



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
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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

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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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, July 2nd @ 7 pm

- † Peter Scott req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Luy Thi Pham req. by Vincent Nguyen
- † Shealeaugh Watson req. by Peter Willan
- † Dominic Di Bernardo req. by Charles & Glynnis Barnes
- † Leo O'Donell req. by Ron Campbell
- † Henry Pereira req. by Ursula Fernandez

Wednesday, July 3rd @ 9 am

- † Arthur & Gladys Gunns req. by Davies Family

Thursday, July 4th @ 7 pm

- † Patricia & Sean O'Sullivan (65th Wedding Anniversary) req. by O'Sullivan Family

Friday, July 5th @ 9 am

- † Alex Vienneau req. by Jeannine & Tom Clarke

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm @ 7 pm

- † Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

Saturday, July 6th

@ 9 am

- † David Silveira req. by Lisa Silveira
- † Soledad Espinosa req. by Diosdado Espinosa
- † Noel A. req. by Carmela & Luis Tence
- † Fidelis Noronha req. by Baker & Kelly Families
- † Helen O'Neill req. by Joan O'Neill & Family
- † Intentions of Victoria Viggiani req. by Christina Viggiani
- † Intentions of Marie Liotta req. by Christina Viggiani

@ 5 pm

- † In Thanksgiving req. by Bob & Consuella Tabone

Sunday, July 7th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Albert Chiavatti req. by Clara Chiavatti & Family

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Jean-Guy Amyotte Domenic Di Bernardo, Fidelis Noronha, Giorgio Gurrieri, Liane Zafirooulos, David Singh



Confessions

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



Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes 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 2 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

Jesus healed Jairus' daughter by saying "Talitha cum" which means "little girl, get up!". Has the Lord called you to get up and walk? Perhaps Jesus wants you to help others get up and walk.

If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



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Through your support, ShareLife agencies are able to provide people struggling with homelessness, mental illness, and substance use challenges with specialized care. Your generosity brings them hope for a second chance in life. Thank you for living the Gospel! Thus far we have raised **\$53,809** toward our goal of **\$90,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Horizons of Hope

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care, was designed to help people make informed decisions regarding end-of-life issues, and the broader issues of suffering and our response as family, friends and Catholic Christians. Palliative care options and education are not just for the elderly who are faced with making a difficult and personal decision. As a community of faith, everyone is involved, and we need to support one another.

Recent legislative attempts to broaden the definition of who "qualifies" for MAID makes it clear that we need to reach out to the suffering and bring Our Lord's message of hope to our world. To help with this, Archbishop Leo has requested that each parish implement the Horizons of Hope program.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this initiative, training will be offered in October. For further information, please email Lisa at lbaker@archtoronto.org.

Chaplaincy Connect



Attention Grade 12 students: If you're going to university or college in the fall, campus ministry is waiting for you! Connect with the Catholic community on your campus by visiting: www.chaplaincyconnect.ca.

Last Bulletin before the Summer

We will not be printing bulletins in the months of July and August. We will resume the first weekend in September. However, we will send out an email blast in mid-July and mid-August to keep parishioners informed of parish events.

Coins for Life Fundraiser Results



A Certificate of Appreciation was sent to us from Campaign Life Coalition in recognition of the Lenten fundraiser organized by the St. Mark's Squires. **Our Parish raised \$2,129.97!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to help God's preborn children in the womb.

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Ordination to the Priesthood at St. Mark's Church of Deacon Rylan Montgomery

Saturday, July 13th at 5 pm



For the first time in St. Mark's Church history, we will have an ordination to the priesthood. On **Saturday, July 13th at the 5 pm**



Mass, Deacon Rylan Montgomery will be ordained.

The celebrant and homilist will be **Bishop Scott McCaig** who is the bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Canada. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the parish hall. The following day, **Sunday, July 14th, at 11 am**, Rylan will say his first Mass for our parish community. There will also be a social after the 11 am Mass for all parishioners. We hope that we will have a good turn out for these special celebrations at our parish.

St. Mark's Squires Bottle Drive

Saturday, July 20th from 1 pm to 5 pm



The St. Mark's Columbian Squires #5486 will be having a Bottle Drive Fundraiser on **Saturday, July 20th from 1 pm to 5 pm** in the rear parking lot of the church.

Save your **empty alcohol bottles and cans** and the Squires will happily collect them from you!



Mass Times the week of Totus Tuus Summer Camp July 22nd – 26th, 2024

WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGES

DURING SUMMER CAMP

From Monday, July 22 to Friday, July 26 all weekday Masses will be celebrated at **11:30 am** to coincide with the summer camp Mass. We will not have Masses that week at the regularly scheduled times of 9 am & 7 pm.

Church Gardens



Our Church gardens are in full bloom. We thank those who are working to keep them looking so beautiful!

Anna & Maria Bonkowski, Gary De Melo, Ernesto Mendes, Mario Petramala, and Gary Ward.

Rosary Apostolate Volunteers Needed



Do you have a devotion to Mother Mary, love children and pray the Rosary? If so, the Rosary Apostolate would like to hear from you. We are currently seeking volunteers to visit our elementary schools in Stouffville once a month from October to May. If you are interested in finding out more about the program, **please contact Jovita Lim at limjovita12@yahoo.ca.**

Newcomer Family

St. Mark's is sponsoring a newcomer family!

Please welcome Rahat, Samuel, and their three adult children – they arrived in Stouffville on June 12! The St. Mark's Committee could use help with:

- **Housing** - We have funding but would appreciate leads on finding a three-bedroom residence for the family.
- **Employment Opportunities**- The family members are young, strong, healthy, and anxious to start working.
- **Gift Cards** - Start up costs will be a bit steep so donations of gift cards for groceries and everyday essentials would be appreciated.

Members from the St. Mark's Newcomer Committee would be happy to hear from anyone who can help. Please send an email to Bill & Mary Comeau for further information at marbil.comeau@gmail.com.

St. Joseph Icon

In December 2020, Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph, "to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the guardian of Jesus" and so that "the faithful may daily strengthen their life of faith through the example of St. Joseph." In December 2021, the Knights of Columbus began the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon program which lasted 18 months. Once the program was finished, our St. Mark's Knights Council requested to have one of the icons remain at our parish and the request was approved. If you would like to venerate this Icon of St. Joseph, you can find it in our family room on the left side of the church near the ramp to the sanctuary.



Recreation vs Re-creation

Summer is a great time to travel with friends and family. It is also within these days that we have the opportunity to slow down from our fast-paced lives and enjoy some rest and leisure time. However, while the summer may be a time for vacation, it should never be a vacation from God. We should still strive to be committed to our prayer life, although adapted for summertime and different daily routines. We should still make it a priority to attend Sunday Mass even when away on vacation in another city, province, or foreign land. We can even use the extra free time to attend daily Mass when possible. Essentially, if we want to make the best of our summer, we should use it to grow deeper in our relationship with God. Summertime is either a time of recreation or re-creation. We can relax, go on vacations with family and friends, which are all good and beautiful. However, if we're not using the summer as an opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, we are not making the most of our time. Moreover, as we utilize the summer to grow in our own relationship with Christ, as true stewards we should look outward to our neighbour. One beautiful practice we can adopt is to volunteer as a family with various ministries or organizations. Let us use this beautiful time of summer to grow in our stewardship.

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

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