



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

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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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 8th @ 7 pm

- † Amelia Arenas req. by Moreno Family
- † Maria Jarritsma req. by Munro Family
- † Maria Rosa Stea req. by Mom & Dad
- † Franca Bongiorno req. by Erina, Rina, Pietrina & Gio
John & Rosalyn Ramos (Anniversary) req. by Abad Family
- Thanksgiving to God req. by Di Rienzo Family

Wednesday, October 9th @ 9 am

- † Giovanni Petramala req. by Petramala Family

Thursday, October 10th @ 7 pm

- † Gino Lupo req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

Friday, October 11th @ 9 am

- † Ho Family req. by Diep Cong

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, October 12th

@ 9 am

- † Sebastiana April req. by April Family
- † Anderson Family req. by Margaret Anderson
- † Tomasso Cianflone req. by Connie Quadrini & Family
- † Gregory Morrison req. by Maureen Morrison
- Thanksgiving to God req. by Di Rienzo Family

@ 5 pm

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

Sunday, October 13th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Ruth McEachen req. by Loretta McEachen & Family

@ 11 am

- † Albert Chiavatti req. by Clara Chiavatti & Family

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

Matrimony – a beautiful vocation so misused today. Celibacy – a beautiful gift so misunderstood today. Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to a church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Attendance Count

Ushers will be conducting a headcount of parishioners for the Archdiocese on the weekends of Oct 19/20 & 26/27.

Horizons of Hope Seminar

November 7, 14, 21, 28

The way our society views matters of life and death has changed rapidly over the years, often in ways that emphasize personal autonomy over the Church's teaching that the end of our life's journey is in God's hands not our own. Our Church, with all its resources, is ready and willing to help us discern the best approach to issues relating to the end of life.

Horizon of Hope: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care is a program with an emphasis on a 'good death,' palliative care and living life to the end in as positive way as possible.

This program will help parishioners in the following areas:

- Understanding the Experience of Death and Dying
- Discerning and Decision-making at the End-of-Life
- Accompanying others at the End-of-Life

It does so through discussions led by a facilitator, as well as participation in small and large group sessions, use of videos, questions for private reflection and multiple suggestions for growth in understanding the issues relating to the end of life.

This program will take place at St. Mark's church on November 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 7:30 to 9 pm.

Watch for next weekend's bulletin which will contain a QR code where you can register online or use the sign-up sheet that will be placed in the lobby.



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

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.

Come and See Weekend

St. Augustine's Seminary



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Friday, Nov. 15 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, Nov. 17 (2 p.m.)**. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. **REGISTER:** www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

For more information: vocations@archtoronto.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.

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

OCTOBER 6, 2024

Life Chain

Sunday, October 6th from 2 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. **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 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.



Bundle Sunday

Saturday, October 19th & Sunday, October 20th



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a **Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of October 19th and 20th** accepting donations of new and used clothing, footwear, small household goods, bedding, new toys, and bicycles. Please note they do not accept appliances, dishes, furniture, books, videos, or mattresses. Please bring your donations and help others in your community. Thank you!

Recollection for Women

Monday, October 21st 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, October 21st
Confessions and Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Recruiting Altar Servers

Submit Registration Form by October 25th

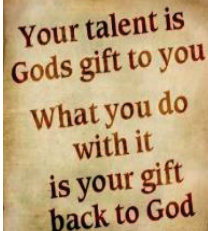


If you have a child in Grade 3 to 8, who would like to join the Altar Server Ministry, please pick up a registration form in the church foyer or on our website and **submit it to the church office by October 25th.**

Parish Ministry Fair

Serve with Joy!

October 26th and 27th after all Masses



Where is God calling you to serve?

We invite you to come to St. Mark's Parish Hall after Mass on October 26th and 27th to see all the

Ministries that are active in our parish, talk to ministry leaders and see where your talents can be used

to serve God and your fellow parishioners. Grab a coffee and some delicious baked goods as you check out the St. Mark's Ministry Fair!

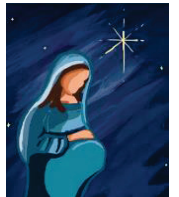


St. Mark's Women's Ministry

Monday, October 28th

The Women's Ministry welcomes you to our first SOCIAL of the 2024-2025 Season! Back by Popular Demand, we will be hosting **Catholic Trivia/Game Night on October 28 at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall.** Please bring food items and/or Grocery/Walmart Gift Cards for the Stouffville Food Bank. We will be delivering the items by November 1st, ahead of the Christmas Rush!

Also, please mark your calendar for our Guided Painting Workshop on December 2nd. We will be painting Our Expectant Mother Mary for the Advent Season, guided by artist Kelly McConkey, in the Church Hall. Details to follow. (Sneak Peek at the canvas we will each paint and take home.)



Coats for Kids Fundraiser

November 2nd/3rd

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus is launching our annual coats for kids fundraising campaign to purchase coats for less fortunate children in Stouffville. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child goes without a coat during the winter season.

For only \$30, you can sponsor a coat for a child in need. To donate, please send an **e-transfer** to kofc10874@gmail.com and include your full name, address, and phone number to receive a tax receipt. You can also donate **in-person by cheque payable to Knights of Columbus Council 10874 after Mass the weekend of November 2nd/3rd.**



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Psalm 25:4-5
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