



# 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  
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Social Committee  
Squires  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Women's Ministry  
Youth Ministry

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

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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  
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

Blessed Chiara  
Badano School  
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St. Katharine Drexel  
High School  
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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.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Rosa Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Vittorio Magnante req. by Ilario & Natalia Magnante
- † Julie Marsala req. by Marsia, Nuccia & Tony
- † Laura Skinner req. by Patrick & Emily Baker
- † Carmelo Magno req. by Anna Maria Magno
- Intentions of Anoja Meynert & Family req. by Meynert Family
- Intentions of Baker-Kelly Family req. by St. Mark's Parish

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Alberto & Giuseppina Di Rienzo req. by Di Rienzo Family

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Francesco Altomare req. by Ida Altomare & Family

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- † Leonor Cuenca Canaon req. by Cellie Canaon
- † Julie Marsala req. by Vita Croce
- † Virginia Arlt, Tony & Dino Raponi req. by Chieco Family
- † Augusto Bartolome req. by Cellie Canaon
- † Matilda Fernando req. by Meynert Family
- † Merril Fernando req. by Meynert Family
- † Hiran Fernando req. by Meynert Family

**@ 5 pm**

- † Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

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

**@ 11 am**

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & 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

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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

## Christmas Schedule 2024



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

*Tuesday, December 24, 2024*

- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

*Wednesday, December 25, 2024*

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 pm Mass



### MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

*Tuesday, December 31, 2024*

- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass

*Wednesday, January 1, 2025*

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 pm Mass

## Advent Confession Times



Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 11 am & 3:00 - 4:45 pm  
 Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 6:45 pm  
 Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 - 9 pm  
 Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 - 11 am & 3:00 - 4:45 pm

## Church Office - Holiday Hours

Tuesday, December 24	Open from 9 am to 12 noon
Wednesday, December 25 Thursday, December 26	Closed
Tuesday, December 31	Open from 9 am to 12 noon
Wednesday, January 1	Closed

## Francis Cardinal Leo



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Francis Cardinal Leo. Last weekend, Cardinal Leo was in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the church. Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025.



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

# DECEMBER 15, 2024

## St. Mark's Christmas Café Night

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

# CHRISTMAS CAFE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Squires' Tree of Life



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 until **December 15**.

## Gift Wrapping Service



Free gift-wrapping services will be available on Dec 14/15 at the 5pm, 9am, and 11am



*Masses, offered by our FNE Girl's 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!*

## Christmas Panettone Orders



Looking for a Christmas gift for family, friends, or office party gifting?

St. Mark Knights of Columbus are holding a Panettone fundraiser with all proceeds supporting the council's activities and Rose of Sharon. Panettone orders will be taken in the church lobby after Mass until Dec 15 or until quantities last.

Cost: \$12 Flavours: Chocolate and Traditional Fruit

## Women's Ministry Retreat

January 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>

### 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 by e-transfer to [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com) to reserve your spot or delivered to the church office (marked Women's Ministry).



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

## SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel through ShareLife

**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.

Your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, *Silent Voice*

Our goal this year is **\$90,000**. To date we have achieved **\$81,419**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## 2024 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2024 donations on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Any donations you wish to make for 2024 must be received by **December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Anything after this date will apply to the 2025 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office.

## Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

### Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

To sign-up for St. Mark's Church Pre-Authorized Giving program, Please go to: [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca), **click on the "Contact" heading then "Donations" to print off the form.**

Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket.

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

## Preparing Ourselves for Christ



Gaudette Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trails of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

## Christmas Dinner Wish

The Good Food Impact volunteers in partnership with the Mayor's office are holding a Christmas Dinner Wish. This dinner is for seniors and low-income adults who will be alone on Christmas Day and without the opportunity to enjoy a festive family meal. **The dinner is planned for December 22 at 4:30 pm at 6240 Main St. (55+ Club building).**

Register at: <https://bit.ly/StouffvilleChristmasDinner>

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