ZOOM this year.**

TWO THINGS to BRING to the Zoom Meeting:

1. **Prayer Intentions** (there will be a share time for prayer intentions or you can add your prayer intentions to the CHAT at the event)
2. a **LIT candle** OPTIONAL: picture/statue of Jesus/Our Lady, Holy Water, prayer journal

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83001522036?pwd=cVhVSEJkZDZ0X0pJbGFKUXZ2MkNaR0ZTU09>

Meeting ID: 830 0152 2036

Passcode: 328640

Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration – Thursdays in May

In response to Pope Francis' call, please pray the Rosary with your family each night for an end to the pandemic. As well, **9 people** are invited to register to come to the church to publicly pray the Rosary on **Thursdays in May from 7 pm to 7:30 pm and/or to register for a one-hour timeslot for Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.** The registration link will open on Wednesday at 7 pm on our website at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, May 31st Eucharistic Adoration



The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, May 31st with a livestreamed Mass at 9 am followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Register for Adoration in half hour timeslots via our website at www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org.

30 Hour Eucharistic Adoration June 11 at 6 am – June 12 at 12 noon



For the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with

Our Lord Jesus during our 30 Hour Adoration beginning on **Friday, June 11th at 6 am and finishing on Saturday, June 12th at 12 noon.**

Please register for a one-hour timeslot at:

www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org. (3 people required per hour)



Blood Money is a documentary film that exposes the business of the abortion industry, from the inception of Planned Parenthood and the profitability of abortion clinics; to the denial of when life begins; and the devastating effects it has had on the women that have had them. To watch this film, go to the YouTube link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hV3GUV8qKdo>

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