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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
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Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

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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 LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 20th @ 7 pm

- † Salvatore & Vita Guastella req. by Caterina Guastella
- † Carmine & Mirella Costanzo req. by Gabriella Costanzo
- † Satendra Ganjoo req. by Lynn Sullivan
- † Rose Minaudo req. by Minaudo Family
- † Tom Damianopoulos req. by Sequeira Family

Wednesday, February 21st @ 9 am

- † Fr. Patrick Fitzpatrick req. by Lou Rendulich & Larry Tumino

Thursday, February 22nd @ 7 pm

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

Friday, February 23rd

@ 9 am

- † Paolina Lombardo req. by Joe & Nelle Lombardo

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

@ 7 pm Healing Mass

For all the sick req. by Fr. Tad

@ 8 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24th

@ 9 am

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Diep Cong
- † Chris Hooper req. by Helen & Henry Chan
- † Raul Totanes req. by Piedad Family
- † Benito Vergel de Dios req. by Piedad Family
- † Graziella Difede req. by Difede Family
- Intentions of Maikawa Family req. by Friend
- Intentions of Nguyen Family req. by Vincent Nguyen

@ 5 pm

- † Maurice Vella req. by Vella Family

Sunday, February 25th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Fedele & Maria De Nicola & req. by Josephine Collura

Pray For the Sick

Kenneth Pereira, Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Angela Deluca



Confessions

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

Development and Peace Campaign

After all masses on February 17th/18th, parishioners are invited to sign a petition addressed to the Honduran Ambassador in Canada asking the Honduran Government to end the persecution of indigenous peoples in Northern Honduras. These communities have been struggling to preserve their land and water since an iron ore mine opened in Carlos Escaleras National Park and poisoned the rivers on which they depend for their livelihoods. *"We live every day with the fear of being killed or having one of our children taken away"* - Juana Zuniga, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colon.

Many thanks for your support, *Development and Peace*

Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, February 24th at 9 am

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals



3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this QR link: <https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>
3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

Lent Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary Saturday, February 24th



The prayers and rituals of the Catholic Mass have a history that goes back centuries. We often take them for granted and might go through them every week without knowing what we are saying or doing. During this retreat, we will enter into the meaning and fascinating history of these familiar prayers and rituals. By doing so, we will enrich our Lenten spirituality by discovering why there is no better place than the Mass to immerse ourselves in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord.

Title: The Holy of Holies: Discovering the Richness of the Mass

Speaker: Fr. Eric Rodrigues

Cost: \$35 plus HST

Date: Saturday February 24, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd)

Register at: <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustines-spirit-life-series-lenten-retreat>

Spiritus Young Adults Ministry

Wednesday, February 28th at 7 pm

Spiritus York is for Young Adults ages 19-35. The next gathering is on Wednesday February 28, 2024 from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Thornhill.

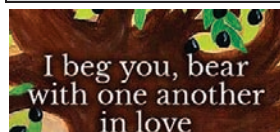
Our theme for the month is The Eucharist - The Manna in the Desert. As Catholics, the Mass is the source and summit of our life. But how well do we REALLY understand the Mass? Why do we do what we do and say what we say? Join us for the last of Spiritus Ministry's three-part Eucharistic Series for the month, where Fr. Joshua Roldan will do a deep dive into the Mass and the real presence of the Eucharist. We will begin the night with mass at 7pm and meet afterwards in the hall at 7:30pm.

Hope to see you there!



World Day of Prayer 2024

Friday, March 1st from 2 pm to 4 pm



Please join us for our World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine.

Location: EastRidge Church, 12485 Tenth Line, Stouffville

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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!

Recollection for Women

Monday, February 19th from 7 pm to 8:30 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.

Confessions and Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, February 21st



The next Confirmation class will be on Wednesday, February 21st in the Parish Hall.

