



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Tad Walczyk - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch
Deacon Gordon Lee

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 & Thursday - 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday - 9:00 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am

FIRST FRIDAY

Mass at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am - 7:00 pm
All other Fridays: Adoration 9:30 am - 1 pm

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

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

PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon., Tues., & Thurs. - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wed. & Fri. - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
First Friday - 9:30 am to 7:00 pm

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Holy Rosary
(Before Weekday Masses)
Mother of Perpetual Help
Novena
(After Wednesday Mass)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
(Before Friday Masses)

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, please allow up to 3 months for a Baptismal date, which will be given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class. Baptism Ceremonies are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month and on the 4th Sunday if needed.

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 the foyer or on the website.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS

See website for policy.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
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: vocationtoronto.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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 29th @ 7 pm

- † Michelina & Domenico Acierno req. DiRienzo Family
- † Patricia Eileen Evelyn req. by Family
- † Jonfiah Alphonsine req. by Jonfiah Alphonsine
- † Lou Rozario req. by Mike Rozario
- † Conchetta Tesoro req. by Pacelli Family
- † Carlos Efrain Moreno req. by Carlos Moreno

Wednesday, November 30th @ 9 am

- † Antonio, Angelina & Stan Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

Thursday, December 1st @ 7 pm

Peace for Francis Trong req. by Diep Cong

Friday, December 2nd @ 9 am

- † Frank Altomare req. by Ferrari Family
- † Patricia Eileen Evelyn req. by Family
- † Maria Santoro & Jose Aquino req. by Mendoza Family
- † Robert Bull req. by Dennis & Penny Lyon

Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 7 pm

Mass @ 7 pm

Souls in Purgatory req. by Fr. Tad

Saturday, December 3rd

@ 9 am

- † Frank Altomare req. by Nelle & Joe Lombardo
- † Silvestro DeLaurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Nel Blommesteyn req. by Quadrini Family
- † Francisco Canaon req. by Cellie Canaon & Family
- † Joseph & Anna Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen
- † Patricia Allison Khan req. by Elizabeth Rowland

@ 5 pm

- † Rosa & John Risitano req. by Ida Altomare

Sunday, December 4th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Mary Carol Lant req. by Tony Lant & Family

Pray For the Sick

Hedley Thomas, Jeanette Woodley, Joanne Taylor
Maureen Morrison, Clemens Casil, Eugenie Landry
Leon & Hyacinth DeSouza, Dennis Lyon

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Gina Moretti, John Linthwaite,
Cosimo Comito, Ileana Huszti



Confessions

**Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm
or by appointment**



Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9:30 am to 1 pm and on First Fridays from 9:30 am to 7 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** with the **paper registration sheet at the back of the church.**
Please consider attending for even 5 to 10 minutes.

Christmas Schedule 2022



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24, 2022

- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2022

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Saturday, December 31, 2022

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2023

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass

ShareLife

Your helping hand is the answer

*NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value!
From now until the end of 2022, all contributions
to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be
matched by an anonymous donor up to a
total of \$1 million.*

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife
envelope, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Is God Calling You?

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." 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

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Preparing Ourselves for Christ



Advent is a period of prayer in preparation for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time.

It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before

the throne of God and give an account of all the gifts and blessings we have received. Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Development & Peace Presentation December 3rd/4th

Pope Francis in Laudato Si, (49), exhorts us that to hear “the cry of the earth”, is also to hear “the cry of the poor”. After each Mass on Dec. 3rd and 4th, parishioners will be invited to respond to Pope Francis’ words by signing a petition in support of social and environmental justice. The signed petitions will be given to the local Federal M.P., to be presented in the House of Commons.



Thursday, December 8th at 7 pm

Please join us for Mass at St. Mark’s Church on **Thursday, December 8th at 7 pm** on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Advent Confession Times



Tuesday, Dec. 13th from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Thursday, Dec. 15th from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 20th from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 23rd from 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Every Saturday from 9:30 am – 10 am & 4 pm – 4:45 pm

Squires’ Tree of Life

November 26th to December 18th



The parishioners of St. Mark’s Church are invited to participate in the St. Mark’s Squire Circle Advent Project the Tree of Life, “Giving Tree”, on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon and St. Vincent de Paul Society. The tree will be located in the north entrance foyer of the Church from **November 26 to December 18.**

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 endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbour.

Rosary Apostolate Volunteers Needed



Do you love Jesus and Mary?
Do you love children?
Do you love to pray the rosary?
Are you willing to dedicate 2 hours a month to pray the Rosary with school children?
If you answered “Yes” to all these questions, you are a prime candidate for this Apostolate!
Contact: Jovita Lim at limjovita12@yahoo.ca

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Are you a Catholic Man (18+) looking to get more involved at St. Mark? Do you want to grow in your faith while helping others and supporting the Church? Do you want to become a better Catholic, husband or father? Then look no further than the Knights of Columbus!

The Knights of Columbus annually contributes nearly \$200 million to worthy charitable causes around the world. Our Faith in Action programs support our faith, the family, our community, and the defense of human life. To learn more and to join our council, visit our website at <https://www.kofc10874.ca/join> to get a special offer of one-year free membership.

Knights of Columbus Fraternal Night Wednesday, November 30th at 7:30 pm

We would like to invite all men and their wives in the parish to join us for our **Fall Fraternal Benefits Night on November 30 at 7:30pm.**



Here you will have the chance to learn about the Knights and meet council members over some tea, coffee, and snacks. Please RSVP via email - GK10874@ontariokofc.ca.

Thank You from the Knights

A sincere thank you to St. Mark’s parishioners for your participation in the 2022 Coats for Kids fundraiser. As a result of your support, the Knights of Columbus were able to raise \$3,075 to help children in need, surpassing their goal of \$2,000 and this was accomplished within the span of only two weeks! God bless you for your generosity.



Coat Request from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St Mark’s is looking for winter coats to support our Neighbours in Need. The Committee has become aware of an urgent need for gently used, adult women and men winter coats. If you have a gently used coat that you no longer need, which is in good, clean condition and which matches the sizes listed below, we would appreciate hearing from you! Please contact **Stefanie from our parish at 416 358 1600.**

Women’s Sizes: One coat in a size **small**, Two coats in size **medium**, One coat in size **large**, Three coats in size **extra large**, One coat in size **1XL**, One coat in size **2XL**, One coat in size **4XL**

Men’s Sizes: Four coats in size **medium** – two of which would be suitable for teenagers



The 2023 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.

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