# 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.
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

Blessed Chiara Badano School
55 Meridan Dr.

St. Katharine Drexel High School
55 Meridan Dr.

École catholique Pape-François
276 Sunset Blvd.
T: 905-642-3440

## 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, September 12th @ 7 pm**
- Maria Aracely Moreno req. by Moreno Family
- Calogero Tony Busuito req. by Dawidow & Family
- Joseph Varghese req. by Abraham Joseph

Intentions of Popo and Family req. by Bodi Family
Intentions of A. M. & T. Families req. by Bodi Family

**Wednesday, September 13th @ 9 am**
- Edward D'Souza req. by D'Souza Family

**Thursday, September 14th @ 7 pm Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- Gina Moretti req. by Carolina Moretti

**Friday, September 15th @ 9 am**
Intentions of Rachel Abad req. by Abad Family
**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

**Saturday, September 16th**
**@ 9 am**
- Domenico Nguyen Likien req. by Vincent & Anna Nguyen
- Gaspare Cavarra req. by Cavarra Family
- All Souls in Ho Family req. by Diep Cong
- Francesco De Rosa req. by Pacelli Family

**@ 5 pm**
- Bienvenido Saniano req. by Gavieres Family

**Sunday, September 17th**
**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**
St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad
**@ 11 am**
- Deceased Members of Cornacchia Family req. by Di Rienzo Family

## 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/.

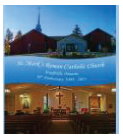
## RCIA Program Registration

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.

## St. Mark's Church 40th Anniversary Mass and Dinner – 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.**

## 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!

# SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

## Youth Program Registration

EDGE **AND** LIFE TEEN

**Registration forms for EDGE (Grades 5 to 8) and LifeTeen (Grades 9 to 12) will be distributed beginning the weekend of September 9th/10th. The deadline to submit the registration form is Saturday, September 30, 2023. Please hand in the form and $10 fee at the parish office or place it in an envelope and put it in the drop box beside the front door of the church.**

## 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**.

## That Man Is You (TMIY)

**Saturdays beginning September 16th**

TMIY THAT MAN IS YOU! BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus is proud to bring back another session of That Man Is You. The program is divided into two, 13-week sessions. The program will be hosted on **Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 16th** in the parish hall.
TO REGISTER EMAIL: GK10874@ontariokofc.ca
or GO TO: https://www.kofc10874.ca/

## 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.

## Recollection for Women

**Monday, September 18th 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, September 18th**
**Confessions and Talk given by an Opus Dei Priest: 7 – 9:30 pm.**

## 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).

## MOVIE NIGHT

**Saturday, September 30th at 6:15 pm**
**in the Parish Hall**

### This month's movie:

### Thérèse: The Story of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

The mesmerizing story of a young girl's love of God. Her faith, trials, and sacrifices reveal a way of life based on love and simplicity. A contemplative film based on the true story of St. Therese of Lisieux, the most popular saint of modern times.

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