



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: vocationtoronto.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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 1st @ 7 pm Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Intentions of Fr. Tad

Tuesday, May 2nd @ 7 pm

† Deceased members of the Rigillo Family req. by Di Rienzo Family

† Lucia Lombardo req. by Nelle & Joe Lombardo

† Joseph Morris & Catherine Cameron req. by Lana James

† Antonio Pescador req. by Baker Family

Wednesday, May 3rd @ 9 am Feast of St. Philip & St. James

† Elena Alparaz req. by Luis & Carmela Tence

Thursday, May 4th @ 7 pm

† Deceased members of Rigitano Family req. by Ida Altomare

Friday, May 5th

@ 9 am

† All Souls in Purgatory req. by Diep Cong

@ 7 pm

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

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm

Saturday, May 6th

@ 9 am

† Johnny Stipceovich req. by Milka Stipceovich

Intentions of Robert Corby req. by Mary Jane Abad

† Wayne Hainschwang req. by Paul & Pat McGuire

† Souls in Purgatory req. by Moreno Family

† Joseph Vu req. by Anna & Family

@ 5 pm

† Rosa & Rocco Rigillo req. by Di Rienzo Family

Sunday, May 7th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Cheryl McCulloch req. by Onesima Raponi

@ 11 am

† Stefan Lojowsky req. by Erika Bayer & Family

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

@ 3 pm **First Holy Communion Mass**

Pray For the Sick

Jeanette Woodley, Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira
Ianthe Howell, Derry Howell

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Antonio Pescador, Tony Kilmartin



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.**

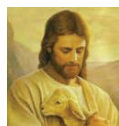
Please consider attending for even 5 to 10 minutes.

SL ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Imitating the Good Shepherd



"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures." These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23 which describes God as a shepherd taking care of His people. One attribute of shepherds that is especially poignant is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home where we will rest in His love. As Christians we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward. As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us. One practice we can adopt, especially on this world day of prayer for vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "stewardship parishes report an ... increase in religious and priestly vocations." Let us play our part as stewards and begin to share our gifts for the good of the Church.

Queen of Apostles Retreat

A Day with Mary, Mother of Jesus

When: Saturday May 13, 2023, 9:00am to 3:00pm

*Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre,
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga*

Facilitated by: Father Daniel Janulewicz and Anne Hales

Cost: \$45.00 lunch included (cash, cheque or credit card)

Contact: Jean 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

Is God Calling You

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for the archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997**.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

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

APRIL 30, 2023

Coffee Sunday
Sunday, April 30th



Coffee, tea and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, April 30th after the 9 and 11 am**

Masses. Join fellow parishioners in the hall for fellowship and some delicious refreshments!

Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the parish hall on Saturday between 8 am and 10 am or 4 pm and 6 pm or on Sunday morning.

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
Monday, May 1st at 7 pm



There will be a Mass on Monday, May 1st at 7 pm to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker. We hope many parishioners will attend this special Feast of St. Joseph.

Mother's Day Gift Basket Raffle
May 6th and 7th



The St. Mark Knights of Columbus will be holding our second annual Mother's Day draw on **May 6th & 7th.** Please buy a ticket for a chance to win a beautiful gift basket for a lady or mother.

All proceeds will go to support subsidizing a bus for St. Mark Parishioners to attend the March for Life in Ottawa on May 11. **Tickets are \$10/each and will be sold after all three Masses.** If you purchase a ticket, you will also receive a beautiful Rose for Life pin which you can wear proudly in defence of human life from conception to natural death.

Women's Ministry
Praise and Worship Evening
Monday, May 8th at 7:30 pm



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

We're excited to announce that the women of St. Mark's Parish are invited to attend a night of Praise and Worship with Michael and Michelle Dizon on Monday, May 8th at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Mark's Golf Tournament
at Spring Lakes Golf Club

Saturday, June 17th



SAVE THE DATE!
COME & CELEBRATE
ST. MARKS CHURCH
40th ANNIVERSARY

'A SWING AND A PRAYER' GOLF TOURNAMENT & AN EVENING EVENT AT SPRING LAKES GOLF CLUB ON SATURDAY JUNE 17th, 2023.

Golf with Cart, Lunch & Evening Event \$250 per person
Evening Event Only \$65 per person
Tickets on sale after all Masses.

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

*The theme of this year's march is the call to **Stand Firm!** Thousands of Canadians will gather at our nation's capital to send a clear message to all our elected officials: **respect and protect human life made in God's image.** A highway coach with 56 passenger capacity has been organized, and thanks to the generous subsidy (provided by the Knights of Columbus Councils of St. Patrick's Markham, Blessed Frederic Ozanam Markham and St. Mark's Stouffville) the cost per person is only \$30. For further detailed information and to sign up, please contact*

Dan Di Rocco at 905-294-4219 or

email dirocco401@yahoo.ca Method of payment is by e-transfer to the above email address. An auto deposit has been created for this purpose. Please note the bus will leave from the back parking lot of St. Patrick's Church at 6:45 am and return to same location from Ottawa by 9:30 pm. All vulnerable people whether the preborn, the elderly or the disabled need us to Stand Firm for them.

Join us on this trip for peaceful witnessing.

Sacramental Celebrations



We ask for your prayers for God's blessing on all the children of our parish who



will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in May & June.

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