



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

## STAFF

Lisa Baker - Pastoral Administrator  
Marcel Raes - Custodian  
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12 - 1:00 pm  
**CLOSED MONDAYS**

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday - 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 - 10:00 am  
4:00 - 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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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!

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Don Reid req. by Fr. Michael
- Nina Nicholls req. by Piedad Family
- Gelly Pedron req. by Piedad Family
- † Maurice Vella req. by Marlene Vella and Family

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 am**

Fr. John Walsh req. by Fr. Michael

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

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

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

**Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 1 pm**

**Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm**

**Mass @ 7:30 pm**

- St. Mark's Parish & Universal Church req by Fr. Michael
- † Cheryl McCulloch req. by Wayne McCulloch
- Cory Mendoza Gamboa req. by Piedad Family

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- † Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family
- Francisco "Kit" Galema req. by Piedad Family
- † Lucy Listro req. by Alexandro Calo

**@ 5 pm**

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

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 11 am**

- † Tony & Dino Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

## Pray For the Sick

Hedley Thomas, Jeanette Woodley,  
Umberto DeFuria, Maria Biadi

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Elmer Burnie, Santa Cacciatore, Marie Burnet,  
Maurice Vella, Kwok-Ping Cheng

## New Church Office Hours

The Church Office will now be open each week  
Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm (closed for  
lunch between 12 noon and 1 pm).

## Eucharistic Adoration Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place  
each **Friday from 9 am to 1 pm ending with  
Benediction**. We ask for help to ensure at least two  
people in the church each hour of Adoration by  
**signing in beforehand** either with the **paper  
registration sheet at the back of the church** or on our  
**Friday Holy Hour Eventbrite registration at**  
<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>.  
Otherwise, registration is not required.



## Your helping hand is the answer

After two years of crisis, our communities need hope and healing. That hope can be found in you – the “hands and feet of Christ” making possible the life-changing work of ShareLife agencies.

Vulnerable people are turning to these agencies for support more than ever. And the problems are many, ranging from mental illness, to poverty, addiction and isolation.

The solution is in reach: your hands and ours, working together to live the Gospel. **March 27 is ShareLife Sunday**. Please give generously.

## Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Donations

In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

### Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website:  
[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
St. Mark's Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

## St Mark's Gold and Silver Rush Fundraiser

**Drop off your gold/silver jewelry to St. Mark's Church after any weekend mass from Saturday February 26th to Sunday March 20th** and we will bring all of the pieces we collect to a gold / silver shop for a monetary exchange. Funds will go towards the St. Marks Building Fund. Pick up your Ziploc bag from the table set up in the foyer during the time period noted above, fill out the form and return the bag filled with your jewelry pieces you wish to donate.

## Video Links

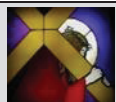
- 1) LifeSite News – Consecration of Russia by Pope Francis  
[https://www.lifesitenews.com/episodes/what-the-popes-consecration-of-russia-will-mean-for-the-world/?utm\\_source=JHW\\_newsletter](https://www.lifesitenews.com/episodes/what-the-popes-consecration-of-russia-will-mean-for-the-world/?utm_source=JHW_newsletter)
- 2) Ask Your Bishops to Consecrate Russia with the Pope  
[https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/urgent-request-catholic-readers-ask-your-bishop-now-to-consecrate-russia-with-pope-francis-this-friday/?utm\\_source=featured&utm\\_campaign=usa](https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/urgent-request-catholic-readers-ask-your-bishop-now-to-consecrate-russia-with-pope-francis-this-friday/?utm_source=featured&utm_campaign=usa)
- 3) Mother Teresa – Conditions for True Peace  
<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/now-is-a-good-time-to-recall-mother-teresas-sobering-words-on-the-conditions-for-true-peace/>
- 4) Ralph Martin – I never thought I'd see this happen  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=W4UFnb0wKwE>
- 5) Headlines – Consecration of Russia and Cardinal Pell  
<https://www.churchmilitant.com/video/episode/news-2022-03-16>

# MARCH 20, 2022

## Updates to the Worship Safe Protocols Taking Effect March 2022

**St. Mark's Church will be gradually and steadily implementing the new Worship Safe Protocols.**

- While **capacity restrictions** have been lifted, our parish will move steadily and deliberately, but a little more cautiously, back to full capacity over the coming weeks and, please God, we will be back at full capacity for Easter.
- We are doing so in order to **provide greater confidence and security** for those who have already returned to church over the last month or so but might feel hesitant to see an overnight return to full normalcy and thus withdraw and hold off continuing coming to mass.
- Therefore, we will also be asking our parishioners to maintain a reduced **social distance of 1 metre** between distinct social bubbles/persons for the next few weeks.
- **Weekly capacity increases** will not involve a total single jump back to full capacity. Last week, we targeted a capacity of 175 and this weekend, we have moved to 200.
- For the above reasons, we will continue using the **Eventbrite registration process through March** and hopefully, then drop this in April. Please continue to visit the parish website to register.
- **Livestreaming** of the Sunday 9 am Mass will continue until April at which point it will stop.
- As of March 21<sup>st</sup>, Ontario will no longer mandate mask use, self-isolation for Covid-exposed people or symptom screening requirements. **Masks will become optional** when attending mass.
- **Reception of Holy Communion on the tongue** has now resumed. Please come to Fr. Michael at the front centre aisle after all other parishioners have received the Eucharist.
- The **kiss of peace** is still discouraged at this time. A bow or wave should continue to be used as an alternative.
- **Holy water fonts** have now been refilled.
- **As we move into this new stage, please be patient.** With our combined efforts, we can serve each other through compassion and understanding. Many of our parishioners will have different reactions to the removal of these restrictions and we must be respectful of all who enter the church.



### **Lenten Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30 pm

## **Women's Recollection**

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</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, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7 – 8:30 pm**  
**Confession and Eucharistic Adoration**

## **Lenten Parish Mission**

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm – 9 pm**



**Everyone is invited to**

### **St. Mark's Church Lenten Mission**

We have a dynamic speaker coming to our parish this month. We hope you can join us!

(registration not required)

**Date & Time: Thursday, March 24 at 7 pm**

**Speaker: Robert LeBlanc**

Director of Catholic Moment



**Topic: The 3 Pillars of Lent**

## **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**



There will be evening Mass on Friday, March 25th at 7:30 pm for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 pm.

## **All Day Confessions at St. Mark**

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am to 4:45 pm**



Prepare for Easter by going to Confession. Visiting Priests will be assisting Fr. Michael on **Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm.

## **Women's Ministry Easter Cross Craft Workshop**

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**



*St. Mark's Women's Ministry*

**Save the Date – March 28**

**7:30 pm-9 pm Easter Cross Craft Workshop**

St Mark's Church Hall (basement)

We will be painting wood crosses and our own Laura Ronco (With All My Heart Designs) is designing some fabulous stickers to embellish the crosses! Perfect timing for Sacrament Gifts and Easter décor!

**Please remember your God, your Faith and your Parish in your will.**

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