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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

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606
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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 28th @ 7 pm

- † Karisa Bhagwandat req. by Norman and Rowena Bhagwandat
- † Gregory Morrison req. by Maureen Morrison
- † Intentions of Akhil on his Birthday req. by Bijo Family
- † Mary Shaheen req. by Wafa Murad

Wednesday, September 29th @ 9 am

- † Sequeira and Pereira Families req. by Marie and Patrick Pereira

Thursday, September 30th @ 9 am

- † Ida Mireni req. by Maria Vecchiarelli

Friday, October 1st @ 9 am

- † Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 noon
- † Michael and Bridget Gavaghan req. by Maureen Morrison
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Reginald Nunes
- † Deacon Wayne McCulloch req. by Maureen Morrison

Saturday, October 2nd

- @ 9 am
- † Anna and Joseph Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen
- † Intentions of Melanie Piedad req. by Piedad Family
- † Angelo Putong req. by Leizyl
- † Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

@ 5 pm

- † Innamurato Family req. by Michael and Dina Simon

Sunday, October 3rd

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
- @ 11 am
- Thanksgiving to Our Lord req. by Tony & Shirley Chung and 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?

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy,

Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is next weekend

Your gift to ShareLife facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto last year. They are among the 150,000 people helped by generous donors like you. As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not forget the plight of those facing hardship and persecution, and continue our efforts to welcome them to Canada.

Next Sunday, October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

Development and Peace

Let's put People and Planet First with Development and Peace/Caritas Canada's new Campaign!

In Canada, most people can speak out freely when injustice is committed. In many countries of the Global South, however, communities are threatened when they seek to protect their rights, especially their right to a healthy environment. The climate insecurity is often fuelled by the presence and influence of corporations, some of which are Canadian.

Undaunted, many vulnerable communities fight courageously to defend their rights, their lands, and the environment against corporate harm.

This year, Development and Peace's **People and Planet First** campaign invites you to stand in solidarity with them and celebrate their work!

To learn more about the campaign, join us for an introductory virtual workshop from

9:30am – 12:30pm on Saturday, October 2nd.

For more information, contact: Dean Dettloff at ddettloff@devp.org or visit

<https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/people-planet-first/>.

Life Chain



Sunday, October 3rd 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 3rd 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.

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Women's Ministry Gathering September 27th from 7:30 pm to 9 pm



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

First-Ever Bonfire & Sing-a-long!

7:30 pm – 9 pm

September 27th, 2021

Outside St. Mark's Church

Firepit, Folk Music, Fellowship & Fun

Bring your own chair.

Rain date: October 4



First Communion Registration

Wednesday, September 29th

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 29th, 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 I – 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

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Tuesday, October 5th at 7:35 pm



We thank Fr. Joe Moncada for leading our first cenacle. 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 5th
from 7:35 to 8:45 pm (max.)**

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.

Online Discernment Groups for Women and Men



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
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The Office of Vocations has put together online programs designed to equip and help women and men over the age of 18 to discern their vocation and the Lord's will in their daily lives. For more information on these programs and how to register, please contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy at **416-968-0997** or email vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca

Rosary Coast to Coast Sunday, October 10th 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 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!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter October 22 – 24 online



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Website: wwme.org

4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference

October 26th to 30th

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 to register and learn more about this and other sessions.

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