



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
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

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T: 416-934-0606
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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T: 905-642-6728

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 11th @ 7 pm

- † David Singh req. by Sunita Singh
- † Stephen Murphy req. by Joan Murphy & Family
- † Michael Kelly req. by Joan Murphy & Family
- † Bernie Fox req. by Joan & Family
- † Josephine & Rafaele Presta req. by Di Bernardo Family
- Intentions of Josie Schwarzli req. by Josie Schwarzli

Wednesday, March 12th @ 9 am

- † Tony & Dino Raponi req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

Thursday, March 13th @ 7 pm

Intentions of Deacon Michael Gennaro req. by Deacon Wayne

McCulloch

Friday, March 14th @ 9 am

- † Luis Alonso Moreno Jr. req. by Moreno-Stober Family
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm**

Saturday, March 15th

@ 9 am

- † Joseph Musto req. by Antonietta Musto
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Remedio Medina Jr. req. by Connie Quadrini
- † Domingo Navidad req. by Connie Quadrini
- † Michael Kelly req. by Helen Audley
- Maria Santissima della Grazie req. by Maria Ferri
- Intentions of Antonietta Quadrini req. by Connie Quadrini

@ 5 pm

- † Domenico Giusti req. by Giusti Family

Sunday, March 16th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Angelo Palermo req. by Larry Tumino

@ 11 am

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

Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Deacon John, June & Robert Komar

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Mary Amado, Lucy De Medeiros Ferreira, 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?

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 22nd

16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday March 22, 2025

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill

(includes light lunch)

Closing Mass celebrated by

Most. Rev. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

Speakers:

- Annie Karto: Divine Mercy Flood My Soul
- Dr. Stefanie Kafie: *Totus Tuus*, 5 Ways to Live 'Totally Yours'
- Lisa Canning: Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering Joy
- Dorothy Pilarski: Your Life is Going to Change
- Fr. Marcin Serwin, OMI: Being a Priest – Being a Midwife

TO REGISTER GO TO dwf2025.eventbrite.ca



Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 29th from 9 am to 5:30 pm

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Prayer Ministry for Healing • Eucharistic Adoration

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For tickets and information visit:

www.ljhr.ca

ShareLife

Cardinal Leo thanks you for supporting the 2024 ShareLife Parish Campaign

Please visit <http://sharelife.org/thank-you> to read the thank you letter from Cardinal Leo.



"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: 2480 15th Sideroad, King City, ON. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Recollection for Women

Monday, March 10th from 7 pm to 8:30 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
*Due to the Parish Mission the March date for Women's Recollection has changed from the 17th to the 10th

MARCH 9, 2025

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

Topic: Pilgrims of Hope

Dates & Times:
Weekend Masses on **March 15 and 16** and
Weekday Masses
Monday, March 17, Tuesday, March 18 & Wednesday, March 19 @ 7pm.
Confessions Mon – Wed. 6 – 7pm



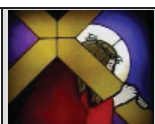
St. Mark's Bible Study

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible



Monday Evenings Starting,
April 28 - June 23
8 weeks (no classes May 19)
7-9 pm in the Church Hall

Cost \$35 cash at time of Registration for workbook.
Registration after weekend Masses
March 15/16 & March 22/23
Please Note: Registrations will not be accepted after
March 23rd.



Lenten Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 14 at 7:30 pm.
Every Friday during Lent.

Christopher Leadership Course New Start Date: March 17



Ready for a transformation
that will truly
astound you?

The Christopher Leadership Course is Canada's best-kept secret ... an incredible journey to develop self-confidence, overcome shyness, and elevate your leadership skills through the medium of public speaking.

Imagine the course taking place right here in our parish! But there's a catch – we need YOUR interest to make it happen. The Christophers will bring in a team of skilled instructors, but we require between 15 to 25 students to bring this unique experience to life. For more information phone Cathy Dawson (905) 640-6954 or email cdawson@archtoronto.org

Monday evenings **March 17th – May 26th, 2025.**
7 to 10:00 pm at St. Mark's Parish

Cost: Standard Tuition – \$275.00 (Student/Senior \$250)
Register online at www.clctorontoeast.com.

Thank you!

Pancake Breakfast raises \$650 for St. Mark's Parish!

The Knights of Columbus hosted a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025. Parishioners and guests enjoyed pancakes, sausages and syrup from Pefferlaw Creek Farms.



The event raised \$650 after expenses.

A portion of the funds will be donated for the upcoming Cardinal reception, and the Squires.

The Squires sold **\$454.90** worth of tickets for the 50/50 draw. The winner was **Attilio Murredu**. He received **\$227.45** and graciously donated it back to the Squires.

Confirmation Class

The next Confirmation class will be
Wednesday, March 26th.
in the Parish Hall.

Group A – 6 to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 to 9 pm



*There are no classes during March Break, March 12th & the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th



Holy Land Christian Families March 29/30

On the weekend of March 29-30,
Holy Land Christian Families will visit our parish to sell hand carved olive wood religious items made by Christian families in the Holy Land.

Proceeds from sales will help provide food, shelter and a better education to Christian families in the Holy Land. Your support will strengthen the Christians in Bethlehem and bring them joy during this difficult time.



MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, March 29th at 6:45 pm



Movie: Miracles from Heaven

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: 109 mins

Lenten Poverty Lunch Sunday, March 30th after the 11 am Mass



Many of us do not know what it is like to go without food, so this Lent the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, together with the Women's Ministry, will be hosting its annual poverty lunch that includes a bowl of homemade soup, a bun and water to remind us of how lucky we are. **The lunch will take place on March 30th after the 11 am mass in the Parish Hall.** Everyone is welcome. There is no cost, but a donation would be welcomed. See you on the 30th!

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

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