



# 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  
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**

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

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO**

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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.

St. Katharine Drexel  
High School  
55 Meridan Dr.

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.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

- † Francisco S. Canaan req. by Cellie Canaan & Family
- † All Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † All Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Franco Altomare req. by Nelle & Joe Lombardo
- † Maura Fernandez req. by Mary Anne & Garry Watson
- † Muriel Noronha & Family req. by Fidelis Noronha

### Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

- † Guy Lafontaine req. by Blommesteyn Family

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

- † Maura Fernandez req. by Deacon Wayne McCulloch

### Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Intentions of Ann Marie Munro req. by Munro Family

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

**@ 7 pm Latin Novus Ordo Mass**

- † Jan & Bronislaw Walczyk req. by Fr. Tad

### Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**@ 9 am**

- † Intentions of Jeannine Amyotte req. by Jeannine Amyotte
- † Greg Wachar req. by Stella Cowan
- † Catherine Hao req. by Diep Cong
- † Mathew Xu req. by Mary Chan
- † Aleksander & Joan Bogdan req. by Tony & Brigid Bogdan
- † Anita Arenas req. by Carlos Moreno
- † Hector Dias req. by Carlos Moreno

**@ 5 pm**

- † Grace & Dominic Raguseo req. by Cassano Family

### Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

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

**@ 11 am**

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family

## Pray For the Sick

Kenneth Pereira, Melanie Aniceto, Fidelis Noronha

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Sid Majaralie



## 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 - 10 minutes.

## Is God Calling You

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy,

Vocation Director at 416-968-0997.

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

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

## Christmas Schedule 2023



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Sunday, December 24, 2023

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

#### Monday, December 25, 2023

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 pm Mass



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

#### Sunday, December 31, 2023

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

#### Monday, January 1, 2024

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 pm Mass

**Note: On the weekends of Dec. 23, 24, 30 & 31, the usual 5 pm, 9 am and 11 am Masses will be celebrated to fulfill the Sunday obligation.**

## St. Mark's Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**

### ST. MARK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE 17TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
PAGEANT AND CONCERT

*O Come Let Us Adore Him*



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 AT 3:00 PM**  
345 Glad Park Ave, Stouffville  
**FREE ADMISSION!**

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy this year's Christmas Pageant performed by our parish children and the concert performed by the Choirs of St. Mark's Parish. There will also be a free will offering taken up to help support the good works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the pageant and concert. Everyone is welcome!



**The 2024 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.**

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

# DECEMBER 3, 2023

## St. Mark's Advent Book Sale

Dec. 2/3 and Dec. 9/10

**Give the gift of Faith this Christmas!**

The latest books from best-selling author Matthew Kelly are on sale in the church lobby after the December 2/3 and December 9/10 weekend masses.

- The Rocking Chair Prophet
- Holy Moments
- Beautiful Eucharist



**Only \$2 each**



## Mass in Latin for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th at 7 pm



For the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Tad will celebrate a Novus Ordo Mass in Latin on Friday, December 8th at 7 pm. Booklets will be distributed with the wording in both Latin and English. Come and experience the Mass in the language that has great significance in Roman Catholicism.

There will also be a Mass in English at 9 am on December 8th.

**EDGE**

Friday, December 8th

Our next EDGE night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on Friday, December 8th from 6 pm to 8 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**

EDGE will resume after Christmas on January 26th and LifeTeen will resume on January 20th.

## 40th Anniversary Church Photo Directory



There are still photo appointments available on Friday, December 8th from 11 am to 5 pm.

To book an appointment, go to our website at [www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org).



## MOVIE NIGHT



**Saturday, December 9th at 6:15 pm**  
in the Parish Hall



### This month's movie:

#### Life is Beautiful

When an open-minded Jewish waiter and his son become victims of the Holocaust, he uses a perfect mixture of will, humor and imagination to protect his son from the dangers around their camp.

Running time: 116 mins. There's no charge to

attend the show. **Pizza, drinks & snacks will be on sale at 6 pm.**

Movies are more appropriate for adults.

## Squires' Tree of Life

Until December 10th



The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the St. Mark's Squire Circle Advent Project the Tree of Life, "Giving Tree", on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon and St. Vincent de Paul Society. The tree will be located in the north entrance foyer of the Church from **November 25 to December 10**. There will be a suggested list of various items to consider with regards to food cards, baby & toddler clothing, essential toiletries for babies, toddlers and mothers. Your support of this endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbour.

## Women's Recollection

Monday, December 11th

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. **Date: Monday, December 11th**  
**Confessions and Talk given by an Opus Dei Priest: 7 – 9:30 pm.**

## Christmas Cards & Panettone

**Looking for a Christmas gift for family, friends, or office party gifting?**

St. Mark Knights of Columbus are holding a Christmas Card and Panettone fundraiser with all proceeds supporting the council's activities and Rose of Sharon.



Religious Christmas Cards are difficult to find at retailers. Cards will be on sale after every mass as well as panettone orders will be taken until Dec 17 or until quantities last.



## Advent Confession Times



Thursday, Dec. 14th from 6 pm – 7 pm

Friday, Dec. 15th from 10 am – 11 am

Saturday, Dec. 16th from 9:30 am - 10:30 am & 3 pm - 4:45 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 19th from 6 pm – 7 pm

Thursday, Dec. 21st from 6 pm – 7 pm

Friday, Dec. 22nd from 10 am – 11 am

Saturday, Dec. 23rd from 9:30 am - 11 am & 3 pm - 4:45 pm

## Preparing Ourselves for Christ



Advent is a period of prayer in preparation for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of all the gifts and blessings we have received. Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

## Queen of Apostles Bereavement Retreat

Both Men and Women are invited to a Bereavement Retreat on **Saturday, December 16th, 2023**, doors open at 8:30 am.

Facilitated by: Anne Hales and Betty Dotzko

Cost: \$45 which includes coffee/tea, muffin, and hot lunch

Address: 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

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