



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

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.
T: 289-451-2293

St. Katharine Drexel
High School
55 Meridan Dr.
T: 289-451-2294

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.

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 1st @ 7 pm

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Oscar Carvajal req. by Diana Carvajal
- † Rosa Martinez req. by Diana Carvajal
- † Jack Brewster req. by Brian Monti & Louise Ferri
- † John Gough req. by Diane Furtado

Wednesday, October 2nd @ 9 am

- † Maura Fernandez req. by Glynnis & Charles Barnes

Thursday, October 3rd @ 7 pm

- † Felicitas Navidad req. by Medina Family

Friday, October 4th @ 9 am

- † Dino & Tony Raponi req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm

@ 7 pm

- † Gino Lupo req. by Elvira Lupo
- † Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

Saturday, October 5th

@ 9 am

- † David Silveira req. by Lisa Silveira
- † Bill Heinrich req. by Carol & Patrick Moran
- † Felicia Musto-Hosary req. by Antonietta Musto
- † William & Nicholas May, Felisa Baker, William & Magdalena Wong req. by May Family
- † In reparation for offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary req. by Anonymous

@ 5 pm

- † Egidio Gullo req. by Patrick Gullo

Sunday, October 6th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Tony Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Jeffrey Keen



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

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel God is calling you with the gift 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.vocationtoronto.ca

Magnificat Breakfast

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women, is holding a breakfast on **Saturday, October 26th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** at St. Benedict's Parish Hall, 2194 Kipling Ave., Etobicoke. Guest Speaker: Fr. Branden Gordon. Registration \$35. For complete details and to register go to: www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast



2024 ACTS Retreats

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Women's Retreat – October 3 – 6, 2024

Men's Retreat – October 31 – November 3, 2024

Retreat Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre – 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON

Women's Contact: Debbie Klaudusz (416-824-3197) or wldlaudusz@bell.net

Men's Contact: Paul Valtas (905-670-6760) or pvaltas@dgn-marketing.com

For more info, please visit our website: www.actscanada.org

St. Michael's College School

Open House: October 17th and 22nd



The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2025. St.

Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open House for prospective students and their families will be held on **Thursday, October 17th and Tuesday, October 22nd at 7 pm. Please register at: ApplySMCS.com.**



St. Joseph's
Centre of Hope for Women

Gala Dinner: October 23rd

We are delighted to invite you to the very first **St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women Gala Dinner**, a night of elegance, inspiration, and support for mothers in crisis pregnancies.

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: Royalton Banquet Hall, 8201 Weston Road, Woodbridge

Tickets: \$150 (includes a \$25 tax receipt)

- **Includes:** Antipasto, dinner, an open bar
- **Special Gift:** Tote bag filled with memorable gifts

Featuring Speaker: Abby Johnson

This evening promises not only elegance, live entertainment, and inspiring stories but also the opportunity to make a significant impact. Your presence will help us raise essential funds to provide practical, medical, financial, and emotional support to mothers and their children.

Can't Attend? You can still make a difference:

- **Sponsor:** Donate to help us continue our vital work.

To buy tickets go to the website: www.sjcentre.ca

Your support is invaluable. Together, we can create a brighter future for mothers and their children in need.

Five First Saturday Devotion

Next One: Saturday, October 5th



The First Saturday Devotion can provide graces necessary for our salvation and help save countless souls. It is one of the most powerful spiritual exercises we can practice. A good way to complete this devotion is to attend St. Mark's 9 am Mass followed by confession each First Saturday.

Five Elements of the First Saturday Devotion:

1. Make a good Confession (within 8 days before or after the First Saturday)
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Pray five decades of the Holy Rosary
4. Keep Our Lady company for fifteen additional minutes while meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary
5. Offer each of the above acts in reparation for the blasphemies and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

September 28th / 29th

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "God Walks with His People." In his message, Pope Francis encourages us to unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them and entrust them to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary... as they continue their journey."

Coffee Sunday

Sunday, September 29th



Coffee, tea, and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, September 29th 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.

Blessing of Pets

Friday, October 4th at 6 pm



For the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Friday, October 4th, bring your pet(s) to the front steps of the church at 6 pm to receive a special blessing from Fr. Tad. All types of pets are welcome. Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis' feast day because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund

Collection: October 5th/6th



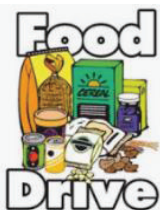
As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. **The collection on the weekend of October 5/6** provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative.

For more information or to donate online, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

October 5th/6th

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Thanksgiving food drive to support families in need on the weekends of September 28/29 and October 5/6. We invite all parishioners to donate non-perishable food items which will be given to the Stouffville Food Bank and grocery gift cards which will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Most Needed Donations

- Dried Lentils
- Barley
- Hot Chocolate
- Canned Tomatoes
- Fruit Cups
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7)
- Dried Beans
- Baked Beans
- Instant Coffee
- Pasta Sauce
- Apple Sauce
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap

Life Chain

Sunday, October 6th from 2 pm to 3 pm



Annual Day of Public Witness for Children Killed by Abortion

Life Chain is held simultaneously in more than 250 locations across Canada. It is an annual prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the injustice of abortion. Participants hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Abortion hurts women" and "Abortion kills children" at locations across North America for one hour.

The next Life Chain will be on **Sunday, October 6th from 2-3 pm** at the corner of Hwy 7 and McCowan Rd.

Confirmation Online Registration

Begins Tuesday, October 8th



Confirmation Online Registration will open beginning **Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 9 am** on our website at: <http://stmarksst@archtoronto.org>.

In-Person Parent Registration Night will take place on **Wednesday, October 30th from 7 to 8:30 pm** at the church. Baptismal certificate of the child and the \$130 offering for the sacrament will be collected that evening, and distribution of the program outline and instructions will take place.



Opening Night: Friday, October 11th

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 2nd and 4th 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.



Recruiting Altar Servers



If you have a child in Grade 3 to 8, who would like to join the Altar Server Ministry, please pick up a registration form in the church foyer or on our website and **submit it to the church office by October 25th.**

RENEW Young Adults Conference

November 23rd and 24th

RENEW Toronto will be held on **Saturday, November 23rd at Canada Event Centre in Whitby and on Sunday, November 24th at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.** This conference is for all **young adults ages 19-39** with keynotes, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and fellowship. Early Bird pricing is available until Sept. 30th.

For information: youngadult@ocytoronto.org

To register: www.renewtoronto.org/

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