



# 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 - Pastoral Administrator  
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  
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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  
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T: 905-642-6728

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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!

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm

- † All Souls in the family req. by Diep Cong
- Special Intention req. by Mary Lou and Romano
- Intentions of Damiano and Christina Viggiani req. by Viggiani Family

Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

- † Cheryl McCulloch req. by Wayne McCulloch

Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

- † Antonio, Angelina and Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

**Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 noon**

- † All Souls req. by Parishioners
- † Sylvia Rucolo req. by Maria Rucolo
- † Catherine Murray req. by Barbara Bristow
- † Florence Franze req. by Christina & Damiano Viggiani

Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am

- † Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family
- † Michelina and Domenico Acierno req. by Filomena Di Rienzo

- † Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

@ 5 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Margherita and Lorenzo DeFilippis req. by Michael and Dina Simon

@ 11 am

- † Morgan Chung req. by Tony, Shirley 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 we hail Christ as our King. He is the victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church 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)

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cardinal's Dinner: A Journey Toward Healing & Reconciliation November 23, 2021 – 7 p.m.



The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Cardinal's Dinner will be celebrated as a **virtual event**, open to all, on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 7 p.m. Join us on **Salt + Light TV** and the **Archdiocese of Toronto's Facebook page** ([www.facebook.com/archtoronto](http://www.facebook.com/archtoronto)).

The ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples is particularly relevant to Catholics across Canada. This engaging 60-minute program will include discussion about that journey and how we can all work toward a better future for residential school survivors, their families and all people of faith. While there is no cost to attend the event, donations will be gratefully accepted. This year, funds raised will support longstanding Cardinal's Dinner charities that are being called upon to provide new and increased services to those who turn to them for help. In addition, proceeds will be directed toward the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation efforts of the archdiocese.

**For more information and to make a donation, please visit:**

[www.archtoronto.org/cardinals-dinner](http://www.archtoronto.org/cardinals-dinner).

## Eventbrite - Mass Registration Large Numbers Not Attending

**eventbrite**

We have been noticing an unfortunate trend in our weekend Mass attendance. It appears that a large number of people are not showing up for Mass after registering. Last weekend between all three Masses, 43 people (12.8%) did not attend. We ask that if you are uncertain whether or not you will be able to make it to the Church, please hold off on registering until Friday morning. Otherwise, if you register and do not attend, you are taking a spot someone else could have used. If you do register and need to cancel, please do so before Friday at noon by either calling the church office at 905-640-6954 or click on the link on your Eventbrite ticket. With Advent fast approaching, we would like to ensure that as many parishioners as possible can be present in person.

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**PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>**

# NOVEMBER 21, 2021

## Recollection for Women

Monday, November 22<sup>nd</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, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Confession: 7:00 pm**

Talks given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:30 – 9:30pm

## Poinsettia and Christmas Card Fundraiser for Rose of Sharon



The Knights of Columbus are holding a poinsettia and Christmas card fundraiser to benefit the Rose of Sharon.

Christmas poinsettias from a local greenhouse and hard to find religious Christmas cards can be purchased

online at [www.kofc10874.ca](http://www.kofc10874.ca) or in-person.

Christmas Cards can be picked up after one of the Sunday Masses from November 13<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Poinsettias can be picked up on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> or after one of the Masses on that weekend.

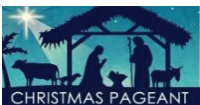
Prices are as follows:

8" poinsettia - \$20.00 + \$0.58 fee

10" poinsettia - \$30.00 + \$0.87 fee



## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



St. Mark's will be holding our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant and Concert on

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

**The Christmas Story**

**"Jesus – The Light in Our Darkness"**

What do you need to do to participate in this amazing Gift for Jesus and to share with your family and friends?

The Pageant will involve the participation of children and their families in performing the Christmas Nativity Story both in-person and by video recording. The Pageant will be livestreamed via St. Mark's YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.

There will also be carol singing by some members of the choir of St. Mark's.

If you are interested in participating, please email [eugenievlandry@rogers.com](mailto:eugenievlandry@rogers.com) or call 647-828-3884 for details.

Subject title of email: Jesus – The Light in Our Darkness

## Increasing Seating Capacity at Mass

**\* More Ushers Needed \***



We soon hope to be able to increase the overall seating capacity at each weekend Mass. In order to do so, it is critical that we have enough Ushers in place before this happens and before the Advent and Christmas season. If you're interested in helping, please email [stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca) with your contact information or call 905-640-6954 ext. 103.

## Light Up the Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon



**St. Mark's Squire Circle 5486  
Spiritual Advent Project**

The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the lighting of the Tree of Life on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon. The tree will be located in the entrance foyer of the Church from **November 27 to December 19** and it will be manned by a Squire and a Counsellor from St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

There will be a suggested list of various items to consider with regards to food cards, baby & toddler clothing, essential toiletries for babies, toddlers and mothers.

Your support of this Advent endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires and the Knights of Columbus, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbor.

The Squires' motto is, "Leave no Neighbour Behind"

## First Reconciliation Ceremonies



**Please Pray for Our Children  
Receiving their First Reconciliation**

We ask our Church community to remember these beloved children of God in your prayers as they encounter Jesus' mercy for the first time in confession, and we ask that you please continue to keep them in your prayers until they receive their First Communion next spring.

## 2022 Envelope Boxes



**The 2022 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.**

## Sunday Missals for Sale



The 2022 Sunday Missals are on sale in the Church foyer this weekend. **Cost: \$5**

## St. Mark's Website

**Our old website is no longer active.**

**To access our NEW WEBSITE, please go to: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>**

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