



# 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: [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!

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

- † Ron Cadawas req. by Alfred & Liza Cadawas
- † Patricia Eileen Evelyn req. by Family
- † Frank Gallo req. by Rose Gallo & Family
- † Jonfiah Alphonsine req. by Jonfiah Alphonsine
- † Brad Stevens req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Wilma Herbolario req. by Piedad & Family

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

Solemnity-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Intentions of Ann Marie Munro req. by Munro Family

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

Thanksgiving of Anna Cong req. by Diep Cong  
Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed  
Mother req. by John & Alma Boyd

- † Violando & Anna Pacelli req. by Maria Pacelli
- † Jonfiah Alphonsine req. by Jonfiah Alphonsine

Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- † Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family
- † Betty Straver-Schaap req. by Quadrini Family
- † Jean & Robert Bull req. by John & Alma Boyd
- † Grace Yang Ng req. by Helen & Henry Chan
- † Joyce Deschamps req. by St. Vincent de Paul Committee
- † Ganaparam Thelephore req. by Alin Dorin

@ 5 pm

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

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Dominic, Mariannina & Teresa Altomare req. by Ida Altomare

@ 11 am

- † Winnie & Charlie Dawson req. by Carol Morin

## Pray For the Sick

Hedley Thomas, Jeanette Woodley, Joanne Taylor  
Maureen Morrison, Clemens Casil,  
Hyacinth DeSouza

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

John Linthwaite, Cosimo Comito,  
Ileana Huszti, Dennis Lyon

## 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## Is God Calling You?

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."  
Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon,  
brother or sister in order to help our world of today to  
truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling  
you, 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)**

## Bereavement Day Retreat

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 3 pm**

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre is offering a  
Bereavement Day Retreat on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 9 am to 3 pm. The theme is "Let the healing hands  
of Jesus bless you with peace and healing".

Location: 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga  
Cost is \$45 and includes lunch.

To register call: 905-278-5229 or email: [office@goa.ca](mailto:office@goa.ca).

# DECEMBER 4, 2022

## Development & Peace

Presentation December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

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. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

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

## Holy Land Items for Sale

December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Religious items made in the Holy Land will be on sale in the church lobby after the Masses on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. You can do some Christmas shopping while supporting those who make these items.

## Recollection for Women

Monday, December 12<sup>th</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, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Confessions and Talk given by

a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

## Advent Confession Times



Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Every Saturday from 9:30 am–10 am & 4 pm–4:45 pm

## Aid to Women Christmas 50/50 Raffle

Aid to Women is a registered charity offering pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women in crisis for over 34 years. Please join us in ATW's Christmas 50/50 Cash Prize Raffle!

Draw date is December 15, 2022. You could win up to \$5000 10-days before Christmas!

Draw location: Aid to Women, 140 Argyle Street, at 1 pm. Only 500 tickets printed. Tickets are \$20 each and available at the ATW office, or can be ordered for pick up or delivery by contacting us at, 416-921-6016 or at [info@aidtowomen.ca](mailto:info@aidtowomen.ca).



## Squires’ Tree of Life

November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup>



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.

## 2022 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2022 donations on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Any donations you wish to make for 2022 must be received by **December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Anything after this date will apply to the 2023 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.

## Nominate a Distinguished Alumni of York Catholic DSB

The York Catholic District School Board has a long tradition of recognizing graduates who have made extraordinary contributions to their community and/or industry. If you know an alumnus of the York Catholic DSB who should be celebrated for the amazing things he or she has done, please nominate them by visiting [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca). Nominations close on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

## Support Your Parish With A Gift Of Securities

While you are planning your seasonal giving benefiting the parish and the community, consider making a gift of securities. It is one of the most financially sound ways to make a difference. When you donate stocks, bonds or mutual funds, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full value of your securities. It means a great tax break for you and greater support to the parish. To learn more about gifting securities and how you can make an impact for the 2022 tax year, contact the Development Office at

416-934-3400 ext. 561/519. To donate listed securities, you can obtain the information sheet and Letter of Direction by visiting this link:

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Thank you once again for your continued support!

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



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