



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. Tad Walczyk - Pastor  
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)

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## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

St. Mark's School  
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751 Hoover Park Dr.  
T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School  
223 Millard St.  
T: 905-642-5100

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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

### Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

- † Wayne Hainschwang req. by Carol Hainschwang
- † Denis O'Connor req. by Knights of Columbus
- † Angela Maria & Gennaro Musto req. by Antonietta Musto
- † Rosina & Raffaele Aquino req. by Antonietta Musto
- † Vittorio Magnante req. by Marco Magnante
- Intentions of Josie Schwarzli req. by Josie Schwarzli
- Intentions of Beatriz Moreno req. by Moreno-Stober Family

### Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

### Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

- † Charlie & Winnie Dawson req. by Carol Morin

### Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

- † Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato

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

### Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

- † Remegio Medina req. by Medina Family
- † Luigi Avveduto req. by Natalie & Family
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Bridget Johnpillai
- † Michael Sobrinho req. by The Gavieres Family
- Intentions of Nora Maikawa req. by Christina Viggiani
- Intentions of Magdalena & Genesis Giron (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) req. by Don & Susan Dizon
- Intentions of Victoria, Julia & Lorenzo req. by Christina Viggiani

**@ 5 pm**

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

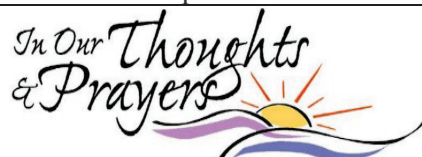
### Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

**@ 9 am (also live streamed)**

- † Cheryl McCulloch req. by Deacon Gordon & Mary Lee

**@ 11 am**

- † Tony, Dino, Valentino & Pasqualina Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi



Please join us as we pray for healing and comfort for all those who are sick, shut-in, in hospital, nursing or

retirement homes, or assisted living residences. In a special way, let us pray for the health and well-being of: **Rita LoMagno, Joanne Taylor, Tony Diana, Pam May and Robert Komar.** Please also pray for any recently deceased faithful departed, **Deacon William Daly, Maria Madalena Medeiros Pacheco** and those who remain in the silence of our hearts.

## Christmas Schedule 2025



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Wednesday, December 24, 2025

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

#### Thursday, December 25, 2025

- ♦ 10:00 am Mass
- ♦ 12:00 pm Mass

#### Friday, December 26, 2025

- ♦ 9:00 am Mass – St. Stephen's Day



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

#### Wednesday, December 31, 2025

- ♦ 5:00 pm Mass

#### Thursday, January 1, 2026

- ♦ 10:00 am Mass
- ♦ 12:00 pm Mass

## Advent Confessions

In addition to our regular confession times, reconciliation will be offered:

**Thursday, Dec. 18, 6 – 7 pm**

**Friday, Dec. 19, 10 – 11 am**

**Saturday, Dec. 20, 9:30 – 11 am, & 3 – 4:45 pm**

**Tuesday, Dec. 23, 7:30 – 9 pm**



## Church Office - Holiday Hours

Wednesday Dec. 24 - Open 9am-Noon

Thursday Dec. 25 - Closed

Friday Dec. 26 - Closed

Wednesday Dec. 31 - Open 9am-Noon

Thursday Jan. 1 - Closed



To all the performers in our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant and Concert you were amazing! It was a beautiful event that helped us focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Special thanks to Eugenie & Kiana Landry for organizing and directing the event as well as Anna Privitera, John Sobinho & the Knights and the many other wonderful volunteers who helped!

# DECEMBER 14, 2025

## Recollection for Women

**Monday, December 15<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**



Canadian Conference  
of Catholic Bishops

## Bill C-9 Proposed Restrictions on Religious Freedom

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, with other government officials in carbon copy. The letter concerns proposed amendments to Bill C-9 and the possible removal of the long-standing "good faith" religious-text defence in the Criminal Code. Cardinal Leo has affirmed the letter and encourages the faithful to read the letter, pray for our elected officials and respectfully contact their local MP to express their deep concern. To read the letter and inform yourself about this serious issue please visit [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca).



## Christmas Honey Sales

To place an order for honey from the Carmelite Nuns in Zephyr go to:

<https://www.myvocationislove.ca/en/honey-sale/>

Payment by E-transfer to:

[zephyrcarmelitenuns@gmail.com](mailto:zephyrcarmelitenuns@gmail.com)

12519 Concession Road 2, Zephyr, Ontario, L0E 1T0

## SAVE THE DATE

### Romulo Delgado's The Cross of Christ

**Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 3:30 pm**

An original oratorio based on the last 7 words of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

Join us at St. Mark's Parish on Palm Sunday and enjoy beautiful sacred music performed by a symphony orchestra. More details to come.

**Tickets \$50.00 per person**



Pray for  
**VOCATIONS**  
IN HIS PRESENCE  
Monstrance blessed by St. John Paul II

**JOIN US FOR  
ADORATION AT  
ST. MARK'S PARISH  
Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am – 1pm**

**During Adoration we will  
pray for vocations.**

Members of Serra Canada are bringing a Monstrance blessed by St. John Paul II for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider attending even for a few minutes. Light refreshments to follow.



## Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of **December 20-21**, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

Visit us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

## Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm



We wish to extend a warm invitation to the faithful of the Archdiocese to join with Cardinal Leo for the *Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee on **Sunday, December 28, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5 p.m.*** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. All are welcome!

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



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