



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

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W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
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751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
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Badano School
55 Meridan Dr.

St. Katharine Drexel
High School
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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 21st @ 7 pm

Intentions of Rosalyn Ramos req. by Abad Family
 Intentions of Carole Perz req. by Stefanie Bruno
 † Salvatora & Salvatore Battaglia req. by Battaglia Family
 † Rosina Maria Betti req. by Lucia & Alfio Foti
 † Francesca Bongiorno req. by Pietrina, Erina, Rina & Family
 † Garnet Medcraft req. by Ian & Ann Marie Munro

Wednesday, November 22nd @ 9 am

† Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato

Thursday, November 23rd @ 7 pm

† Antonio & Filomena Nappi req. by Di Rienzo Family

Friday, November 24th @ 9 am

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

**Saturday, November 25th
 @ 9 am**

Intentions of Alexandra Stober-Baboushkin req. by Sara Moreno
 † Thomas De Souza req. by Leo & Deborah De Souza
 † Jole Tupas req. by Beltran Family
 † Bibiano Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina & Family
 † Lionel Nunes req. by Nunes Family
 † Maura Fernandez req. by Rosary Apostolate
 † Ralph Nunno req. by Fernanda Nunno & Family

@ 5 pm

† Michelina & Domenico Acierno req. by Di Rienzo Family

Sunday, November 26th

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
 @ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Giovanni Torrone req. by Gina Torrone & Family

@ 11 am

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

Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira, Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Sid Majaralie, Deacon Dominic Pullano,
 Antonietta Campanale



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

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca.**

St. Mark's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 10th at 3 pm

ST. MARK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE 17TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
 PAGEANT AND CONCERT

O Come Let Us Adore Him



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 AT 3:00 PM

345 Glad Park Ave, Stouffville

FREE ADMISSION!

Everyone is invited to to attend and enjoy this year's Christmas Pageant performed by our parish children and the concert performed by the Choirs of St. Mark's Parish.

There will also be a free will offering taken up to help support the good works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the pageant and concert. Everyone is welcome!

SL 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.

Archdiocesan Consultation Survey Laity assistance is requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by **December 15, 2023**, where you can offer your suggestions and insights. The process should take just a few minutes. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese.

Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

NOVEMBER 19, 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 as well as panettone orders will be taken until Dec 17 or until quantities last.



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 8th and 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.



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. Please join in the fundraiser "Baby Bottles for Life". **Donations can be placed in the baby bottles and returned to the church the weekend of November 25th/26th.** We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this worthwhile cause in service to Christ and the pre-born. www.sjcentre.ca



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25th, 2023

ST MARK'S PARISH, STOUFFVILLE

7:00pm-9:00pm

XLT stands for EXALT!

Everyone Youth and Adults invited

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!

Coffee Sunday

Sunday, November 26th



Coffee, tea and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, November 26th after the 9 am and 11 am masses.** Join fellow

parishioners in the hall for fellowship and some delicious refreshments! Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the parish hall on Saturday between 8 am and 10 am or 4 pm and 6 pm or on Sunday morning.

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!**

2022 & 2023 Headcount Results

2022 Parishioner Headcount Results: 1,429 attendees

2023 Parishioner Headcount Results: 1,786 attendees

*Each attendance count is the combined total for two weekends.

* With home visits and retirement home Masses the 2023 total is 1856.

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

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