



St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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PLEASE REMEMBER ST. MARK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL



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
T: 416-968-0997
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T: 416-934-0606
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
T: 905-640-2915

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751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

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223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

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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.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 26th @ 7 pm

- † Michelina & Domenico Acierio req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Maria Rosa Stea req. by Parents
- † Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato
- † Virginia Arlt req. by Baker & Kelly Family
- † Cecilia Gatmaitan req. by Marietta Galzote
- † Giuseppina Zappulla req. by Lucy & Sam Scala
- Intensions of Marietta Galzote req. by Marietta Galzote

Wednesday, November 27th @ 9 am

- † Gabriele Teresina & Giovanni Petramala req. by Petramala Family

Thursday, November 28th @ 7 pm

- † Bibiano Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

Friday, November 29th @ 9 am

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Fr. Tad

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, November 30th

@ 9 am

- † Fortunata Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family
- † Virginia Arlt req. by Cellie Canaan
- † Genoveva Lalata & Grant Lalata req. by Viggiani Family
- † Patricia Castillo req. by Astrologo Family
- † Presentacion Cabahug req. by Astrologo Family
- † Antonio Trianni req. by Lina Trianni
- † Mr. Te req. by Reodica-Cabugao Family

@ 5 pm

- † Zinka & Franjo Rendulich req. by Rendulich Family

Sunday, December 1st

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Mary Carole Lant req. by Tony Lant & 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

Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as preists, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. 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

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

CHRISTMAS CAFÉ

**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

Employment Opportunity

St. Mark's Parish is looking for a **Pastoral Administrator** who would help with coordinating the preparation for 1st Holy Communion, 1st Reconciliation and Confirmation. The position would also involve preparing our parish bulletin, emails to parishioners, and website updates. Another important task would be to help with screening our volunteers.

For the more complete list of tasks and job description, please see our website or contact us by phone or email.

We are looking for a faith filled candidate with a University Degree or College Diploma who has good computer and writing skills, and also knowledge of different media platforms.

If qualified and interested, please submit your resume to Fr. Tad Walczyk either by email (twalczyk@archtoronto.org) or in person by **December 6**. If you have any questions, you can also call Fr. Tad at 905-640-6954 ext. 102.

Grow with Jesus

Daily scripture readings for Mass are easily obtained from the App Store on your mobile device. Search for **'Living with Christ'** and download. These readings are from the NRSV Bible Version - the same as we read every day at Mass."

Parish Ministry Fair

Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in our Parish Ministry Fair at the end of October. We had 22 ministries represented at the fair. Over 200 parishioners attended with over 125 signing up for a ministry! A special thank you to **Connie Quadrini** for spearheading the event for our parish!

Message from Archbishop Leo World Youth Day

Archbishop Leo has written a letter to the youth of our Archdiocese in preparation for World Youth Day on November 24, 2024. To read the full letter, go to the St. Mark's website homepage at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>



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 24, 2024

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. 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.

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 Intercessory Prayer** followed by small groups, night prayer, and fellowship.

18th Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 1st at 3 pm

**ST. MARK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PROUDLY PRESENTS**

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)



Holy Land Items for Sale

December 7th and 8th



The Holy Land Handy Crafts are back for sale on December 7th and 8th sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and just in time to purchase them as Christmas gifts. This project is aimed to provide support to Catholic Christian businesses in the Holy Land.



MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, December 7th at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Hall

This month's movie: The Case for Christ



Based on the true story of an award-winning journalist who, working to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife, begins chasing down the biggest story of all time...with unexpected, life-altering results.

An intriguing faith-based detective story.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 112 minutes



Gift Wrapping Service



Free gift-wrapping services will be available on **Dec 7/8 and Dec 14/15 at the 5pm, 9am, and 11am Masses**, offered by our FNE Girls ministry. Donations are greatly appreciated to help support their first life-changing pilgrimage trip next year. Just drop off your presents before Mass, and we'll have them beautifully wrapped and ready for you to pick up after Mass!

Gold and Silver Rush

We're happy to report that our final total for this year's Gold and Silver Rush Fundraiser totalled \$36,171! This amazing result combined with the funds raised in 2022 brings us to a grand total of \$ 52,958 to help build our new kitchen. Thank you all for your generosity!



The 2025 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.

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