



# 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](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org)

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School  
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T: 905-642-6728

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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.

# TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9 am Labour Day**

Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm**

† Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen

† Gregorio Cordelli req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

† Vito Vetro req. by Maria Parente

Intentions for School Blessings req. by Anne Mary Bijo

Intention of Bijo Family on their Wedding Anniversary req. by Bijo Family

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

† Kate Wong req. by Wong Family

**Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

† Battista Perri req. by Carolina Moretti

**Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

† David Silveira req. by Lisa Silveira

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

Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

† Maria Castro req. by Dodie & Tessie Castro

† Rudy Meyer req. by Meyer Family

† Marion Meyer req. by Meyer Family

† Anna Luy req. by Vincent Nguyen

Thanksgiving to St. Anne & St. Joachim for Mother Mary req. by DiRienzo Family

**@ 5 pm**

† Bradley John Stevens req. by Rendulich Family

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 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

Rosa Bruno



## 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

Our second scripture reading reminds us that "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father ...". God's gifts should prompt a response of gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious life, or deaconate, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## ShareLife

St Mark's ShareLife campaign is still ongoing.

We have not yet reached our parish goal of \$90,000.

We ask that you please consider giving a donation by using the envelopes in the lobby or via our St. Mark's website at

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/>.

## Estate Planning & Bequests



A bequest in your Will to our church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can

have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan.

Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values. We have a free **estate planning guide** to help you make your plan. The Archdiocese of Toronto also maintains a list of advisors across the GTA who are available to assist in your estate planning and the preparation of a Will. Please contact us at

[development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org) for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the **correct legal names** when arranging bequests or other planned gifts.

## RCIA Program Registration

We will be running our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program this fall for anyone interested in being baptized Catholic or who may have already been baptized but never received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



**Beginning October 1 until the end of May, classes will take place once a week in the parish hall on Tuesday evenings after the Mass and run from 7:30 pm to 9 pm.**

If you would like to join the RCIA program, please complete the registration form found at:

[https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/rcia-initial\\_information\\_form-2022-website.pdf](https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/rcia-initial_information_form-2022-website.pdf)

and drop it off at the church office or scan and email it to [lbaker@archtoronto.org](mailto:lbaker@archtoronto.org).

## Christopher Leadership Course

**Ready for a transformation that will truly astound you?**



**The Christopher Leadership Course** is Canada's best-kept secret ... an incredible journey to develop self-confidence, overcome shyness, and elevate your leadership skills through the medium of public speaking.

Imagine the course taking place right here in our parish!

**But there's a catch** – we need YOUR interest to make it happen. The Christophers will bring in a team of skilled instructors, but we require between 15 to 25 students to bring this unique experience to life.

If you are interested in learning more, leave your name and phone number with Lisa Baker at [lbaker@archtoronto.org](mailto:lbaker@archtoronto.org) and a Christopher instructor will call you to provide more information and answer questions or visit the Christopher website at [www.clctorontoeast.com](http://www.clctorontoeast.com).

**Register today and unlock your inner leader!**

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

# SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



EDGE is a Catholic Youth Ministry Program serving students from Grades 5-8. The purpose of EDGE is to encourage students to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and live their Catholic Faith with other youth in their parish community. Activities include prayer, catechesis, small groups, icebreakers, and games.

EDGE Nights are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays from October to June from 6 pm to 8 pm in the St. Mark's Parish Hall. Cost is \$40.

To register, please scan the QR code. Waivers and payment instructions will be emailed to parents after online registration is completed.



Also, we thank the five youth who attended EDGE camp in August. It was a great opportunity for them to draw closer to Christ, build friendships, and take part in amazing activities!



LifeTeen is a Catholic Youth Ministry Program serving students from Grades 9-12. Our mission is to challenge our high school youth to draw closer to our Lord and grow in discipleship. Activities include 5 pm Mass, dinner, prayer, catechesis, small groups, icebreakers, and games.

LifeTeen Nights are held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from October to June from 6 pm to 8:30 pm in the St. Mark's Parish Hall. Cost is \$50.

To register, please scan the QR code. Waivers and payment instructions will be emailed to parents after online registration is completed.



## First Reconciliation / First Communion Registration

First Reconciliation / First Communion

Online Registration will open on

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**  
and will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

In-Person Parent Registration Night will take place on  
**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm**

at the church. Baptismal certificate of the child and the \$130 offering for the two sacraments will be collected that evening, and the first workbook and program outline/instructions will be distributed.

For more information, go to <http://stmarksstarchtoronto.org>.

## That Man Is You (TMIY)

Saturdays beginning September 14 at 7:30 am



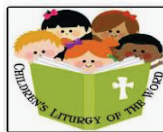
The men of St. Mark's will meet on **September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am** in the parish hall to host "That Man Is You" (TMIY). TMIY is a men's faith formation program lasting 13 weeks. Each week, participants will listen to a speaker and then discuss topics. **All men over 19 are invited.** Posters are around the church, and brochures are available at the Knight's table in the lobby.

**No registration is needed;** just come to the meetings every Saturday at 7:30 am starting on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

For more detailed information, contact Alex at [alex.racz\\_business@outlook.com](mailto:alex.racz_business@outlook.com).

## Children's Liturgy

Beginning Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>



We are happy to announce that the Children's Liturgy will resume at the **9 am Mass** beginning **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** for children in Junior Kindergarten to Gr. 4.

## Recollection for Women

Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

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, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8:30 pm**  
Confessions and talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei.



## MOVIE NIGHT



**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
in the Parish Hall

### This month's movie:

### God's Not Dead 2

High school history teacher Grace Wesley comes under fire for answering a student's question about Jesus. When Grace refuses to apologize, the school board votes to suspend her and threatens to revoke her teaching certificate. Forced to stand trial to save her career, Grace hires young lawyer Tom Endler to defend her in court. Endler devises a powerful strategy to show the jury the historical significance of Wesley's classroom discussion.

**Pizza, drinks, and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm**

**Movie to start at 6:30pm**

The movie is free of charge.

Running Time: 121 minutes

## 2025 Mass Intention Calendar

Opening September 24<sup>th</sup>



Mass intentions for January to June 2025 will be accepted at the office beginning **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.** Single Intention Mass offering \$20.

Multi-Intention Mass offering (Tues. evening or Sat. Morning) \$10 (cash and cheque accepted).

## 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](http://www.chaplaincyconnect.ca).

Please be aware that there is another scam email being sent which appears to be from Fr. Tad but isn't. Please always look at the email address of the sender and if it does not end in [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org) it is not from Fr. Tad.

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