



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

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Badano School
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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 26th @ 7 pm

- † Ernesto Serravalle req. by Serravalle Family
- † Alan Doyle req. by Emma Doyle
- † Alan Doyle req. by Maureen Panchuk
- † Gerald Hayling req. by Gloria LaTouche
- Intentions of Neal Flores req. by Arlene

Wednesday, September 27th @ 9 am

- † Mary & Ernie Arnold req. by Teresa & Martin Kuervers

Thursday, September 28th @ 7 pm

- † Greg Morrison req. by Maureen Morrison

Friday, September 29th @ 9 am Feast of the Archangels

In Honour of St. Michael the Archangel req. by Yoganathan Family

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, September 30th

@ 9 am

- † Fortunata Cianflone req. by Connie Quadrini
- † Domenico Nguyen Likien req. by Vincent & Anna Nguyen
- † Livio Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family
- † Michael Fallon req. by Maureen Panchuk
- † Tony Moncada req. by Tina Moncada
- † Maria & Salvatore Speranza req. by Tina Moncada
- Intentions of Akhil Bijo req. by Bijo Family

@ 5 pm

- † Mary & Ernie Arnold req. by Jan & Dale Marie Arnold

Sunday, October 1st

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

Intentions of Torti Family req. by Virginia Arlt

Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira, Marlene Vella
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.

Is God Calling You

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called 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.vocationtoronto.ca.

Aid for Morocco and Libya

Humanitarian aid for Morocco - The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Mark's Church – Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

Humanitarian aid for Libya - Currently, our Catholic partners are not present in Libya to coordinate relief efforts and as such we are unable to accept donations to aid those affected by the flooding at this time. For those wishing to offer support to the people of Libya, please consider a gift through the Canadian Red Cross in the following ways:

- Online through the Red Cross website – www.redcross.ca
- By phone through the Red Cross – 1-800-418-1111.

Please continue to pray for those who have died, for those who are missing or displaced because of these tragic disasters in both Morocco and Libya and for all who are working hard to provide relief and rescue in both locations.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday, September 24th

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay." In his message, Pope Francis acknowledges that while the decision to migrate should always be free, in many cases it is not. This point was reflected by St. John Paul II in his message for the 90th World Day of Migrants & Refugees, in which he wrote, "building conditions of peace means in practice being seriously committed to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country." As he concluded his message, Pope Francis referenced the words of the Lord when He said "...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" reminding us that the Lord's words are a "constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door."

Spiritus York – Kick-Off-BBQ

Thursday, September 28th from 7 pm to 9 pm

Calling all young adults (ages 19 – 35) in the York region. Join us for a sizzling start to the new ministry year, full of fellowship, fun, and food at St. Justin Martyr Parish (3898 Hwy 7 E).

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



On Friday, September 29, 2023, all are welcome to join in a special celebration at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass and 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.

RENEW Young Adults Conference November 4th in Whitby

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.

For information: youngadult@ocytoronto.org

To register: www.renewtoronto.org/register

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Welcome to Seminarian Peter Bissonette



Dear St. Mark's Parishioners,
It was a pleasure to celebrate last weekend's Masses with you. I really enjoyed Fr. Tad's company, and I am looking forward to saying hello to more of you after Holy Mass. I am entering my third year of theology studies at St. Augustine's Seminary (year 6/7), and – by God's grace – should be ordained a deacon this Spring, and then ordained a priest the following Spring (2025). My favourite saint (other than Our Lady) is likely Blessed Dina Bélanger, a Canadian blessed! I can't wait to see you all again!
God bless, Peter Bissonette

Women's Ministry Social

Monday, September 25th at 7:30 pm

Women's Ministry September Bonfire Sing-a-long!

7:30 pm - 9 pm September 25th,

OUTSIDE St. Mark's Church

FIREPIT, FOLK MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP & FUN!



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

Bring your own lawn chair, blanket, and rosary!

If there is inclement weather, we will move into the Church Hall for Folk Music, Fellowship and Fun around an imaginary or pretend firepit.

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).



Youth Program Registration

Deadline to Register: September 30th

EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

Registration forms for EDGE (Grades 5 to 8) and LifeTeen (Grades 9 to 12) can be found on our website

www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org. The deadline to submit the registration form is Saturday, September 30th.

Please place the form and \$10 fee in an envelope and write on it the child's name, program (EDGE and/or LifeTeen), and amount of money enclosed and submit it to the parish office on weekdays. On weekends, the envelope can be given to the person at the youth table in the church lobby. Cash or cheque accepted made payable to St. Mark Youth Ministry.



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.

Knights of Columbus

Food Drive – September 30th/ October 1st

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Thanksgiving food drive to support families in need in Stouffville on the weekend of September 30th/October 1st, the weekend prior to Thanksgiving.

We invite all parishioners to donate non-perishable food items which will be given to the Stouffville Food Bank and grocery gift cards which will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul society.

The needed items are cereal, cookies, canned pasta, kid's peanut free snacks, condiments, jam, dish soap, and laundry detergent.



Life Chain

Sunday, October 1st from 2 pm to 3 pm



Annual Day of Public Witness for Children Killed by Abortion

Life Chain is held simultaneously in more than 250 locations across Canada. It is an annual prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the injustice of abortion. Participants hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at locations across North America for one hour.

The next Life Chain will be on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 2-3 pm at the corner of Hwy 7 and McCowan Rd.

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. Each weekend, volunteers will be in the church lobby after Masses to book appointments. We also have an online sign-up form available on our website each Monday from 9 am until Friday at 4 pm. You can use the QR code above to access the website page or go to www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org. **Photos will be taken at St. Mark's Church during the weeks of November 21st to November 25th and November 27th to 29th.**

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

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