



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor  
Deacon John Schwarzbauer  
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

## STAFF

Aileen Brito - Administrator  
Lisa Baker - Pastoral Administrator  
Marcel Raes - Custodian  
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9 am - 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm  
**CLOSED MONDAYS**

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - 7:00 pm  
Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am  
Saturday - 9:00 am  
Statutory Holiday - 9:00 am

## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am  
Sunday - 11:00 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration & Benediction  
Every Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10 am  
4 - 4:45 pm  
(or by appointment)

## REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Registration is required for the Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am and 11 am masses.

Registration for the upcoming weekend, begins on Wednesday at 12 pm. The registration link can be found on our website.

## DEVOTIONS

### *Temporarily Suspended*

Recitation of the Rosary  
St. Therese of Lisieux Novena  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer

## BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, due to COVID-19 backlog, please allow 3 to 6 months for a Baptismal date given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class.

## 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.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. We encourage you to register using the Registration Form available in foyer or on website.

## COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Suspended due to COVID-19.

## ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

## MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

See website for policy if outside Priest available.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Altar Society  
Children's Liturgy  
Counter's Ministry  
Edge  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Knights of Columbus  
Lectors  
Media Stand & Bookstall  
Ministry of Hospitality  
Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Groups  
RCIA  
Sacramental Preparation  
Squires  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Ushers  
Women's Ministry  
Youth Ministry

## 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

## 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)

## 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. Must also have recently volunteered as a Parish Catechist!

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

† Lucia Cimone & Leonardo Russo req. by MaryLou and Romano Acciaccferri

† P.C. Varghese req. by Abraham Joseph  
† Wilfredo Hernandez req. by Tence Family

**Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

**@ 9 am**

Intentions of Ann Marie Munro req. by Munro Family

**@ 7:30 pm**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

† John Baptist & Maria Nguyen req. by Cong Family

**Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

**Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 noon**

† Rocchina & Rocco Cornacchia req. by Filomena DiRienzo

† Lena Pereira req. by Leo & Deborah DeSouza

† Nina Holloway req. by John & Alma Boyd

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

† Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

† Raul E. Totanes req. by Knights of Columbus 10874

Those with special needs req. by Knights of Columbus 10874

**@ 5 pm**

† Avelino Caspe req. by Cherry Caspe

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

† Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

**@ 11 am**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

### Thank You!!!

We would like to sincerely thank Peter Gallagher for donating his time to hang our new Icon of Jesus and Mary in the Church on the wall by the organ. We are so pleased to now have the Icon in its permanent location!



### Eucharistic Adoration Fridays from 9:30 am to 12 noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each

**Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with**

**Benediction.** Registration is not required to attend Adoration; however, we would like to ensure there are at least three people in the church each hour.

Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

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<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/formed/>

## Christmas Schedule 2021



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

- ◆ 4:00 pm Family Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 9:00 pm Mass

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass

\* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass



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

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm – 12 Midnight Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass

\* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass

\*\*\* Registration required for all of the above Masses.

Tickets can be reserved beginning **December 16<sup>th</sup>**

online at: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/> \*\*\*

### Carrying of Baby Jesus



We are looking for a child who would like to carry the Baby Jesus and place him in the manger at the front of the Church during the 4 pm Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please pick up an entry form in the church foyer. There will be a draw from the forms submitted.

### 2022 Envelope Boxes

The 2022 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.

### Abort Abortion – Article Link

Fr. Michael urges us all to storm heaven with our prayers, good works and sufferings so that the U. S. Supreme Court puts an end to the demonic scourge and holocaust of abortion. Go to this link to learn more: <https://bit.ly/3xGJwSO>.

# DECEMBER 5, 2021

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm



**YOU ARE INVITED TO:**  
**St. Mark's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Christmas Pageant  
and Concert on**

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**

### The Christmas Story

#### "Jesus – The Light in Our Darkness"

The children and their families will perform the Christmas Nativity Story. Please join in celebrating this blessed season with carol singing led by St. Mark's Choir members.

**We invite you to watch the Pageant and Concert via livestream on St. Mark's YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>**

**or you can register for tickets to attend in-person at**

**<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>**

Walk-ins will also be permitted depending on numbers.

For information email: [eugenievlандry@rogers.com](mailto:eugenievlандry@rogers.com).

## Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm



In her messages to Fr. Gobbi, Our Lady insistently calls - priests, religious and faithful – to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the First Pentecost.

**Next Cenacle: Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
from 7:45 to 8:45 pm (after the 7 pm Mass)**

Everyone is welcome to attend (registration is not required).



**Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am & 7:30pm**

Please join us for Mass at St. Mark's Church on **Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am or 7:30 pm** on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (registration is not required).

Brown Scapulars will be given out on this day to all those who would like one.

## Day of Confession for Advent Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am to 4:45pm



All day confessions will begin at 9:30 am and continue until 4:45 pm on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Michael and other visiting priests will hear confessions on that day.

There will also be a Baptism taking place at 2 pm but you are still welcome to go to confession at the same time. Please go up the left side isle to go to the family room.

## Poinsettia and Christmas Card Fundraiser for Rose of Sharon

If you have ordered Poinsettias from The Knights of you can pick them up on the weekend of Dec 11 or 12.

<https://www.kofc10874.ca/>.

## Light Up the Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon



### St. Mark's Squire Circle 5486 Spiritual Advent Project

The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the lighting of the Tree of Life on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon. The tree will be located in the entrance foyer of the Church from **November 27 to December 19**, and it will be manned by a Squire and a Counsellor from St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

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 Advent endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires and the Knights of Columbus, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbor.

## New Friday Mass Time at 7 pm Beginning January 7, 2022

Beginning Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, our Friday Mass will **move from 9 am to 7 pm**. We hope this will allow more of our parishioners, who may not be able to get a ticket for a weekend Mass, to attend. Registration is not required for the Friday Mass. Eucharistic Adoration will still continue each Friday but will begin at 9 am instead of 9:30 am and go until 12 noon.

## St. Mark's Website

**To access our NEW WEBSITE, please go to: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>** or Google St. Mark's Stouffville and the first search result will take you to our new website.

## Messages from Our Lady to Fr. Gobbi

### When the Son of Man Returns (March 13, 1990)

Also, in another part of Holy Scripture, in the letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, it is clearly announced that, before the glorious return of Christ, a great apostasy must take place. The loss of faith is a true apostasy. The spread of the apostasy is therefore the sign which indicates that the second coming of Christ is, as of now, close at hand. At Fatima, I have foretold to you that a time would come when the true faith would be lost. These are the times. Your days are marked by this painful and significant situation, which was foretold to you in Holy Scripture: the true faith is in the process of disappearing in an ever increasingly greater number of children.

### In Expectation of His Glorious Return (March 26, 1989)

Christ Risen is alive in your midst. Do not fear: He is guiding the events of human history to the realization of the Will of the Heavenly Father and of his great plan of salvation. Christ Risen is now seated in heaven upon his throne of glory, at the right hand of the Father. Do not allow yourselves to be discouraged by the momentary triumph of evil and of sin. Do not let the present victory in the world – the victory of the obstinate rejection of God, of rebellion against his Law of love and of a so universal impiety – sadden you. Nor should you allow yourselves to be seized by doubt or lack of confidence in seeing the Church so wounded and stricken, ensnared, and betrayed. Live always in joy and in a firm hope, in expectation of his glorious return.

**Excerpt from: To The Priests Our Lady's Beloved Sons**

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