



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.

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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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 31st @ 7 pm

- † Intentions of Arnel Flores req. by Arlene Musca
- † P.C. Varghese req. by Abraham Joseph
- † Maura Fernandez & Deceased Members of the Fernandez Family req. by Fidelis Noronha
- † Ganaparam Thelesphora req. by Alin Dorin
- † Deceased Members of the Waterman Family & Friends req. by Myrna Waterman
- † Ron Savoie req. by Tom & Jeannine Clarke

Wednesday, November 1st @ 9 am Solemnity of All Saints

- † Maura Fernandez req. by Glynnis & Charles Barnes @ 7 pm

- † All Saints and Holy Souls req. by Fr. Tad

Thursday, November 2nd @ 7 pm All Souls' Day

- † Rev. John Walsh req. by Marlene Robitaille

- † All Holy Souls req. by Fr. Tad

Friday, November 3rd @ 9 am

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Fr. Tad
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm @ 7 pm**

God's blessing for the Kolowski Family req. by Fr. Tad

Saturday, November 4th

@ 9 am

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- † Muriel Noronha req. by Fidelis Noronha
- † Wilma Willan req. by Peter Willan
- † Maria Felix req. By Gloria LaTouche
- † Rose Mohammed req. by Liza & Alfred Cadawas
- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Onesima Raponi & Family
- Intentions of Bodi Family req. by Bodi Family

@ 5 pm

- † Giuseppe Castriota req. by Adele Castriota

Sunday, November 5th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad
- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

@ 11 am

- † Tony, Dino, Valentino & Pasqualina Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira,
Sid Majaralie, Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Bernard Gibson, Maura Fernandez

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.



St. Mark's Church Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 10th at 3 pm

CELEBRATING

CHRISTMAS

ST. MARK'S CHURCH PRESENTS THE
17TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CONCERT

"O COME LET US ADORE HIM"

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023 AT 3:00 PM

INVITATION TO ALL CHILDREN OF ST. MARK'S PARISH

Come and Have FUN singing, acting and telling the story of Jesus' birth. We are looking for **YOU** to cast in the role of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Soldiers, Innkeepers and many more! We are also looking for Parent & High School Volunteers to assist with this event.

**FIRST REHEARSAL & ROLE ASSIGNMENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH FROM 1 PM TO 3 PM**

Pick up a registration form in the church foyer **OR** Use the QR code to go to the online registration form.

The volunteer sign up sheet can be found in the church lobby.



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A gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) is still one of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto. When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others. To donate securities, follow this link:

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For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org.

Sunday Missals

The 2024 Sunday Missals will be on sale in the Church foyer next weekend.

Cost: \$5



Is God Calling You

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org
Website: www.vocationtoronto.ca.

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

OCTOBER 29, 2023

Women's Ministry

Monday, October 30th at 7:30 pm



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

Saints and Small Groups

The women of St. Mark's Parish are invited to attend an evening to learn more about our heroes the Saints and join together to share in small group discussions on Monday, October 30th at 7:30 pm in the hall.

Knights of Columbus Fraternal Night

Friday, November 3rd at 7:30 pm

We would like to invite all men and their wives in the parish to join us for our **Fall Fraternal Benefits Night on November 3rd at 7:30pm** (after the 7 pm Mass). Here you will have the chance to learn about the Knights and meet council members over some tea, coffee, and snacks. Please RSVP via email - GK10874@ontariokofc.ca by October 31st.



Thank you from the Knights

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank **Leggat Ford of Stouffville** for their very generous donation. The funds were distributed to our local foodbank, an agency for abused women and children at a local birthing and family centre.

The Knights would also like to thank the parishioners of St. Mark's Church for their kind support of the Thanksgiving Food Drive. A donation of 600 lbs of food and a \$70 cash donation went to the Stouffville foodbank for our neighbours in need. Also, \$475 in grocery gift cards was given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. God bless everyone for their generosity!

Month of the Holy Souls



All Souls' Day

During November, the *Month of the Holy Souls*, we join the whole Church, in prayerful remembrance of the faithful departed members of our families and our parish community. **We remember them, both on All Souls Day,**

November 2nd and each of our Friday masses during this month. If you want your loved ones to be remembered in our Masses, please write down their names on the ALL SOULS envelopes that are available in the lobby.

For the entire month of November, there will be a glass vase in front of the altar. You may place your ALL SOULS envelope in this receptacle.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, November 1 at 9 am and 7 pm

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Thursday, November 2 at 7 pm



Confirmation Parent Registration Night

Wednesday, November 8th

Confirmation Online Registration is open on our website at: <http://stmarksst@archtoronto.org>.

In-Person Parent Registration Night will take place on **Wednesday, November 8th 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.

EDGE

Friday, November 10th

Our next EDGE night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on Friday, November 10th from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Please invite your friends!

Registration forms will be available at the session. For further information, email our Youth Minister, Grant, at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.

Follow us on Instagram: [@stmarksyouthmin](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksyouthmin)

For Parents of LifeTeen participants, please note there will not be a session on November 4th. The next one will be on November 18th.

Parish Council Nominations



Parish Council nominations for three new members at large will take place from **October 28th to November 10th.**

Elections are scheduled for **November 11th.**

Nomination Forms are now available in the church lobby and on our website at:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/parish-council-constitution/>

There's also a box in the lobby where the completed forms can be submitted.

Please consider if you would be interested in serving our Parish Community in this capacity or nominating someone else.

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. To book an appointment, go to our website at www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org.

Photos will be taken at St. Mark's Church during the weeks of **November 21st to November 25th, November 27th to 29th and on December 9th.**

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long. To sign-up for the St. Mark's Pre-Authorized Giving program online, please go to:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/> or pick up a form in the church lobby, complete it, and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket.

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