

# 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  
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# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

@ 5 pm New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

@ 10 am

† Jim Beauchamp req. by Bob & Chris Smith

@ 12 pm New Year's Mass

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm

† Leonardo Del Medico req. by Melina Del Medico

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 am

† Tony Guastella req. by Melina Del Medico

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm

@ 7 pm

Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am

† Anna & Domenico Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen

† Robert & Jean Bull req. by Baker-Kelly Family

† Maria DiBiase & Pasquale Parente req. by Parente Family

† Eugenia Rodrigo req. by Arthur & Precy Ortiz

Intentions of Bem req. by Anonymous

@ 5 pm

† Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

† Adrian Bertumen req. by Jun & Grace Abad and Family

## Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Chris & Kristina Prsa

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Biagina Andriuolo



## 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

By Baptism, we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If you feel God is calling you 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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

## Christmas Schedule 2024



### 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

## Church Office - Holiday Hours

Tuesday, December 31

Open from 9 am to 12 noon

Wednesday, January 1

Closed

## SL ShareLife

ShareLife is grateful for your generous hearts this 2024!

*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.*

If you've shared your blessings through ShareLife in 2024, thank you. Because of you, a neighbor is healing, a young mother is finding stability, and someone struggling with hunger now has a meal. Your kindness has transformed lives through ShareLife.

**There's still time** to touch more lives. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a **2024 tax receipt.** Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel!

## Friars' Student Writing Contest

Friars Student Writing Contest 2025

(Deadline: Jan. 13, 2025)

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25.

Write a **five-hundred-word essay** that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XC GGgo>. Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Email [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

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

# DECEMBER 29, 2024

## New Year's Message from Fr. Tad



On New Year's Day we not only start another calendar year, but we also celebrate Mary as

the Mother of God. It is also the day when we pray for peace in the world. Of course, that peace starts in our hearts, in our families and our communities. Let us pray that Mary, Mother of Jesus, called also Prince of Peace, may pray with us and for us that we will have this peace that we all want. We also pray for peace especially in the countries or places where there is war and strife like in the Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. Peace and Blessings to you and yours. With prayers, Fr. Tad, Deacon John, Deacon Wayne, Deacon Gordon, and the staff of St. Mark's Parish



## 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.

## Women's Ministry Retreat

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

### Footprints with Jesus

A Women's Day Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Mark's Church Hall.

Registration price is \$25

e-transfer to [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com) to reserve your spot or place cash in an envelope marked with your name and Women's Ministry Day Retreat and deliver it to the church office.



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



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## 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.

## Which Bible to Buy?



If you are considering the Bible as a gift, we suggest the **NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) Catholic Edition**. As the daily and Sunday Mass readings in English Canada are taken from this version. It is known to be reliable, accurate and easy to read. Roman Catholic Bibles have 73 books (vs. Protestant Bibles which tend to have 66 books). A Roman Catholic Bible will also have an "Imprimatur" meaning it is free from doctrinal or moral error.

## Spiritus Ministry for Young Adults

Spiritus Ministry is a regional Young Adult Ministry serving those ages 19-39 in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Spiritus Ministry hosts monthly ministry nights centred on prayer, theology, social issues, fellowship, and catechesis. Our young adult ministry also has a focus on community building including social activities and outreach initiatives. We are currently in 6 regions of the Archdiocese: **Central** (Downtown Toronto, Midtown, North York), **Durham** (Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby), **East** (Scarborough, East York), **North** (Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Newmarket), **West** (Brampton, Etobicoke, Mississauga), and **York** (Markham, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Vaughan). Please email

[youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) to find out more about Spiritus Ministry and other young adult initiatives.

Follow us on Instagram to stay up to date -

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<https://www.instagram.com/spiritusministry/>

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