



# 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](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: [archtoronto.org](http://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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Rosina Maria Betti req. by Lucy & Dave Skasko
- † Gino Lupo req. by Lupo Family
- † Jimmy Murray req. by Maureen Panchuk
- † Gina Moretti req. by Moretti Family

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † George Martin req. by Leo & Deborah De Souza

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Sandra Maikawa req. by Maikawa Family

**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm @ 7 pm**

- † Zdzislaw Janek req. by Fr. Tad

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- † Damiano Moretti & Battista Perri req. by Moretti & Perri Family
- † Joyce Mirion Brown req. by Blommesteyn Family
- † Frusida Canag req. by Lalata Family
- † Luis Canag req. by Lalata Family
- † Maria Luvie Canag req. by Lalata Family
- † Vincent Castillo req. by Kathleen, Tayler & Chace Castillo

**@ 5 pm**

Intentions of Juan & Rosalyn Ramos req. by Rosalyn Ramos

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

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

**@ 11 am**

- † Tony Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

## 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**



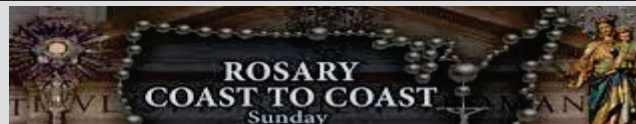
## Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday



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.

## Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund

As part of our ongoing efforts towards healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised close to 40 percent of the \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops. The archdiocese will contribute \$6 million towards the national pledge. The collection on September 30/October 1 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) - thank you for your generosity!



Rosary Coast to Coast will be held on **Sunday, October 13 at 3100 Weston Road on the field behind Carmen Stefano Community Centre at 8 pm.** Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. If not possible to attend in-person, pray at home with your families and prayer groups.

CONTACT: Angie Carboni PHONE: 416-871-3908

EMAIL: [parishionerh@gmail.com](mailto:parishionerh@gmail.com)

WEBSITE: [rosarycoasttocoast.ca](http://rosarycoasttocoast.ca)

## RENEW Young Adults Conference November 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youngadult@ocytoronto.org)

To register: [www.renewtoronto.org/register](http://www.renewtoronto.org/register)

## Come and See Weekend

**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to  
Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
St. Augustine's Seminary**

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming a Catholic priest.

Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

For further information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997 or

email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## Is God Calling You

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997.**

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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## Recruiting Altar Servers



If you have a child in Grade 3 to 8, who would like to join the Altar Server Ministry, please pick up a registration form in the church foyer or on our website and **submit it to the church office by October 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

## Youth Program Registration Registration Deadline Extension

### 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](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org). The deadline to submit the registration form has been extended to the following dates:

LifeTeen: Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

EDGE – Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

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 or bring it to the opening session. Cash or cheque accepted made payable to St. Mark Youth Ministry.

Follow us on Instagram: @stmarksyouthmin

## Life Chain

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and Dinner – October 14<sup>th</sup>

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 14<sup>th</sup>**. Following Mass, there will be a dinner in the parish hall. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses starting the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.



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!

## 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org). Photos will be taken at St. Mark's Church during the weeks of November 21<sup>st</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Confirmation Online Registration

**Begins Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Confirmation Online Registration will open beginning **Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9 am** on our website at: <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>.

**In-Person Parent Registration Night** will take place on **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm** at the church. Baptismal certificate of the child and the \$130 offering for the sacrament will be collected that evening, and distribution of the workbook and program outline/instructions will take place.

## 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](http://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](http://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.**

## Magnificat Breakfast

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women, is holding a breakfast on **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** at the Julius Event Centre at 2201 Finch Ave. W. to include praise and worship, guest speaker and confession. For complete details and to register go to: [www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast](http://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast)

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