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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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 7th @ 7 pm

- † Michelina & Domenico Acierno req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Giuseppina Di Rienzo req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Catherine Heber req. by Don & Susan Dizon

Wednesday, March 8th @ 9 am

Conversion of Joseph Ho req. by Cong Family

Thursday, March 9th @ 7 pm

- † Rocco & Rosa Rigillo req. by Di Rienzo Family

Friday, March 10th @ 9 am

- † Sandy Rozario req. by Rozario & Tabone Family

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 11th

@ 9 am

- Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Jola Sadowski
- † Nestor Pedron req. by Piedad Family
- † Fran Rozario req. by John & Lea Schwarzbauer
- † Catherine & Morris Cameron req. by Lana James
- † Muriel Noronha req. by Baker Family

@ 5 pm

Intentions of Rinaldi Family req. by Sandra Liaros

Sunday, March 12th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Domenico Giusti req. by Giusti Family
- St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad Family

@ 11 am

- † Tony & Dino Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

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

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca**

ShareLife

Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is March 26. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$86,000**. More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

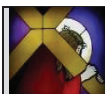


The Winter-Spring 40 Days for Life campaign is underway. If you want to grow in humility and faith, while loving mothers and their preborn babies, you can get involved. We need prayer warriors across the country, especially those who are willing to stand in the public square. It also helps to do it with a group of friends, family members, or fellow parishioners. Group prayer is certainly powerful. It's such a deep bonding experience as well. So, commit today, and join thousands of other Canadians in praying, fasting, and witnessing for an end to abortion. The campaign runs until April 2nd. If you have any questions, contact your local campaign for more details or reach out to 40 Days for Life directly at

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/toronto>.

Refugee Sponsorship Program for Family Members of Parishioners

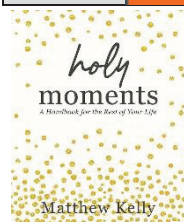
The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees has launched its 2023 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This program assists parishioners who would like to sponsor family members who are in need of refugee resettlement. If you are a parishioner, and would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor. Interested parishioners are asked to provide the funds that will be required for sponsorship.



Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm.

THANK YOU



We would like to thank the generous donors who made the purchase and distribution of the Holy Moments books to our parishioners possible. It's a great joy to know there are those who are eager to sponsor 'Growth in Faith' for others. May God greatly bless you!

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>

MARCH 5, 2023

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 8th



The next Confirmation class will be Wednesday, March 8th in the Parish Hall.
Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm
Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th Online via Zoom



The next Knights of Columbus council meeting is scheduled for March 8 @ 7:30 PM.

A Zoom link will be emailed to members.

All members are welcome to join us. For more information, or if you would like to become a member email Grand Knight John Sobrinho at gk10874@ontariokofc.ca.

Lenten Poverty Lunch

March 19th after the 11 am Mass



Many of us do not know what it is like to go without food, so this Lent the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, together with the Women's Ministry, will be hosting its annual poverty lunch that includes a bowl of homemade soup, a bun and water to remind us of how lucky we are. **The lunch will take place on March 19th after the 11 am mass in the Parish Hall.** Everyone is welcome. There is no cost but a donation would be welcomed. See you on the 19th!



Solemnity of St. Joseph

Monday, March 20th at 9 am

There will be a Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Monday, March 20th at 9 am.

Church Cleaning before Easter

Volunteers Needed

Tuesday, March 21st 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer shawl ministry gives shawls and prayer squares to those who need our comfort and prayers. We thank those parishioners who have donated yarn in the past.

Donations of yarn and wool for the Prayer Shawl Ministry are gratefully received. Please contact the office or leave the items on the prayer shawl table in the West foyer.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

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: Exodus, Passover & Kerygma

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.

Confession Times During Lent

Prepare for Easter by going to Confession.



Tues., March 21 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Fri., March 24 – 10 am to 11 am

Sat., March 25 – 9:30 - 10 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Mon., March 27 – 10 am to 11 am

Tues., March 28 – 8 pm to 9 pm

Wed., March 29 – 8 pm to 9 pm

Fri. March 31 – 9:30 am – 10 am

Sat., April 1 – 9:30 - 10 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Tues., April 4 – 7:30 pm to 9 pm

Parish Ministry Fair- Thank You!

The Parish Ministry Fair was a wonderful success! Thank you to our ministry coordinators, and their team members, for the tremendous work to prepare for and lead our Ministry Fair. Thank you also to all our parishioners who inquired, learned and discerned, and accepted the call from the Holy Spirit to serve on one or more of our ministries!

Ministry Fair Prize Winners

All parishioners who attended the Parish Ministry Fair and visited at least 3 ministry tables were entered in a draw.

Congratulations to the following winners!

- Living Stewardship Book – A Musto
- Making Stewardship a Way of Life Book – A Musca
- 30 Days on Stewardship – Isabelle Mikhail
- Cornerstones of Faith signed by Cardinal Collins – Julia Maano
- Starbucks Gift Basket – Pauline Tse
- Winners Gift Card – Sorely Requena
- Tim Hortons Gift Card – Antonietta Ignagni
- Chocolates and Mug – Marion MacDonald
- Ceramic Church – Jaymie Uy
- Ultimate Dining Gift Card – Alicia Seymour
- Knitted Baby Blanket – Priya Abraham
- Baskin Robin Gift Cards – Jack Lynch & Ryan Fegarty

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