



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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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

## **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)

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

St. Mark's School  
333 Glad Park Ave.  
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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  
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55 Meridan Dr.

St. Katharine Drexel  
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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.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

- Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa
- Members of Acierno & Nappi Family req. by Di Rienzo Family
- Luisa Di Rienzo req. by Di Rienzo Family
- Mario Francella req. by Maria Francella & Family
- Flora Prollamente req. by Prollamante Family
- Intentions of Maegan Abad req. by Abad Family
- Intentions of Beatriz Moreno req. by Moreno-Stober Family

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- Intentions of Roy & Mary Jane Abad (25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) req. by Abad Family

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- Maura Fernandez req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- Members of Altomare & Rigitano Families req. by Ida Altomare
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

- @ 9 am**
- Angelo DePalma & Domenica Lozito req. by Parente Family
- Peter Vinh req. by Diep Cong
- Mathew Xu req. by Mary Chan
- Sid Majaralie req. by Baker & Kelly Family
- Special Intention req. by Carolina Moretti
- Intentions of Frank Guarrasi req. by Christina Viggiani
- Intentions of Beatriz Moreno req. by Moreno-Stober Family
- @ 5 pm**
- Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)**
- Giovanni Torrone req. by Gina Torrone & Family
- @ 11 am**
- St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

## 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

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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!  
For those who can't attend in-person, please go to our YouTube channel to watch via livestream at:  
<https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>



# DECEMBER 10, 2023



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

## 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



## Squires' Tree of Life

Until December 10<sup>th</sup>



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 11<sup>th</sup>

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 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Confessions and Talk given by an Opus Dei Priest: 7 – 9:30 pm.**

## Advent Confession Times



Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 7 pm

Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 11 am

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

Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 7 pm

Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm – 7 pm

Friday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am – 11 am

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

## Christmas Panettone Orders

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



St. Mark Knights of Columbus are holding a Panettone fundraiser with all proceeds supporting the council's activities and Rose of Sharon. Panettone orders will be taken until Dec 17 or until quantities last.

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You can also email Lisa Baker, Pastoral Administrator at [lbaker@archtoronto.org](mailto:lbaker@archtoronto.org) or visit the Christopher website at [www.clctorontoeast.com](http://www.clctorontoeast.com)

**Register today and unlock your inner leader!**



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September / October 2024

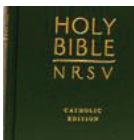
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## Which Bible to Buy?



Canadian English Roman Catholics utilize the NRSV (New Revised Standard Version- Catholic Edition) in our daily readings and during the Liturgy. It is known to be reliable, accurate and easy to read. Roman Catholic Bibles have 73 books (vs. Protestant Bibles which tend to have 66 books). A Roman Catholic Bible will also have an "Imprimatur" meaning it is free from doctrinal or moral error.

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

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