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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
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

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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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W: 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
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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 6th @ 7 pm

- † Domenico & Michelina Acierio req. by DiRienzo Family
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Maria, Vito & Carlo Murania req. by Caterina Guastella
- † Nicasia Bautista req. by Benedict Family
- Intentions of John Ramos req. by Abad Family
- Intentions of Mark & Susie Family req. by Diep Cong
- Intentions of Mary Garscadden req. by Lucy Fiore

Wednesday, February 7th @ 9 am

- † Morris & Catherine Cameron req. by Lana James

Thursday, February 8th @ 7 pm

- † Muriel Noronha req. by Fidelis Noronha

Friday, February 9th @ 9 am

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Ann Marie Munro

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, February 10th

- @ 9 am**
- † Jim Beauchamp req. by Baker/Kelly Family
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Diep Cong
- † Cristeta Ancheta req. by Precy Ortiz
- For the Sick req. by Fr. Tad

- @ 5 pm**
- † Fr. Robyn Gwynn req. by Dina & Michael Simon

Sunday, February 11th

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)**
- † Marion Meyer req. by Meyer Family
- @ 11 am**
- St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

Pray For the Sick

Kenneth Pereira, Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Jim Beauchamp, Fr. Manfred Schmid



Confessions

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



Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes 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 2 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

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matthew McCarthy,

Vocation Director at **416-968-0997.**

Email vocations@archtoronto.org Website www.vocationstoronto.ca.

2024 Parish Council Members

Clergy: Fr. Tad, Deacon Wayne, Deacon Gordon
Members: Charles Barnes, Nelle Lombardo, Maria Parente, Lisa Silveira, Andrew Brinas, Carlos Moreno, Sue Knetsch, Isabelle Mikhail, Tim Flynn, Grant Lalata and Carolina Moretti

SL ShareLife

Your support for ShareLife brought the hands of Christ to those in need. Because of you, ShareLife agencies annually help more than 150,000 people.

- You eased the struggles of more than 13,000 people by providing over 45,000 mental health services;
- You offered quality care and companionship to over 2,800 vulnerable seniors;
- You invested in our Church's future by supporting 62 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the 2023-2024 academic year;
- You helped sponsor 708 refugees on their journey to safety and freedom in Canada;
- You extended a helping hand to over 1,600 young parents and their children; and
- You provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,300 people with special needs and their families.

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

Strawberry Festival Volunteers

We're celebrating 40 years of bringing our community together at the Strawberry Festival. Be a part of the tradition and join our volunteers. For information, email info@strawberryfestival.ca.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 2nd from 9 am to 6 pm

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, February 7th



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

*There won't be a class on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

EDGE

Friday, February 9th from 6 pm to 8 pm

Our next **EDGE** night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on Friday, February 9th from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Please invite your friends!

Registration forms will be available at the session.
For further information, email our Youth Minister, Grant, at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.

Follow us on Instagram: @stmarksyouthmin

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 11th at 10 am



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast on **February 11** after the 9:00 am Mass in the parish hall.

There is no ticket and no RSVP required. This is a donation-based event and will be on a first come, first served basis while quantities last.

50/50 Draw will be run by St. Marks' Squires.

Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus

Tuesday, February 13th



For the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus on February 13th, a picture will be displayed in the sanctuary and devotional prayers will be said at the end of the 7 pm Mass.

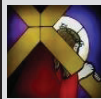
*"Whoever gazes upon me
already consoles me"*
(Our Lord to Sister Pierina)

Ash Wednesday

February 14th - 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 February 16th

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm.

Family Game Day

Monday, February 19th beginning at 2 pm



On the holiday Monday, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their second annual **Family Games afternoon** beginning at 2 pm in the parish hall. A variety of fun board games for all ages will be available for families to play. Pizza, popcorn, chips, water and soft drinks will be available to purchase.

There is no registration or additional cost.

All families are welcome!

St. Mark's Pasta Night

Saturday, February 24th at 6 pm



Come and enjoy a delicious meal!

Penne Pasta, Sausage & Meatballs, Salad,
Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Adults \$30 & Children 10 years old and younger \$10

Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks & Water available for purchase.

Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses.

Timeless: LifeTeen Retreat

Registration will be open until February 24th

Registration for our LifeTeen Retreat for youth in **Grades 9 to 12** is open until **Saturday, February 24th**. We invite our participants to join us from **Friday, March 1st - Sunday, March 3rd** for prayer, fellowship, catechesis, and fun at **Shadow Lake Centre on Ninth Line** in Stouffville.

Please scan the QR code to access the registration form and submit your payment of **\$150** by cash or cheque to the parish office. For more information, email our Youth Minister, Grant Lalata at: stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.



St. Mark's Lenten Parish Mission SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 2 to Wednesday, March 6



**Everyone is invited to
St. Mark's Church Lenten Mission**
Speaker: Fr. Dominic Borg

Dates & Times:

- Weekend Masses on March 2 and 3
- Monday, March 4 at 7 pm
- Tuesday, March 5 at 7 pm
- Wednesday, March 6 at 7 pm

Confession will be available from Monday to Wednesday.

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

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