



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

## STAFF

Aileen Brito - Administrator  
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant  
Marcel Raes - 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 - 7:00 pm  
Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am  
Saturday - 9:00 am  
Statutory Holiday - 9:00 am

## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

## 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 12 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 backlog, please allow 3 to 6 months for a 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 Form available in foyer or on 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

See website for policy if outside Priest available.

## 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.  
T: 905-640-2915

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Peter Scott & Intentions of Rose Marie Scott req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Joseph Varghese req. by Abraham Joseph
- † Mary Shaheen, Ayoub Murad and Elsie Murad req. by Wafa Murad

**Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Rosalina Bustamante req. by Eberhard & Vel Moegle and Family

**Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Avitha Rozario req. by Warren Rozario & Family

**Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 noon**
- † Regina Dela Cruz req. by Dodie & Tessie Castro
- † Pang Yuk Tung req. by Henry & Helen Chan
- † Mary Arapura req. by Arapura Family

**Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

- @ 9 am**
- † Cheryl McCulloch req. by Wayne McCulloch
- † Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Pang Yuen Wa req. by Henry & Helen Chan
- † Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family
- † Sr. Joseph Poor Clare req. by Bernard & Maureen Downes
- @ 5 pm**
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)**
- † Dino & Tony Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family
- @ 11 am**
- Severino & Lorna Palasaga (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) req. by Palasaga Family

## Confessions

**Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm**



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Saturday from 9:30 am to 10 am and 4 pm to 4:45 pm 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 not required to attend Adoration; however, we would like to ensure there are at least three people in the church each hour. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

## Is God Calling You?

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, **contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

## ShareLife

**Will you help us reach our ShareLife campaign goal?**  
“Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability.”

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

**October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**  
**Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).**

## Lectio Divina



Cardinal Collins will not be moving forward with a new season of Lectio Divina this fall. We express our appreciation to His Eminence for his commitment and dedication in leading Lectio Divina over the past two decades as this prayerful meditation has been a tremendous support for parishioners throughout the archdiocese and beyond. We also extend our gratitude to the staff of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation for their faithful assistance in supporting Lectio Divina over so many years. Archived recordings of Lectio Divina along with relevant resources remain available at <https://bit.ly/LectioArchive> to access anytime.

## Life Chain



**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 pm to 3 pm**

Life Chain is an annual prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the injustice of abortion. Participants hold non-graphic signs with messages such as “Life, the first inalienable right” and “Abortion kills children” at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Provided you are healthy and have not recently travelled out-of-country or had contact with someone who may have COVID-19, **please join us this year at the intersection of McCowan and Hwy 7 on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 pm to 3 pm.** Please rest assured that participants will be physically distanced, and organizers will be following all local COVID-19 protocols.

## Month of the Holy Rosary

Celebrate October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, by attending a day retreat at **Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga.**  
**Cost: \$40 (includes coffee/muffin & hot lunch)**  
**Register: Call Anne at 905-278-5229**

## FORMED



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# SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



## First Communion Registration

First Communion **Online Registration** is now open on our website at <http://stmarksst@archtoronto.org>

Dropping off your child's Baptismal certificate (copy) and \$65 offering, as well as the workbook pick up will take place in the Parish Hall on

**Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

We ask that you arrive at the time listed below that corresponds to the last name of your child.

A to C – Timeslot 6:00 – 6:20 pm

D to J – Timeslot 6:20 – 6:40 pm

J to M – Timeslot 6:40 – 7:00 pm

N to S – Timeslot 7:00 – 7:20 pm

T to Z – Timeslot 7:20 – 7:40 pm

## Ushers Needed Sunday 11 am Mass



We have had a number of our Ushering team retire after the summer and we are now in need of new volunteers to help fill these spots. If you would like to hear more about joining this wonderful and essential Parish Ministry team, please email

[stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca) with your contact information or call 905-640-6954 ext. 103.

**We especially need extra volunteers for the Sunday 11 am Mass.**

## Recollection for Women Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life.

**Date: Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Confession and Talks given by**

**a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm**

## Bundle Up Weekend September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of

**September 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>** accepting donations of clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery, towels, and toys (new or nearly new). Please note they do not accept dishes, furniture, books, video/audio cassettes, construction materials or mattresses. Please bring your donations and help others in your community.

## St. Mark Squire Circle 5486



The members of St. Mark's Squire Circle are boys who are 10 to 18 years of age. They meet virtually on the first Thursday of the month at

6:30 pm via Zoom. For more information or to join, please contact **Bob Tabone**, at [GK10874@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK10874@ontariokofc.ca).

## Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm



We thank Fr. Joe Moncada for leading our first cenacle last Tuesday. We would like to encourage more parishioners to join us for future cenacles of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the first Tuesday of each month.

**Next date: Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> after the 7 pm Mass**

In her messages to Fr. Gobbi, Our Lady insistently calls - priests, religious and faithful - to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the First Pentecost. Why this insistence? What is most important in the world and in the Church today is the preparation for the Second Pentecost through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

## Rosary Coast to Coast Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm



Please join the world in prayer, for world peace, by praying the Rosary Coast to Coast on October 10, 2021 (Sunday), at 3 p.m. EDT. This is how you can get involved: Become a prayer captain by

organizing an event in your parish or neighborhood or light a candle and pray the Rosary at home, organize a prayer cenacle at 3 p.m. EDT, united with the rest of the world. If you are interested in becoming a prayer captain for your church or school and/or neighborhood, please visit us online at [www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca](http://www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca) for

information on how to sign up on our website. Your event will be added to the list of Canadian events for others to join. Thank you and God bless you for your support!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Ministry Conference

**October 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**



In the session, Restoring Parish Vitality in a Post-pandemic World, we will discuss our "modern-day road to Emmaus" of self-isolation and separation from the sacraments and one another. We collectively wonder how long it will take for parish life to recover.

Join a **panel of selected pastors and laity** as we tackle this important topic.

Visit [www.archtoronto.org/conference](http://www.archtoronto.org/conference) to register and learn more about this and other sessions.

## Knights of Columbus Lottery Tickets



The Knights of Columbus State lottery tickets are being sold

online until the end of September. To purchase a ticket, go to <https://www.kofc10874.ca/>.

**Jackpot Draw Date: September 30, 2021**

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