



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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 7th @ 7 pm

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Giuseppe & Antonina Gucciardi req. by Marisa Gucciardi
- † Diego Accardo req. by Antonina Accardo
- † Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Maura Fernandez req. by Onesima Raponi

Wednesday, November 8th @ 9 am

- † Celerina Crespo req. by Crespo Family

Thursday, November 9th @ 7 pm

- † Fiorina Castriota req. by Adele Castriota

Friday, November 10th @ 9 am

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Fr. Tad
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

Saturday, November 11th

- @ 9 am
- † Clarita Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina & Family
 - † Mario Raponi req. by Grace Raponi
 - † Wilma Willan req. by Peter Willan
 - † Maura Fernandez req. by Baker & Kelly Family
 - † Michele (Mike) Cassano req. by Maria & Family
 - † Perri Family Members req. by Teresa Perri

@ 5 pm

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

Sunday, November 12th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Mario & Gino Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo

@ 11 am

- † Giuseppe Musto req. by Antonietta Musto

Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira,
Sid Majaralie, Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Maura Fernandez, Clifford Jansen, John Convery

Confessions

Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm
or by appointment

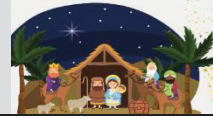


Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

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

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org
Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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.



ShareLife

ShareLife update: Your gift will be matched!

Haven't yet made your annual contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign? Wait no longer! From November 1 until year end, your gift will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$500,000. That means your compassionate generosity helps even more families in need, including those nourished through ShareLife's recently announced food programs.

Our parish has currently raised **\$64,682** towards our suggested goal of **\$86,000**. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at

sharelife.org/donate.

Friars Student Writing Contest

Friars Student Writing Contest 2024 (November 08, 2023, to January 15, 2024) Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27). High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <http://surl.li/mlfkw> and submit their entries at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

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

NOVEMBER 5, 2023



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

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.

Christmas Cards & Panettone

Looking for a Christmas gift for family, friends, or office party gifting?

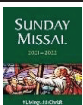
St. Mark Knights of Columbus are holding a Christmas Card and Panettone fundraiser with all proceeds supporting the council's activities and Rose of Sharon.

Religious Christmas Cards are difficult to find at retailers. Cards will be on sale after every mass starting on Nov 11 until Dec 17.

Panettone will be available Nov 18 until Dec 17 or until quantities last.



Sunday Missals



The 2024 Sunday Missal is on sale in the Church foyer.

Cost: \$5



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25th, 2023

ST MARK'S PARISH, STOUFFVILLE

7:00pm-9:00pm

XLT stands for EXALT!

During an XLT night, we encounter our Lord Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship, Reflection and Confession. All youth including our EDGE kids (Gr. 5 to 8) and LifeTeen youth (Gr. 9 to 12) are invited to attend as well as any other parishioners who would like to take part in this uplifting and inspiring event!

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl ministry gives shawls, blankets, chemo or baby hats, prayer squares, and small knitted toys, to those who may need our prayers and comfort. There are some items on display on the table in the foyer. If you would like to receive one, kindly make a request in the book on the table in the foyer.



St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women

November 11th & 12th

After each mass next weekend, Frank D'Angelo will be speaking about the St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women. This is a Crisis Pregnancy Centre located next door to a late term abortuary that does abortions up to 6 months gestation. St. Joseph's offers the last chance to the desperate mothers in a crisis pregnancy to choose life for their child and help for themselves. Frank will be promoting their fundraising initiative called "Baby Bottles for Life". The funds raised from this initiative are a major source of donations that allow them to stay open. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this worthwhile cause in service to Christ and the pre-born.

www.sjcentre.ca

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