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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

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!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 9th @ 9 am Feast of The Baptism of the Lord
 † Tomasz Wiland req. by Fr. Tad

Tuesday, January 10th @ 7 pm
 † Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family
 † Conversion of Souls req. by Ann Marie Munro
 † Nestor Pedron req. by Piedad Family
 † Intentions of Penny Lyon and Family req. by Sullivan Family
 † Intentions of Byron Knowles req. by Piedad Family

Wednesday, January 11th @ 9 am
 † Yolande Levac req. by Gail & Gord MacRae

Thursday, January 12th @ 7 pm
 † Patricia Allison Khan req. by Elizabeth Rowland

Friday, January 13th @ 9 am
 † Antonio Lamanna req. by Anna Metauro & Family

Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, January 14th
 @ 9 am
 † Intentions of Jonfiah Alphonsine req. by Jonfiah Alphonsine
 † Ernie Arnold req. by Jan & Dale Marie Arnold
 † Michael Choo-Hum req. by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus
 † Guillermo J. Rodriguez req. by Piedad Family
 † Molly McConkey req. by Jill McWhinnie
 @ 5 pm
 † Mary Donaghey req. by John & Alma Boyd

Sunday, January 15th
 @ 9 am (also livestreamed)
 † Matthew Benincasa req. by Nelle & Joe Lombardo
 † St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad
 @ 11 am
 † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

Pray For the Sick

Hedley Thomas, Jeanette Woodley, Joanne Taylor
Clemens Casil

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Eileen Foy
Umberto De Furia, Constable Grzegorz Pierzchala



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 the First Friday of the month 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.

Is God Calling You

God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, or religious, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997.**
 Email vocations@archtoronto.org
 Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

Catechism in a Year



The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

In response to countless requests, Ascension has launched

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Catholic School Support

To help us nurture the gift of Catholic Education in the years to come, we ask for the support of every member of our Catholic community. Please verify that your tax support is directed to **English-Language Separate District Board.** You may get an Application for Direction of School Support by visiting www.ycdsb.ca.

Celebration of Marriage at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica Sunday, February 12th at 2:30 pm



As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. **Registration is now open.** Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and for further information.



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Mass: Monday, January 9th at 9 am

JANUARY 8, 2023

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30 pm



The next Knights of Columbus council meeting is scheduled for January 11 @ 7:30 PM in person in the Knights Room (located in the church hall). Back doors to the hall will be open for entry at approx. 7:15pm. All members are welcome to join us. For more information, or if would like to become a member email Grand Knight John Sobrinho at gk10874@ontariokofc.ca.

Recollection for Women

Monday, January 16th 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, January 16th

Confessions and Talk given by

a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Confirmation Classes

Beginning Wednesday, January 18th

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, January 18th in the Parish Hall.

Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm



Parish Movie Night Postponed until February

January's movie night has been cancelled. The next movie night will be in February. Details to come soon.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated items to the **Squires' Giving Tree**. Both the Rose of Sharon and the St. Vincent de Paul Society greatly appreciate your generosity!

We would also like to thank **O'Neill Funeral Home** for their kind donation of poinsettias to make our sanctuary look so beautiful and festive throughout the Christmas season!

Lastly, Fr. Tad and the staff would like to say how much we appreciate the gifts and treats received!

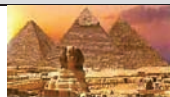
Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long. To sign-up for the St. Mark's Pre-Authorized Giving program, please go to: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/>

Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket. Forms are also available in the lobby of the church.

Pilgrimage to Egypt & Holy Land

Information Meeting: January 21 at 10:30 am



A pilgrimage has been organized to the Holy Land and Egypt under the spiritual leadership of Father Tad Walczyk from May 23rd to June 5th, 2023 (14 days).

Cost: \$4,795 (Toronto Dep. Includes all taxes & tips)

For information and registration:

Henry 1-877-999-8868 ext. 367 or

647-272-2811 Email: henry@ihtours.com

Website: www.ihtours.com

Registration forms are available in the Church lobby.



An information meeting will take place in the parish hall on Saturday, January 21st

at 10:30 am.

Women's Ministry Retreat

January 27th to 29th, 2023



The St. Marks Women's Ministry is excited to announce our very first women's retreat and we are looking forward

to spending the weekend with all of you -- it will be a weekend filled with love, laughter, faith inspired activities, outdoor & indoor fun, strengthening our friendship and developing new ones!

When: Friday January 27th to Sunday January 29th, 2023.

Where: Claremont Nature Centre 4290 Westney Rd, N, Goodwood.

What to expect: The weekend will consist of a variety of fun activities, indoor and outdoor. You can choose activities from nature hikes in the forest, snowshoeing, making faith-inspired crafts, indoor fun games, catching up & chatting with friends, and a dance party on Saturday Night! A Mass will be held on Saturday night by Fr Tad.

What is included: All meals from Friday night to Sunday, including snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. All indoor and outdoor activities will be accompanied by a guide. Sleeping accommodations. Shared washrooms and showers.

Cost: \$250 per person for the entire weekend. If you bring a friend, then you both get to save \$25 each, so \$225/person.

How to register: Please email stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com and we will provide you with further instructions on how to sign up and reserve your spot for this amazing experience.

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

January 28th/29th



Where is God calling you to serve?

We invite you to come to St. Mark's Parish Hall after Mass on the weekend of January 28th/29th to talk to ministry leaders and see where your talents can be used to serve God and your fellow parishioners.

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

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