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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!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, April 18th @ 7 pm

- † Ramona Tence req. by Luis & Carmela Tence
- † Frederick Gaerlan req. by Alice, Kaitlin, Spencer
- † Frederick Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina & Family
- † Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato
- † Lorne MacDonald req. by Peter Willan

Wednesday, April 19th @ 9 am

- † Betty Hartford req. by Patricia Hartford & Larry Tumino

Thursday, April 20th @ 7 pm

Thanksgiving for Susie req. by Diep Cong

Friday, April 21st @ 9 am

- † Santa & Vincenzo Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, April 22nd

@ 9 am

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- † Eugeniana "Nena" Pedron req. by Piedad Family
- † Nancy Pedron Gallegos req. by Piedad Family
- † Teresita Balandra req. by Piedad Family
- † Elenita Dolorico req. by Piedad Family
- † Celia Castro req. by Dodie & Tessie Castro
- † John McKendry req. by Rose McKendry

@ 5 pm

- † Franco Altomare req. by Ida Altomare

Sunday, April 23rd

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Diego Accardo req. by Antonina Accardo

Pray For the Sick

Jeanette Woodley, Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Murielle Noronha, Wayne Hainschwang

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

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister, or brother?

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997.**

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

SL ShareLife

Your ShareLife gift changes lives

Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, May 11th in Ottawa



The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day.

Rally & March Thursday, May 11th

12:30 pm – Rally on Parliament Hill

1:30 pm – March downtown Ottawa

2:30 pm – Silent No More Testimonies.

Visit MARCHFORLIFE.CA or CALL 1-800-730-5358

We invite parishioners of the St. Mark's community to join us on a full-day **bus trip** to this year's March For Life rally in Ottawa. The cost per seat is **\$30** and we will be sharing a bus with a few other parishes in the region. For more details including how to reserve your seat on the bus, please visit the parish website: stmarksst.archtoronto.org.

Volunteers for Church Gardens



Volunteers are needed to care for one of the church gardens over the spring and summer months. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the church at 905-640-6954 ext. 103.

Free Estate Planning Seminar

Saturday, May 6 at 9:15 am

Catholic Cemeteries and the estate planning team will share information about:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
 - How to ensure your wishes are legally protected
 - Powers of Attorney
 - The advantage of pre-arranging funeral, burial and cremation plans
 - The cost savings of making an estate plan
 - Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
 - Church guidelines on Cremation
 - Our Catholic traditions around wills, burial and funerals
- An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost*

Location: Christ the King Catholic Cemetery, 7770 Steeles Ave East, Markham, ON.
(Entrance to the cemetery off Reesor Rd.)

RSVP: Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services 416-733-8544 ext. 2023 or info@cc-fs.ca
Refreshments will be provided.

APRIL 16, 2023

Recollection for Women

Monday, April 17th 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, April 17th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm
Confessions and talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei.

Holy Land Handicrafts

April 22nd & 23rd



St. Mark's Knights of Columbus will be raising funds by selling Christian craft items that are made by hand in Bethlehem from precious olive wood on the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd. Come and purchase some beautiful handmade items after all the Masses that weekend.

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, April 22nd

Group A – 9 am to 12 pm

Group B – 1 pm to 4 pm



Women's Ministry Gathering

Monday, April 24th at 7:30 pm



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

The women of St. Mark's Parish are invited to attend the April Women's Ministry gathering downstairs in the parish hall. There will be snacks and small group discussions. For more information, please email stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

St. Mark's Feast Day Celebration

Tuesday, April 25th



Please join us in celebrating the Feast Day of St. Mark the Evangelist!
Mass at 7 pm followed by a social in the Parish Hall.

Easter - Thank You!

Fr. Tad, our Deacons and Staff thank you very much for all the best Easter Wishes and Cards we received on this occasion. It is very much appreciated.

Christ is risen – He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to prepare and celebrate the Sacred Triduum!

- To all our various ministries – Altar Servers, Choirs, Counters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Lectors, Deacons & Staff
- Decorators: Cellie Canaan, Christina Viggiani, Mary Ann and Lad Mehes, Marcel Raes, Sara Moreno-Stober, Jason Stober & Diep Cong



MOVIE NIGHT

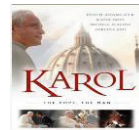


Saturday, April 29th at 6:30 pm

in the Parish Hall

This month's movie:

**Karol: The Pope, The Man
(Part II)**



The movie focuses on 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: 185 mins. There's no charge to attend the show.

Pizza, drinks & snacks will be on sale at 6 pm.

Movies are more appropriate for adults.

First Communion Ceremonies



Please pray for our children receiving the Sacrament of First Communion in April and May.

We ask our Church community to remember these special children in their prayers, as they celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Thank you to all our Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Volunteer Appreciation Week: Volunteering Weaves Us Together will be celebrated from April 16-22, 2023. This is a time of thanks and appreciation for our volunteers who selflessly serve our parish community with their unique gifts that weave our community together, following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us. 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone". Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each one of you, from the tireless work of Volunteer Screening Coordinators and Committee Members, Church Cleaners, Liturgical Hospitality Teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choirs, Collection Counters, Ministry Leaders, to the faith-affirming efforts of Catechists, Lay Pastoral Visitors, and so many other volunteers. Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone".

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