



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
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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
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École catholique
Pape-François
276 Sunset Blvd.
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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 14th @ 7 pm

- † Deceased members of Nappi, Acierno, Di Rienzo and Rigillo Families req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by MaryLou & Romano Acciaccaferri
- † Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus req. by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council
- † Thresiamma Varghese req. by Abraham Joseph
- † Umberto De Furia req. by De Furia Family

Wednesday, November 15th @ 9 am

- † Dennis & Gertrude Toal req. by Maureen Morrison

Thursday, November 16th @ 7 pm

- † Teresa Ferrari req. by Ferrari Family

Friday, November 17th @ 9 am

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

Saturday, November 18th

@ 9 am

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- † Mary Arnold req. by Jan & Dale Marie Arnold
- † Thomas Joseph Vadakel req. by Terin
- † Souls of Waterman Family & Friends req. by Myrna Waterman
- † Bernard Gibson req. by Marlene Robitaille
- † Bernard Gibson req. by Patricia & Sean O'Sullivan
- † Deceased members of Fata Family req. by Teresa Perri

@ 5 pm

- † Margherita & Lorenzo DeFilippis req. by Dina & Michael Simon

Sunday, November 19th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Rudy & Marion Meyer req. by Meyer Family

Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira, Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Sid Majaralie, Deacon Dominic Pullano



Confessions

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

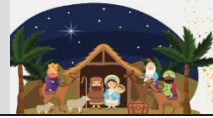


Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

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

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. 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.

Shepherds' Trust Collection

November 11th/12th



The Shepherds' Trust
Caring for those who always cared for us

There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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.



LIFE TEEN

Saturday, November 18th

Our next LifeTeen night for youth in Grades 9 to 12 will be on Saturday, November 18th from 6 pm to 8:30 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

Women's Recollection

Monday, November 20th

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, November 20th**

Confessions and Talk given by an Opus Dei Priest: 7 – 9:30 pm.

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 during the weeks of Nov. 21st to 25th, Nov. 27th to 29th and on December 9th.

Squires' Tree of Life

November 25th to December 10th



The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the St. Mark's Squire Circle Advent Project the Tree of Life, "Giving Tree", on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon and St. Vincent de Paul Society. The tree will be located in the north entrance foyer of the Church from **November 25 to December 10.** There will be a suggested list of various items to consider with regards to food cards, baby & toddler clothing, essential toiletries for babies, toddlers and mothers. Your support of this endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbour.



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!

Women's Ministry

Monday, November 27th at 7:30 pm



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry is joining forces with the **Stouffville Food Bank** to create 120 gift bags filled with personal items for women. These

gift bags will be placed in the Christmas food hampers that the Food Bank puts together and delivers at Christmas time. We ask if you can please make monetary donations by e-transfer to stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com or drop off your monetary donation at the church office to help fund the 120 gift bags.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

Also, come out on **November 27th for the social at 7:30pm** in the Church Hall, as we gather together to assemble the gift bags and listen to the **spiritual experiences of our very own Mt Kilimanjaro climbers!**



St. Joseph's
Centre of Hope for Women

St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women 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, one of their representatives, 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

The 2024 Sunday Missals are on sale in the Church foyer. Cost: \$5

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