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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
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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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 9th @ 7 pm

- † All Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Honorio Castro Sr. req. by Dodie & Tessie Castro
- † Joseph Varghese req. by Abraham Family
Shin-Scott Family req. by Ann Marie Munro
Scott Family req. by Ann Marie Munro

Wednesday, May 10th @ 9 am

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Ida Altomare

Thursday, May 11th @ 7 pm

- † Gertrude Toal req. by Maureen Morrison

Friday, May 12th

@ 9 am

- † Maria Aracely Moreno req. by Sara Moreno-Stober & Family

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, May 13th

@ 9 am

- † Pui Kit Chow Chen req. by Gordon & Mary Lee
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Moreno Family
- † Giuseppa Scelsa req. by Baker & Kelly Families
- † Tony Pescador req. by Prayer Shawl Ministry
- † Gianpiero (J.P.) Vancheri req. by Blommesteyn Family

@ 5 pm

- † Wayne Hainschwang req. by Onesima Raponi

Sunday, May 14th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Bibiano Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina & Family

@ 11 am

Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary req. by Di Rienzo 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, Sebastian Dacko

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.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel through ShareLife

"Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a ShareLife agency in their moment of need." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings and give generously through the parish or at sharelife.org. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Exercising our Priestly Call

"Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood." These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king" (CCC 1546). The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation.

Pope's Pastoral Works Collection



Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works.

These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

Ukrainian Crisis Update

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

Is God Calling You

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a 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

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

MAY 7, 2023

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's 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!



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.



MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, May 27th at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Hall

This month's movie:

The Song of Bernadette



Based on the popular novel by Franz Werfel, this drama focuses on Bernadette Soubirous (Jennifer Jones), a young French woman who experiences vivid visions of the Virgin Mary. While many dismiss her claims, certain people, including the priest Dominique Peyramale (Charles Bickford), slowly begin to believe her. Eventually, Bernadette is deemed a saint, and becomes a nun at a convent, where she must deal with jealousy from others who resent her revered status.

Running time: 156 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.

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

Saturday, June 17th



SAVE THE DATE!
COME & CELEBRATE
ST. MARK'S 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.

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.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 20th Whitchurch Stouffville Prayer Breakfast

Theme: Building Community Through Christian Faith

Location: Oakview Terrace, 13256 Leslie Street

Guest Speaker: Chris Channon

Date: May 18, 2023 at 7 am

Tickets can be purchased at: Candlelight and Memories

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