



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. MARK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**



## **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.  
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St. Brendan's School  
751 Hoover Park Dr.  
T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School  
223 Millard St.  
T: 905-642-5100

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Badano School  
55 Meridan Dr.

St. Katharine Drexel  
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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.

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

† Fortunata Cianflone req. by Connie Quadrini  
† Lou Rozario req. by Mike Rozario  
† Diego Accardo & Giuseppe & Antonina Gucciardi req. by Antonina & Marsia  
† Livio Raponi req. by Marsilio Raponi  
† Cecil Pamaong req. by Grace Abad  
† Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Anonymous

**Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

† Harry Hodson req. by Carol Morin

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

† Teresina & Gabriele Petramala req. by Petramala Family

**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9 am**

† Lionel Nunes req. by Nunes Family  
**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm @ 7 pm**

† Jan & Danuta Marciniak & Michalina Szalek req. by J. Marciniak

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

Blessings received req. by Peter Willan  
Intentions of Deacon John Schwarzbauer req. by Sean & Patricia O'Sullivan

† Frank Altomare req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

† Sabina Desouza req. by Leo & Deborah Desouza

† Francesco Altomare req. by Ida Altomare

† Greg Wachna req. by Mary Pescador

**@ 5 pm**

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

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

† Renato Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo

**@ 11 am**

† Mary Carol Lant req. by Tony Lant and Family

## Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira, Melanie Aniceto

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Sid Majaralie, 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

"Lord, when was it that we saw you..." Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997.

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## St. Mark's Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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!

## 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](http://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](http://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 26, 2023

## Coffee Sunday Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>



Coffee, tea and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> after the 9 am and 11 am masses.** Everyone is welcome.

## Women's Ministry Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm



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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Mark's Advent Book Sale

**Dec. 2/3 and Dec. 9/10**

### Give the gift of Faith this Christmas!

The latest books from best-selling author Matthew Kelly are on sale in the church lobby after the December 2/3 and December 9/10 weekend masses.

- The Rocking Chair Prophet
- Holy Moments
- Beautiful Eucharist

**Only \$2 each**



## Mass in Latin for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**



For the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Fr.

Tad will celebrate the Novus Ordo Mass in Latin. Booklets will be distributed with the wording in both Latin and English. Come and experience the Mass in the language that has great significance in Roman Catholicism.



**The 2024 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.**

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Photo Directory



There are still photo appointments available on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 5 pm.

To book an appointment, go to our website at [www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org).



## MOVIE NIGHT



**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm  
in the Parish Hall**



### This month's movie:

#### Life is Beautiful

When an open-minded Jewish waiter and his son become victims of the Holocaust, he uses a perfect mixture of will, humor and imagination to protect his son from the dangers around their camp.

Running time: 116 mins. There's no charge to attend the show.

**Pizza, drinks & snacks will be on sale at 6 pm.**

Movies are more appropriate for adults.

## Squires' Tree of Life

**Until December 10<sup>th</sup>**



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.

## 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.



## St. Michael's Choir School

St. Michael's Choir School is a boy's school in downtown Toronto. Students at the school range in grades from 3 to 12. It operates in partnership between the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

If you would like find out more about how to register a child at the school, please visit [www.smcs.on.ca](http://www.smcs.on.ca) or call 416-397-6367. Brochures can also be found in the church lobby.

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