



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

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Serra House
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606
W: 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

Blessed Chiara
Badano School
55 Meridan Dr.
T: 289-451-2293

St. Katharine Drexel
High School
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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.

THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 19th @ 7 pm

- † Stephen Correia req. by Ronald & Seeta Correia
- † Gina Moretti req. by Carolina Moretti
- † Luis Alonso Moreno req. by Moreno-Stober Family
- † Epifania Cagulada req. by Grace Abad & Family
- † Rosina Betti req. by Alfio & Lucia Foti
- † Irina Rozinkova req. by Moreno Family
- † Virginia Arlt req. by Grace Raponi
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Maria Pok
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family

Wednesday, November 20th @ 9 am

- † Vincent Wong req. by Wong Family

Thursday, November 21st @ 7 pm

- † Gift of Life – Rosalyn Ramos & Amiel Pasacsac req. by Abad Family

Friday, November 22nd @ 9 am

- † Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Fr. Tad
 - † Jim Beauchamp req. by Louise Beauchamp & Family
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

Saturday, November 23rd

- @ 9 am**
- † Lina Morabito req. by April Family
 - † Thomas Joseph req. by Abraham Joseph
 - † Rosa Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno
 - † Virginia Arlt req. by Onesima Raponi & Family
 - † Deceased Members of the Rosary Apostolate req. by Jovita Lim
 - † Priscilla Lascano Muere req. by Cellie Canaan
 - † Immacolata Panetta req. by Lina Trianni
 - † Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 10874 req. by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

@ 5 pm

- † Ralph Ciampaglia req. by Onesima Raponi & Family
- † St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

Sunday, November 24th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Diego Accardo req. by Antonina Accardo

@ 11 am

- † Mario Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family



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

If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self, for when the end of times comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. If you feel God may be calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

St. Mark's Christmas Café Night Saturday, December 14th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

CHRISTMAS CAFE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 2024
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
St. Mark's Parish Hall**

**Raffle Prizes, Desserts and Refreshments,
Social, Arts and Crafts, etc.**

Free Admission

Free Will Offering

Proceeds to support St. Mark's Youth Ministry

ShareLife

Your love is helping put food on the table

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Through your support for ShareLife and the Food Security Grants, your unwavering love is not just a source of hope but a tangible lifeline, ensuring that food finds its way to the tables of those who need it most.

"We have seen firsthand the profound impact of food insecurity on families. Last year's Food Security Grants were a lifeline, yet the need continues to grow. We are dedicated to supporting the efforts of ShareLife, ensuring that every dollar contributes to meaningful relief for those who are struggling." - Louise Coutu, Executive Director of the SSVF Greater Toronto Central Council.

Our parish goal this year is \$90,000. To date we have achieved \$70,700. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

First Reconciliation Ceremonies



**Please Pray for Our Children Receiving
their First Reconciliation
on Nov. 20, 27 and Dec. 4.**

We ask our Church community to remember these beloved children of God in your prayers as they encounter Jesus' mercy for the first time in confession, and we ask that you please continue to keep them in your prayers until they receive their First Holy Communion next spring.



**To place an order for honey from the
Carmelite Nuns in Zephyr, go to:**

<https://www.myvocationislove.ca/en/honey-sale/>

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

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Recollection for Women

Monday, November 18th from 7 to 9:30 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.

Confessions and Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei



Friday, November 22nd at 6 pm

Our next EDGE night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on Friday, November 22nd from 6 to 8 pm.

Please invite your friends!

For further information, email our Youth Minister, Grant, at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.

Follow us on Instagram: @stmarksyouthmin

Mass Intention for Deceased Knights

Saturday, November 23rd

The Knights of Columbus are offering a Mass for all the deceased members of St. Mark's Council 10874 on Saturday, November 23rd at 9 am. Please remember and pray for these men who faithfully served our parish community in the past.

Squires' Tree of Life

November 23rd to December 15th



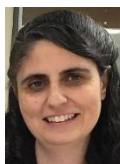
The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the St. Mark's Squire Circle Advent Project the Tree of Life, "Giving Tree", on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon and St. Vincent de Paul Society. The tree will be located in the north entrance foyer of the Church from **November 23 to December 15**. 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.

Farewell Gathering for Lisa Baker and Coffee Sunday

Sunday, November 24th

FAREWELL & BEST WISHES!

On Sunday, November 24th after the 9 am and 11 am Masses, join fellow parishioners in the hall for fellowship and a chance to say good-bye to our Pastoral Administrator, Lisa Baker, and her family. Lisa will be moving out of the area and her last day at St. Mark's Parish will be Thursday, December 12th. We would like to sincerely thank her for her twelve years of wonderful, dedicated service to St. Mark's Community and we ask God to continue to bless and watch over her family. Coffee, tea, and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall after both Sunday Masses.



Christmas Cards for Sale

St. Mark Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards. These cards have Religious images on them which are difficult to find at retailers. Cards will be on sale in the church lobby after each Mass..



Knights of Columbus Event

Are you ready to retire?

Tuesday, November 26th at 7:45 pm



Our next Fraternal Knight is on Tuesday, Nov 26 at 7:45 pm in the Knight's Meeting Room downstairs in the hall. All Catholic men and their spouses are welcome to attend and learn about Annuities and other Knights of Columbus financial products. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP via email to gk10874@ontariokofc.ca if you are interested in attending, a virtual option will be available, or see one of our Knights at an upcoming Mass.

Spiritus Young Adults Ministry

Wednesday, November 27th at 7 pm



Spiritus York is for **Young Adults ages 19-35**. The next gathering is on Wednesday, November 27th from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Mark's Parish, in the hall. **Join us as we begin the evening with a talk by Sr. Theresa Samson on the Communion of Saints: A Guide to Intercossory Prayer** followed by small groups, night prayer, and fellowship.

18th Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 1st at 3 pm

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THE 18TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT AND CONCERT

Jesus Our Light in the Darkness

For a wonderful start to the Advent Season plan to attend this year's Christmas Pageant performed by our parish children as well as a concert performed by St. Mark's Choirs. There is no charge to attend but a free will offering will be 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. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Ministry Events

December & January

Guided Painting Workshop: Advent Mother Mary



December 2nd, 7:30pm-10pm in the Church Hall
\$30 covers canvas, painting materials, instruction, and light refreshments.

Please e-transfer by November 25th to stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com

to reserve your spot and ensure we have enough canvases.

Footprints with Jesus Women's Retreat:

January 24-26th, 2025

Claremont Nature Centre in Goodwood
NEW REDUCED price is \$175 for 2 nights accommodation and meals

We are asking for a \$50 deposit to reserve your spot by December 6th by e-transfer to stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com or delivered to the church office (marked Women's Ministry)



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your ways, O Lord;
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Lead me in your truth.

Psalm 25:4-5

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