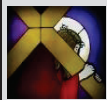
Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm



Healing Mass

Friday, February 23rd at 7 pm

We are glad to host in our Parish Fr. Ireneusz Lukanowski, a Pallottine priest from Poland, who will say Mass on Friday, February 23rd at 7 pm. The main parts of the Mass will be in Latin (Novus Ordo). **After the Mass we will also have Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament and special prayers for healing.** Fr. Ireneusz has written books and recorded CDs about healing ministry which include some miracles that happened through faith and prayer. These books and CDs will be available for purchase before or after the Mass. **Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus.** The Stations of the Cross on February 23rd will start at 8 pm.



Lenten Stations of the Cross

February 23rd at 8 pm

After the Healing Mass.

EDGE

Friday, February 23rd from 6 pm to 8 pm

Our next **EDGE** night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on Friday, February 23rd 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

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

Are you open to exploring your faith and growing closer to Jesus and your friends?

Do you want to be refreshed, renewed, and recharged?

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



Coins for Life



The St. Mark's Squires will be handing out Coins for Life boxes on February 24th and 25th.

Your small change can lead to a BIG change and does help to save countless innocent lives. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. Every life from conception to natural death, which God created, is sacred and no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death, we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this **'little project' for life**.

The filled Coins for Life Boxes will be collected in April.

Coffee Sunday

Sunday, February 25th



Coffee, tea and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, February 25th 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.

St. Mark's Lenten Parish Mission

Saturday, March 2 to Wednesday, March 6



**St. Mark's Church
Lenten Mission**

in preparation for the Feast of Easter

Preacher: Fr. Dominic Joseph Borg, OCD

Topic: The Importance and Power of the Living Word of God in our faith journey

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 available Monday to Wednesday from 6 pm to 7 pm. Everyone is invited to join us for this moment of Grace!

Lenten Poverty Lunch

Sunday, March 3rd after the 11 am Mass



Many of us do not know what it is like to go without food, so this Lent the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, together with the Women's Ministry, will be hosting its annual poverty lunch that includes a bowl of homemade soup, a bun and water to remind us of how lucky we are. **The lunch will take place on March 3rd after the 11 am mass in the Parish Hall.** Everyone is welcome. There is no cost, but a donation would be welcomed. See you on the 3rd!

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



ST. MARK'S PARISH

LENTEN MISSION

MISSION LEADER:

Fr. Dominic Joseph Borg

Order of the Discalced Carmelites (OCD)



Location: **St. Mark's Church**

345 Glad Park Avenue, Stouffville

Dates: March 2nd to March 6th

Topic: **The Importance and Power of the Living Word of God in our Faith Journey.**

Confessions: Offered at the times listed below.

Lenten Mission Dates & Times:

Saturday, March 2, 2024

5 pm Mass (Confessions from 4 pm to 4:45 pm)

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9 am Mass and 11 am Mass (Confessions not available)

Monday, March 4, 2024

7 pm Mass (Confessions 6 pm to 7 pm)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

7 pm Mass (Confessions 6 pm to 7 pm)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

7 pm Mass (Confessions 6 pm to 7 pm)

MARCH 2024 - LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday, March 2 nd	9:30 am to 10 am & 4 pm to 4:45 pm
Monday, March 4 th	6 pm to 7 pm
Tuesday, March 5 th	6 pm to 7 pm
Wednesday, March 6 th	6 pm to 7 pm
Saturday, March 9 th	9:30 am to 10 am & 4 pm to 4:45 pm
Saturday, March 16 th	9:30 am to 10 am & 4 pm to 4:45 pm
Thursday, March 21 st	6 pm to 7 pm
Saturday, March 23 rd	9:30 am to 11 am & 3 pm to 4:45 pm
Tuesday, March 26 th	6 pm to 7 pm
Wednesday, March 27 th	10 am to 11 am

EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 28)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1st Celebration – 12:00 noon

2nd Celebration – 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

HOLY SATURDAY (MARCH 30)

NO MORNING MASS, NO 5:00 PM MASS &

NO CONFESSIONS

Blessing of the Food – 2:30 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass – 8 pm

Bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)

Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1 pm

No Children's Liturgy at the 9 am Mass

Divine Mercy Novena – 15 min. before all Masses

EASTER MONDAY (APRIL 1)

Easter Monday Mass – 9:00 am

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