



# 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!

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm

† Alberto Di Rienzo req. by Di Rienzo Family

Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

@ 9 am

† Carmine Altomare req. by Ida Miceli & Mary Benincasa

@ 7 pm

Sebastian Dacko req. by Fr. Tad

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm

† Linda D'Alimonte & Luisa Di Paolo req. by Angelo & Rosalia Chieco

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am

† Fidel & Maria DeNicola req. by Josephine Collura

Friday Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am

† Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family

† Virginia Lee req. by Gordon and Mary Lee

Maria & Annalisa Parente req. by Maria Parente

† Francesco Parrino req. by Rosa Parrino

@ 5 pm

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

Adele & Terrence Gill (61st Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Ralph Nunno req. by Nunno Family

@ 11 am

† Diego Accardo req. by Antonina Accardo

## Pray For the Sick

Jeanette Woodley, Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira, Murielle Noronha

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Richard Lawrence Carroll, Gianpiero Vancheri  
Helen DiNunno



## 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

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997.

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Pope Francis Appoints Bishop Frank Leo



Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal, as the 14<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Toronto. The archbishop-designate succeeds Cardinal Thomas Collins, who has served the archdiocese since 2007. The new

archbishop will be installed at a ceremony at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on a date to be confirmed in the coming days. During this time of transition in the archdiocese, we give thanks for Cardinal Collins and his service to the Church and welcome Archbishop-designate Leo, who will be joining the community very soon. Please continue to keep these shepherds close in prayer in the days ahead.

## Turkey & Syria Earthquake Humanitarian Relief

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction and loss of life in both countries.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting donations and channeling funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway.

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

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>
- By phone through the Development Office: 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.

## CCCB Pastoral Letter on Indigenous Reconciliation

Canadian Bishops Release Pastoral Letters to Advance the Healing Journey with Indigenous Peoples of this land.

On February 8, 2023, the Bishops of Canada released a series of pastoral letters to advance the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope with Indigenous Peoples of this land. Individual letters have been prepared for First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. In addition, the bishops have released a letter to Catholics throughout the country.

Copies of the letters can be accessed by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) Catholics throughout the archdiocese are invited to reflect, learn and join in efforts to nurture and deepen our relationship with Indigenous Peoples. We pray that the letters may serve as an additional tool to guide the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.

# FEBRUARY 19, 2023

## Confirmation Class Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>



The next Confirmation class will be Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Hall.  
Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm  
Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

\*There won't be a class on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Family Game Day

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 5 pm



On the holiday Monday, the Knights of Columbus would like to invite families to attend a **Family Day Game Event from 2 pm to 5 pm in the parish hall**. There will be a variety of fun board games for all ages. As well, popcorn, chips, water and soft drinks will be available to purchase.

## Recollection for Women

Monday, February 20<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, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Confessions and Talk given by**

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

## Holy Face of Jesus Feast Day

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>



*"Whoever gazes upon me  
already consoles me"  
(Our Lord to Sister Pierina)*

For the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus on February 21<sup>st</sup>, a picture will be displayed in the sanctuary and devotional prayers will be said at the end of the 7 pm Mass.

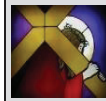
## Ash Wednesday

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mass at 9 am and 7 pm  
Ashes will be distributed at both Masses



For centuries, Catholics have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season.

This is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 – 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.



## Lenten Stations of the Cross Beginning February 24<sup>th</sup>

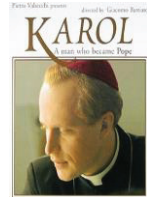
Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm.



## MOVIE NIGHT



**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**in the Parish Hall**



**This month's movie: Karol: A Man Who Became Pope** Karol: A Man Who Became Pope follows the amazing life of Karol Wojtyla from his teenage years on the threshold of life as an actor, writer and poet when he sees his world shattered with the Nazi invasion of

Poland in 1939. This saga follows his decision to become a priest and his struggles under the Nazi regime, up until the papal conclave of 1978. Karol: A Man Who Became Pope focuses on his new life as the Pope, and the tremendous impact Pope John Paul II had on the church and the world until his death in 2005. It tells the dramatic story of the most influential papacy in modern times. Running time: 186 mins. There's no charge to attend the show. Pizza, drinks & snacks will be on sale at 6 pm.

## Women's Ministry Gathering

Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm



*St. Mark's Women's Ministry*

The women of our parish are invited to attend a **Wine & Cheese & Small Group Table Talk** in the parish hall on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. We hope to see you there and we encourage you to bring a friend!

## Thank You For Your Generosity



We would like to thank the Ignagni family, the Raponi family and an anonymous donor for coordinating and purchasing our new pulpit and flower stands. Thank you all for your generosity to our parish and may God greatly bless you!

## Offertory Envelopes



We ask that you please **do not use old offertory** envelopes that may have a different number on them from the current ones assigned to you. If you do this, it risks your donation being allocated to another parishioner who has your old envelope number and then you won't have the correct amount calculated on your tax receipt.

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



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