



# 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!

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm  
 Molly McConkey req. by Mary Anne & Garry Watson  
 Austin Mendes req. by Abraham Family  
 Trudy Wolanski req. by Don & Susan Dizon

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9 am  
 Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm  
 Chrisa Goebel req. by Stefanie Bruno

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 am  
 Gianpiero Vancheri req. by Baker Family

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm  
 Mass @ 7 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am

Intentions of Mary Jane Abad req. by Mary Jane Abad

Rosina Aquino req. by Antonietta Musto

Felicetta Musto Hosany req. by Antonietta Musto

Raffick Hosany req. by Antonietta Musto

Alicia Hernandez req. by Melanie Vincencio

@ 5 pm

Domenico & Michelina Acierno req. by Di Rienzo Family

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

Intentions of Antonietta & Gerardo Quadrini req. by Quadrini Family

@ 11 am

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

## Pray For the Sick

Jeanette Woodley, Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Gianpiero Vancheri, Helen DiNunno, Catherine Heber  
 Murielle Noronha



## 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

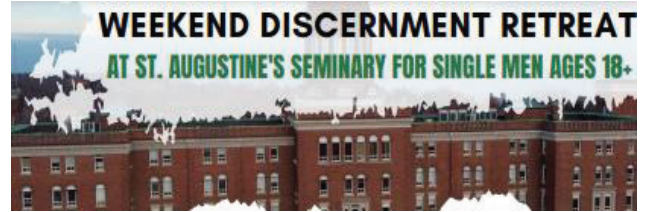
Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997.**

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

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

## Discernment Weekend Retreat St. Augustine's Seminary

March 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>



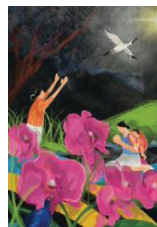
The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee) FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## Fasting & Feasting

As we begin this great season of Lent, it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ. We often associate Lent with fasting and penances, which are undoubtedly good. However, it is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well, for Aristotle famously said that "nature abhors a vacuum." This leads us to the practice of "fasting and feasting" in Lent. Through this practice we are able to cultivate strong stewardship through fasting from things that are unvirtuous and feasting on charitable and wholesome acts. Let us take some time to prayerfully reflect on how we can implement the following list this Lenten season. Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens. In essence, let us fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthen us.

## World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm



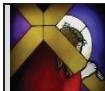
The World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Worship Service will be held this year at **Christ Church Anglican (254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville)** on Friday, March 3rd at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend the service and enjoy fellowship afterwards.

# FEBRUARY 26, 2023



## Support our Lenten ShareLife Appeal

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing. Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families. Please give generously once again this year at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org).



## Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 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!

## 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

## 2023 Mass Intention Calendar



Mass intentions for **July to December 2023** will be accepted at the office beginning **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Single Intention Mass offering \$20.

Multi-Intention Mass offering \$10.  
(Tues. evening or Sat. Morning) Cash/cheque only.

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## Church Cleaning before Easter Volunteers Needed

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am



### It's time to make St. Mark's shine!

The Lenten church cleanup is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 am. Please bring a bucket, rubber gloves and some rags. A light lunch will be served afterward.

For more information, call/text **Jodi Harker** at 416-518-0338 or sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

## St. Mark's Lenten Parish Mission SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 25 to Wednesday, March 29



### Everyone is invited to St. Mark's Church Lenten Mission

Speaker: Fr. Tomasz Skibinski

Topic: Paschal Mystery

### Dates & Times:

- Weekend Masses on March 25 and 26
- Monday, March 27 at 9 am
- Tuesday, March 28 at 7 pm
- Wednesday, March 29 at 7 pm

Confession will be available from Monday to Wednesday after the Masses.

## 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: St. Mark's Church – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

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

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

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