



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.
Grant Lalata - Youth Minister

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.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. We encourage you to register using the Registration Form available in the foyer or on the website.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Altar Society
AV Team
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Federation of North American Explorers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Greeters/Ushers
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Media Stand & Bookstall
Movie Night
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Shawl
RCIA & RCIC
Rosary Apostolate
Sacramental Preparation
Social Committee
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
T: 416-968-0997
W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606
W: archtoronto.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
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St. Brendan's School
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T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
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St. Katharine Drexel
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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. They are also encouraged to get involved in a parish ministry.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 5th @ 7 pm

- † Maria Castro req. by Dodie & Tessie Castro
- † All Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato
- † Loreta & Leonardo Russo req. by MaryLou & Romano
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Successful start to the school year req. by Bijo Family

Wednesday, September 6th @ 9 am

- † Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo

Thursday, September 7th @ 7 pm

Intentions of Melissa Bodi req. by Bodi Family

Friday, September 8th @ 9 am Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed

- † Virgin Mary
- † Sandra Maikawa req. by Maikawa Family
- † Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, September 9th

- @ 9 am
- † Regina dela Cruz req. by Dodie & Tessie Castro
- † Concetta & Giuseppe Cianflone req. by Connie Quadri
- † Fran Allan Rozario req. by Mike Rozario

@ 5 pm

- † Margaret & Joseph Tumino req. by Larry Tumino

Sunday, September 10th

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)
- † Guillermo Tuason req. by Crespo Family
- @ 11 am
- † St. Mark's Community and for God's blessings for Kozlowski Family req. by Fr. Tad

Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira,
Sid Majaralie, Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Ralph Ciampaglia, Livio (Leo) Raponi



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** with the **paper registration sheet at the back of the church.** Please consider attending for even 5 - 10 minutes.

ShareLife

St Mark's ShareLife campaign is still ongoing. We have not yet reached our parish goal of \$86,000.

We ask that you please consider giving a donation by using the envelopes in the lobby or via our St. Mark's website at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/>.

RCIA Program Registration

We will be running our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program this fall for anyone interested in being baptized Catholic or who may have already been baptized but never received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Beginning at the end of September until May, classes will take place once a week in the parish hall on Tuesday evenings after the Mass and run from 7:30 pm to 9 pm.

If you would like to join the RCIA program, please complete the registration form found at:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/rcia-initial-information-form-2022-website.pdf>

and drop it off at the church office or scan and email it to lbaker@archtoronto.org.

Is God Calling You

"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997**.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

RENEW Young Adults Conference November 4th in Whitby

Save the date! We are very excited to be hosting RENEW Toronto on **Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Canada Christian College in Whitby.** RENEW Toronto is a conference for all **young adults ages 19-39** with keynotes, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals and young couples. We invite young adults to unite with one another to collectively renew their hearts, renew their call and renew their community.

For information: youngadult@ocytoronto.org

To register: www.renewtoronto.org/register

Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo Friday, September 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. – St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica



The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Youth Program Registration

EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

Registration for EDGE (Grades 5 to 8) and LifeTeen (Grades 9 to 12) will begin on the weekend of September 9th/10th. Our Youth Minister, Grant, will be making an announcement that weekend and distributing registration forms after Mass.

First Reconciliation / First Communion Registration

First Reconciliation / First Communion

Online Registration will open on **Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** and will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

In-Person Parent Registration Night will take place on **Wednesday, September 20th from 7 to 8:30 pm** at the church. Baptismal certificate of the child and the \$130 offering for the two sacraments will be collected that evening, and the first workbook and program outline/instructions will be distributed.

For more information, go to <http://stmarksstarchtoronto.org>.

Youth Ministry Logo Contest

Deadline: September 15th

We're holding an Art contest for the new logo for St. Mark's Youth Ministry.

The details are as follows:

- Open to everyone at St. Mark's Parish.
- Deadline for submitting your design is on Friday, September 15th, 2023.
- Email to stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com or drop it off at the Parish office.
- Please write "St. Mark's Youth Min Logo – Name"
 - Add email address and phone number.
- Winner will receive a prize and the logo will be printed in our bulletin.
- For more information, talk to Grant Lalata
- Common symbols of St. Mark
 - Winged Lion, Scripture, Pen, Desk.



Federation of North American Explorers For Girls Ages 12 to 16



Federation of North-American
EXPLORERS

The Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) is a Catholic Faith-based

youth movement. FNE is a program for girls between the ages of 12 and 16. As the name suggests, Explorers will 'explore' the great outdoors, nature and service including field trips, all-season weekend camping, annual summer camp and pilgrimage trips. With Christ at the center, Explorers develop their sense of leadership, collaboration, responsibility, love and friendship.

FNE meetings are scheduled on the **1st and 3rd Fridays** of the month starting on **September 15 from 6:45 pm to 9:30 pm** in the **Children's Liturgy Room in the Hall**.

Announcements and registration information will be provided after the Masses on **September 16 and 17**.

To learn more, please visit the FNE website at www.fneexplorers.com or email FNE Leaders at fne.dove@gmail.com.

Special Olympics Flag Signing

September 16th and 17th

The Knights of Columbus have been supporters of the Special Olympics for many years. They assist with fundraising, providing equipment and awards, feeding the athletes and organizing the events. The Knights from councils throughout Ontario will be passing around a flag to be signed and eventually displayed during the next Special Olympics. This flag will be at St. Mark's Church on the weekend of **September 16th and 17th**. The Knights will be at the back of the church that weekend to have parishioners **sign the flag and to accept monetary donations**.



Children's Liturgy

Beginning Sunday, September 17th



We are happy to announce that the Children's Liturgy will resume at the **9 am Mass** beginning **Sunday, September 17th** for children in Junior Kindergarten to Gr. 3.

2024 Mass Intention Calendar

Opening September 26th

Mass intentions for **January to June 2024** will be accepted at the office beginning **Tuesday, September 26th at 9 am**.

Single Intention Mass offering \$20.

Multi-Intention Mass offering (Tues. evening or Sat. Morning) \$10 (cash and cheque accepted).

St. Mark's Church 40th Anniversary Mass and Dinner – October 14th

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 14th

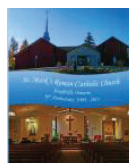


This year is the 40th Anniversary of the original consecration of St. Mark's Church. To mark this very special occasion, Bishop Boissonneau will celebrate the 5 pm Mass on **Saturday, October 14th**. Following Mass, there will be a dinner in the parish hall. **Tickets will be on sale after all Masses starting the weekend of September 9th and 10th**.

Adults: \$45 and Children (10 and under): \$20

Mark the date in your calendar and join us for this wonderful celebration in the life of our parish community!

40th Anniversary Church Photo Directory



We are pleased to let everyone know that one of the ways we will be marking the 40th Anniversary of the consecration of St. Mark's Parish is by teaming up with IPC Canada Photo Services Inc. to produce a beautiful church photo directory that will be given free to parishioners who book an appointment to have their photo taken. These special parish photo directories are a lasting keepsake and wonderful way to help parishioners recognize each other and build community. **Beginning September 16th, volunteers will be in the church lobby to book appointments. All photos will be taken at St. Mark's Church during the week of November 21st to November 25th.**

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

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