



# 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.

## **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.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

## **COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND**

Please call the Parish Office.

## **ANOIDING OF THE SICK**

Please call the Parish Office.

## **MEMORIAL MASS**

See website for policy.

## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Altar Servers  
Altar Society  
Children's Liturgy  
Counter's Ministry  
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!

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, May 16th @ 7 pm**

- † Giuseppina & Alberto Di Rienzo & Rosa Rigillo req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Felicitas Navidad req. by Elena Medina
- † Luis Moreno Jr. req. by Sara Moreno-Stober
- † Natividad Reodica req. by Perono Family
- † Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato

**Wednesday, May 17th @ 9 am**

- † Giuseppe Musto req. by Antonietta Musto

**Thursday, May 18th @ 7 pm**

Intentions of Joshua Ramos req. by Rosalyn Ramos

**Friday, May 19th**

**@ 9 am**

- † Tita Tuason req. by Crespo Family

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

**Saturday, May 20th**

**@ 9 am**

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- † Ross Cassano req. by Nella Cassano
- † Giovanna Damiano & Antonio Guzzo req. by Angela Colosimo
- † Margie Greenaway req. by Gord & Gail MacRae
- † Angie Andreous req. by Gord & Gail MacRae

**@ 5 pm**

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

**Sunday, May 21st**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

- † Giuseppe & Antonina Gucciardi req. by Marsia Gucciardi

**@ 11 am**

- † Pasqualina Raponi, Lucia Lombardo & Tomasina Parente req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

## Pray For the Sick

Jeanette Woodley, Joanne Taylor, Kenneth Pereira  
Ianthe Howell, Derry Howell, Sebastian Dacko

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Antonio Pescador, Tony Kilmartin



## 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 beforehand with the paper registration sheet at the back of the church.

Please consider attending for even 5 to 10 minutes.

**Fr. Tad will be away on his pilgrimage to Israel & Egypt from May 23rd until June 5th.**



## Share your love on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practical assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

"If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!" Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## The Holy Spirit & Confirmation



As we approach the end of the Easter season our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that awaits us on Pentecost. In today's first reading, we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288). So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that through "the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11). Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

## Is God Calling You

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, 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)

**MAY 14, 2023**

### **Recollection for Women**

**Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 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.

**Date: Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Confessions and talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei.**



## **MOVIE NIGHT**



**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
in the Parish Hall**

THE SONG OF  
BERNADETTE



**This month's movie:**

### **The Song of Bernadette**

Based on the popular novel by Franz Werfel, this drama focuses on Bernadette Soubirous (Jennifer Jones), a young French woman who experiences vivid visions of the Virgin Mary. While many dismiss her claims, certain people, including the priest Dominique Peyramale (Charles Bickford), slowly begin to believe her. Eventually, Bernadette is deemed a saint, and becomes a nun at a convent, where she must deal with jealousy from others who resent her revered status.

Running time: 156 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.

### **Coffee Sunday**

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**



Coffee, tea and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> after the 9 am and 11 am**

**masses.** Join fellow parishioners in the hall for fellowship and some delicious refreshments!

Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the parish hall on Saturday between 8 am and 10 am or 4 pm and 6 pm or on Sunday morning.

### **Feast of the Visitation**

**Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9 am**



On the Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary will be recited at 8:40 am followed by Mass at 9 am and prayers to our Lady of Perpetual Help.

### **Women's Ministry Social**

**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

The Women's Ministry will be holding their last meeting before the summer on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. All the women of the parish are invited to take part. We look forward to seeing you there!



*St. Mark's Women's Ministry*

### **Corpus Christi Procession**

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> after the 11 am Mass**

### **Join our St. Mark's Corpus Christi Procession**

Please save the date to celebrate this great Solemnity in honour of our Eucharistic Lord.



The procession will start immediately following the conclusion of the 11 am Mass on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

This year's route will proceed around the block bordered by Glad Park Ave, Millard St., Elm Rd, and West Lawn Cres. and conclude by returning inside the Church for Benediction.

***We hope you can join us for  
this special Celebration!***

If you would like to volunteer to help, please email Lisa at [lbaker@archtoronto.org](mailto:lbaker@archtoronto.org).

### **St. Mark's Golf Tournament at Spring Lakes Golf Club**

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**



**SAVE THE DATE!  
COME & CELEBRATE  
ST. MARK'S CHURCH  
40th ANNIVERSARY**

'A SWING AND A PRAYER' GOLF TOURNAMENT & AN EVENING EVENT AT SPRING LAKES GOLF CLUB ON SATURDAY JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Golf with Cart, Lunch & Evening Event **\$250** per person

Evening Event Only **\$65** per person

Tickets on sale after all Masses.

### **Unclaimed Offertory Envelopes**



We have unclaimed offertory envelopes in the lobby by the office. If they are not picked up by the end of May, the envelope numbers will be reassigned to new parishioners.

### **Sacramental Celebrations**



We ask for your prayers for God's blessing on all the children of our parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in May & June.



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



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