



# 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](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

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.

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Selliash Sudesh req. by Mary Sutherathan
- † Umberto DeFuria req. by Family
- † Vittorio Magnante req. by Marco & Carla Magnante
- † Cynthia Marshall req. by Myrna Waterman
- † Bertha deSilva req. by Lorraine Majcen
- Intensions of Carolina DiCillo req. by Melanie Piedad
- Intensions of Aldrin & Carla GoTan req. by Melanie Piedad

**Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Trevor Fernandez req. by Ursula Fernandez

**Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Giuseppina DiRienzo & Rose Rigillo req. by DiRienzo Family

**Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Nelle & Joe Lombardo

**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Onesima Raponi & Family
- † Katie Schwitzer req. by Maria Parente
- † Carolina Fontanosa req. by Cristina Mortalla
- Intensions of Luciano Lazzara req. by Maria Parente
- Intensions of Marcello & Julie Spemulli req. by Maria Parente
- Intensions of Sandra Palma req. by Maria Parente

**@ 5 pm**

- † Rosa Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno
- St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

- † Clarita Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina & Family

**@ 11 am**

- † Dino Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

## Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Deacon John, June & Robert Komar

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Logan DeLuca, Peter Willan



## 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

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact 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)

## Prayer for Christian Unity

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

### Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2025

**Date:** Sunday, January 19, 2025, 4 p.m.

**Venue:** North City Church (Toronto District  
Christian High School, Highway 7/Kipling Ave.)  
377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge, L4L 2V7

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

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto) and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches and celebrates the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.

## Jubilee for Youth



The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Catholic Youth is excited to announce that the Jubilee for Youth is filling up fast, with 60 per cent of our 100 spots already taken! The pilgrimage to Rome will take place **from July**

**23 to August 5.** Registrations are open to all young adults ages 19 to 39 until the end of February 2025, so there's still time to secure a spot. Don't miss out—register today at <https://form.jotform.com/242754342056253!>

## Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registrations being accepted in all York Catholic Elementary schools.

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2021. York Catholic School Board provides a Christ-centred, innovative Catholic Education in its 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked one of the top performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca), to register for classes starting in September.

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# JANUARY 12, 2025

## St. Mark's Sacramental Preparation Coordinator Cathy Dawson



Dear St. Mark's Parishioners,

I am Cathy Dawson the new Sacramental Preparation Coordinator at St. Mark's Parish. After 23 years working in the Registrar's Office of Seneca Polytechnic, I am delighted to begin a new journey. I have long desired to spend my days doing more for Our Lord and His people. I am excited to draw on the ministry education I received from Regis College and the spiritual resources and administrative skills developed in my life as a member of the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order to serve this wonderful community. I look forward with great joy to getting to know you all better. Please keep me in your prayers. You will remain in mine. God bless you, Cathy.



## MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

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This month's movie:

### The Ultimate Gift

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

Movie to start at 6:30 pm in the parish hall  
The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 118 minutes



St. Joseph's  
Centre of Hope for Women  
January 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women is a Crisis Pregnancy Centre located next door to a late term abortuary that does abortions up to 6 months gestation. St. Joseph's offers the last chance to the desperate mothers in a crisis pregnancy to choose life for their child and help for themselves. Please join in the fundraiser "Baby Bottles for Life". **Donations can be placed in the baby bottles and returned to the church the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>.** We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this worthwhile cause in service to Christ and the pre-born. [www.sjcentre.ca](http://www.sjcentre.ca)

## Confirmation Classes

Beginning Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>



Confirmation classes will begin on  
Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
in the Parish Hall.

Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

## Recollection for Women

Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## LIFE TEEN

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

Our next LifeTeen night for youth in Grades 9 to 12 will be on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8:30 pm.

**Please invite your friends!**

For further information, email our Youth Minister, Grant, at [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com).

Follow us on Instagram: [@stmarksyouthmin](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksyouthmin)

## 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

## Coffee Sunday

Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>



Coffee, tea, and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> after the 9 am and 11 am masses.** Join fellow parishioners in the

hall for fellowship, some delicious refreshments and **come and meet our new Sacramental Coordinator, Cathy Dawson!** Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the parish hall on Saturday between 8 am and 10 am or 4 pm and 6 pm or on Sunday morning.

## That Man Is You!

Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>



ATTENTION MEN OF SAINT MARK'S  
Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God?

Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then come join "That Man Is You!" (TMIY). **Starting on February 1<sup>st</sup>,** the men of Saint Mark's will be hosting TMIY sessions in the **Knights room** located in the basement of Saint Mark's at **7:30AM**. The door to the back hall will be open at 7:00AM for coffee and snacks, pre-session at 7:15AM and main session 7:30AM.

## St. Mark's Pasta Night

Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm



**Come and enjoy a delicious meal!**

Penne Pasta, Sausage & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Adults **\$25**, Children 6 to 12 years old **\$10**  
and children under 5 are **Free**

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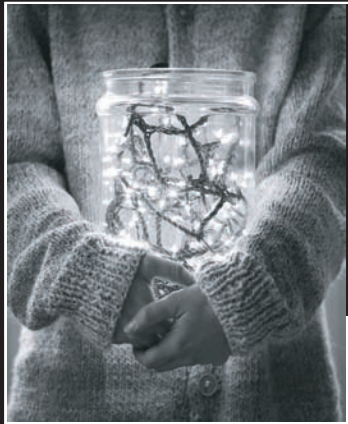
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