



# 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  
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

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## 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!

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Dominic, Maria, Teresa Nguyen req. by Vince Nguyen
- Rene & Christine Crespo req. by Crespo Family
- † Thresiamma Varghese req. by Abraham Joseph

**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Thanksgiving for the life of Rev. John Emmett Walsh req. by Family & Friends

**Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Francesco Altomare req. by Ida Altomare

**Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 noon**
- † Marie & Phillip Neglia req. by Christina Viggiani
- Intention of Tefna Francis req. by Teena
- † Jade De Castro req. by Edel Mendoza & Family

**Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

- @ 9 am**
- † Gino Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo
- † Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family
- @ 5 pm**
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)**
- † Winnie & Charlie Dawson req. by Carol Morin
- @ 11 am**
- † Tony, Dino, Valentina & Pasqualina Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi 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.

## 2022 Envelope Boxes

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

## 2021 Tax Receipts

**The books will be closed for 2021 donations on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Any donations you wish to make for 2021 must be received by **December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Anything after this date will apply to the 2022 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office.

## Christmas Schedule 2021



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

- ◆ 4:00 pm Family Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 9:00 pm Mass

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass
- \* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass



### MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm – 12 Midnight Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass
- \* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass

\*\*\* Registration required for all of the above Masses. Tickets can be reserved beginning **December 16<sup>th</sup>** online at: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/> \*\*\*

## Carrying of Baby Jesus



We are looking for a child who would like to carry the Baby Jesus and place him in the manger at the front of the Church during the 4 pm Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please pick up an entry form in the church foyer. There will be a draw from the forms submitted.

## Church Office - Holiday Hours

December 24	Open from 9 am to 12 noon
Monday December 27 & Tuesday December 28	Closed
December 29, 30 and 31	Open from 9 am to 12 noon
Monday January 3	Closed

# DECEMBER 12, 2021

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### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Thank you!!!!



Thank you to everyone who participated in and organized the Christmas Pageant and Concert, especially Eugenie Villanueva Landry and Kiana Landry. Thanks

also to Kyle Medina for handling the livestreaming. It was a beautiful event and a wonderful reminder of the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

If you would like to watch the recorded event, please go to: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>.

### 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.

### New Friday Mass Time at 7 pm Beginning January 7, 2022

Beginning Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, our Friday Mass will **move from 9 am to 7 pm**. We hope this will allow more of our parishioners, who may not be able to get a ticket for a weekend Mass, to attend. Registration is not required for the Friday Mass. Eucharistic Adoration will still continue each Friday but will begin at 9 am instead of 9:30 am and go until 12 noon.

### St. Mark's Website

To access our **NEW WEBSITE**, please go to: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/> or Google St. Mark's Stouffville and the first search result will take you to our new website.

### Messages from Our Lady to Fr. Gobbi

#### Open the Doors to Christ (December 8, 1997)

Open the doors to Christ. Open the doors of your soul to receive Him in a worthy manner at the moment when He communicates Himself to you under the Eucharistic species. It is Jesus in His divine Person, with his glorious body and his divinity, whom you receive when you approach Holy Communion. You must prepare in your souls a dwelling place which should be worthy of Him. For this reason, I urge you to flee from sin, to not allow yourselves to become possessed by sin, to live always in the grace and love of God. If ever it should happen that you fall into mortal sin, sacramental confession is necessary before receiving Holy Communion. Today my Heart bleeds to see how sacrilegious communions are spreading more and more, because many come to receive Jesus in the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin without having gone to confession. Therefore, let your souls be filled with grace and holiness, so that you may receive Jesus in a worthy manner when He gives Himself to you in the sacrament of His love.

Excerpt from: **To the Priests Our Lady's Beloved Sons**

### Donating Securities to the Archdiocese of Toronto

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### Words of Blessed Mother Mectilde of the Blessed Sacrament (1614-1688)

My child, peace in your soul, peace in your memory, peace in your understanding, peace in your will; peace with God, peace with men, peace with yourself. Peace, peace, peace, in heaven and on earth. Peace in the depth of your heart. This is what the Child Jesus grants us through His birth. He reconciles us with His Father and give us power to triumph over our enemies and enjoy peace in the midst of war.

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