



# 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  
Cathy Dawson - Sacramental Preparation Coordinator  
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  
55 Meridan Dr.  
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.

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

- † Kenneth Pereira req. by Ursula Fernandez
- † All Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Giuseppina Nucifora req. by Scala Family
- † Maura Fernandez req. by Glynnis & Charles Barnes
- † Mary D'Luna req. by Sashya D'Souza

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

- † Harry Yang req. by Davies Family

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

- † Virginia Arlt req. by Maureen Lawson

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

- † Roger & Margaret Abley req. by Sig & Teresa Kusatz

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

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

@ 9 am

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- † All Souls in Purgatory req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Anna & Domenico Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen
- † Susette Medina req. by Don & Susan Dizon
- † Pamela Stierhof req. by Stierhof & Singh Families

@ 5 pm

- † Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Anna Di Giuseppe req. by Di Giuseppe Family

## Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Deacon John, June & Robert Komar, Glib Viktorov

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Mary Amado, Darrell DaCosta, Lucy DeMedeiros Ferreira, Victor Francis, Domingo Navidad, Shui Kui Yee



## Confessions

**Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment**



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Friday**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take 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 two 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 to 10 minutes.

## Is God Calling You?

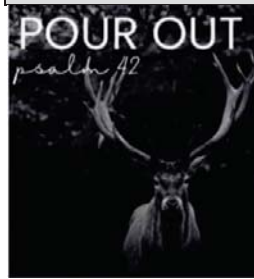
The Lord calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations at

416-968-0997

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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

## Adoration Night Merciful Redeemer Parish



Lent is almost here; a season of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Where we pour out all that we are before Jesus in preparation for Easter. Has your soul felt disquieted or restless?

Maybe you have felt alone in the desert for far too long with nothing left to give. This adoration night we are going to lean into our longing for God and soak in the mystery of His

overwhelming love for us. Join us for an evening of renewal and hope featuring a talk by Fr. Adam Pantaleo.

**MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH - 2775 ERIN CENTRE BLVD.**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025 @ 7 - 9 pm**

Praise & Worship . Talk . Testimony . Confession

Adoration . Prayer Ministry



## LifeTeen Retreat

**Registration is open until**

**Feb. 24 @ 1pm**

LifeTeen Retreat for youth in **Grades 9 to 12**

**Friday, March 7th - Sunday, March 9th**

Join us and bring your friends for a lively joy-filled get away with keynote, fellowship, sports, games, delicious meals, & much more

**Location: Valley of the Mother of God  
(Address: 953376 7 Line E, Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z2)**

Registration is open until **1pm on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.**



There are limited spots so register as soon as possible. Please scan the QR code to access the registration form and submit your payment of **\$200 (cash or cheque)** to **St. Mark's Youth Ministry**. Use the code **STM100** on the Registration form. For more information, email our Youth Minister,

Grant Lalata at: [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com).

## New Beginnings

### Bereavement Introductory Program

The program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. It consists of 6 weeks of psycho-education which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith.

**St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church  
100 Bainbridge Ave. Woodbridge, ON  
February 24, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

Register at: <https://nbbstp0225.eventbrite.ca>

For more information please contact:

Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, MACP, RP (Qualifying)

[alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) (647) 215-3978

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

# FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## Confirmation Class Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>



The next Confirmation class will be Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall.  
Group A – 6 to 7:15 pm  
Group B – 7:45 to 9 pm

\*There won't be a class on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.



## MOVIE NIGHT



**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 pm**  
in the Parish Hall

### March Movie: The Letters

Pizza, drinks, and snacks  
on sale at 6:15 pm  
Movie to start at 6:45 pm in the  
parish hall



The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 114 mins

## Holy Face of Jesus Feast Day

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>



*"Whoever gazes upon me  
already consoles me"*  
(Our Lord to Sister Pierina)

For the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus on March 4<sup>th</sup>, a picture will be displayed in the sanctuary and devotional prayers will be said at the end of the 7 pm Mass.

## Ash Wednesday

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Mass at 9 am and 7 pm  
Ashes will be distributed at both Masses



For centuries, Catholics have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season.

This is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 – 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.



## Lenten Stations of the Cross Beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm.

## World Day of Prayer 2025



The World Day of Prayer is organized by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) and will be celebrated in 150 countries around the world. St. Mark's will host the 2025 service. The service is non-denominational. Eight churches in Stouffville are participating.

### St. Mark's Parish

Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 2:00pm

Following the service light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall.

## Annual Manresa Weekend Retreat for Men



Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, Ontario L1X 1V4  
(at top of Liverpool Rd., N. of Finch)

Theme: **The Wisdom of Henri Nouwen:  
Guidance for the Lenten Journey**

**Friday, March 14 - Sunday, March 16, 2024**

Facilitator: Fr. Kevin Kelly, S.J.

For more information contact Manresa: 905-839-2864

To register: <https://manresa-canada.ca/>

## St. Mark's Lenten Parish Mission

Saturday, March 15 to Wednesday, March 19



## St. Mark's Church Lenten Mission with

Fr. Ben St. Croix, Companions of the Cross

Dates & Times:

Weekend Masses on **March 15 and 16** and Weekday  
Masses **Monday, March 17, Tuesday, March 18 &  
Wednesday, March 19 @ 7pm.**



## "A Day With Mary"

**Save the Date: Saturday, May 31**

On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City.

We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

**Please remember your God, your Faith, and your Parish in your will.**

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