



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

## STAFF

Sara Moreno-Stober - Office Administrator  
Lisa Baker - Pastoral Administrator  
Marcel Raes - Custodian  
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 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 - 1:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 am  
4:00 - 4:45 pm  
(or by appointment)

## 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  
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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.  
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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!

# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 pm** Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Procession following Mass)

- † Lucia Lombardo req. by Nelle & Joe Lombardo
- † Marie Brunet req. by Diane Brunet and Family
- † Gino Lupo req. by Lucy & Sam Scala and Nancy & Vince

**Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Hans Mueller req. by Schiedel Family

**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Maire Keatley req. by Marlene Robitaille

**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm**

### Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 12 noon

- St. Paul's School Community req. by Fr. Michael
- † Marie Brunet req. by Diane Brunet and Family
- † Diane Turkowiak req. by Charles & Glynnis Barnes
- Gift of Life of Roy Abad req. by Abad Family

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- Confirmandi of our Parish req. by Fr. Michael
- † Mariamma Joseph req. by Abraham Joseph
- † Marie Brunet req. by Diane Brunet and Family
- † Rick Powell req. by Fr. Michael

**@ 5 pm**

- † Dino Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

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

**@ 11 am**

- † Eileen & Philippe Gauthier req. by Rose Gauthier

## Pray For the Sick

Hedley Thomas, Jeanette Woodley,  
Maria Biadi, Marlene Vella

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Vincenzo Maiorano, Bob Parker, Francis Crowley



## 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/>**. Please consider attending for even 5 minutes to offer up prayers for peace in our world, especially in the Ukraine.

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. **Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca)**

## SL ShareLife

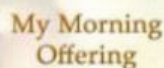
### ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of deaf people in our community. "It truly means the world to members of vulnerable populations whom we serve. You help remove barriers faced by Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families. You are a partner in transforming lives." – Kelly MacKenzie, Executive Director, Silent Voice

Our third ShareLife Sunday collection is next weekend. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$77,000.

**Please give generously during the special collection or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).**

## Prayer and Evangelization



All of us, especially stewards, are called to be witnesses of the Gospel and evangelize the hearts of those

nearest to us. However, before we can convert others, we need to have an interior conversion ourselves. One practice we can adopt is the morning offering which involves beginning each day, perhaps even while still lying in bed, with a prayer to God thanking Him for another morning and asking Him to help us offer our day for the good of the Gospel.

## The Sacrament of the Eucharist Catechism of the Catholic Church

**#1322** The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

Excerpt from CCCB

## Mary's Faith



Just as Abraham's faith was the beginning of the Old Covenant, Mary's faith, enacted in the scene of the Annunciation, is the inauguration of the New. For Mary, as for Abraham, faith is trust in, and obedience to, God, even when he leads her through darkness. It is a letting go, a releasing, a handing over of oneself to the truth, to God. Faith, in the luminous darkness of God's inscrutable ways, is thus a conformation to him...her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, places her body, her entire self, at God's disposal as a place for his presence. In her Yes, then, Mary's will coincides with her Son's. The unison of these Yesses – "a body you have prepared for me" – makes the Incarnation possible, for; as Augustine says, Mary conceived in spirit before she conceived in her body.

Excerpt from: Benedictus, Day by Day with Pope Benedict XVI, Magnificat/Ignatius Press

MAY 29, 2022

**Saint Vincent de Paul  
Bundle Weekend**

May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a **Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

accepting donations of clothing, footwear, small household goods, bedding, and toys. Please note they do not accept dishes, furniture, books, video/Audio cassettes or mattresses. Please bring your donations and help others in your community.

**NEW!**



We are now collecting **mountain bikes and accessories** (pumps, bells, locks, repair kits). Note: Please wrap rear wheel pedals and chain in a garbage bag so the grease doesn't get onto other items.

**Feast of the Visitation**

May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm



We would like to invite everyone to participate in a Marian Candlelit Rosary Procession on the Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary which occurs on **Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**Mass: 7:30 pm – 8:10 pm and Procession: 8:15 pm**

(Route: Glad Park, Millard, West Lawn, Elm and back to the church via Glad Park)

We will process around the block with a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. Each person will be given a candle and we will sing hymns and pray the Holy Rosary. We look forward to having you join us for this very special procession in honour of Our Lady.

**Women's Ministry  
Glory and Praise Night**

June 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9 pm



The next Women's Ministry Meeting is the much anticipated Annual Glory and Praise Night on

Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9 pm with Michael and Michelle Dizon. All women welcome to attend!

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle**

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

CENACLES of the Marian Movement of Priests



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.

**Next Cenacle: Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
from 7:40 to 8:45 pm (after the 7 pm Mass)**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**St. Mark's Parish BBQ**

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>



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**6:15 pm to 9 pm**

**Tickets On Sale After  
Weekend Masses**

We have several reasons to celebrate, including saying thank you and goodbye to our beloved Sheppard,

Fr. Michael Hughes, as well as, Deacon John's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Gordon Lee's Ordination to the Diaconate that day and belated anniversaries of Deacon Wayne & Fr. Leslie. Volunteers will be present in the church lobby after all weekend masses from May 21<sup>st</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>, to sell meal tickets for the upcoming St. Mark's Father's Day BBQ on June 18<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Adult Meal - \$8 (Hamburger Italian Sausage or Veggie Burger)**

**Frankfurter Meal - \$7**

**Kid's Meal - \$5 (Hot Dog)**

**All meals include the main, drink, side salad & desert.**

Parishioners should bring their own lawn chairs.

Come, hungry, say hi to old friends & make new ones.

**Corpus Christi Procession**

**Volunteers Needed – June 19<sup>th</sup>**



This year the Solemnity of Corpus Christi falls on **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers are needed to organize a procession on that day after the 11 am Mass. If you would like to help, please email Lisa at lbaker@archtoronto.org.

**Summer Camp Opportunity**



St. Vincent de Paul will run its summer camps again this year, for children from less fortunate families. Marygrove Camp for girls (5-13 years) and Camp Ozanam for boys (7-12). All campers must be fully vaccinated. For more information, or if you know of a child who would benefit, please contact St. Vincent de Paul via the parish office.

**Securities as a  
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One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and needed support of various archdiocesan charities such as your parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, Office for Refugees and many others.

For further information, contact the development office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or email at development@archtoronto.org.

**Driver Needed for Sunday Mass**

We are looking for volunteers who are able to provide a drive for elderly parishioners to Sunday Mass weekly, biweekly or monthly. If you are able to help, please contact Lisa Baker at lbaker@archtoronto.org.

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