



# 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**

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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**

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St. Brendan's School  
751 Hoover Park Dr.  
T: 905-642-6728

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T: 905-642-5100

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Badano School  
55 Meridan Dr.

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École catholique  
Pape-François  
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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 LENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Andy Marter req. by Lynn Sullivan
- † Tom Damianopoulos req. by Sequeira Family
- † Mariamma Joseph req. by Abraham Joseph
- Intentions of Caterina Guastella req. by Caterina Guastella

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Tony & Gabriele Pescador req. by Irma Pescador

**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Elva Corcoran req. by Rose Marie Gauthier

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm**

**@ 7 pm**

Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

**@ 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- † Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Diep Cong
- † Alicia Hernandez req. by Melanie Vicencio
- Intentions of Nguyen Family req. by Vincent Nguyen
- Intentions of Caterina Guastella req. by Milina Del Medico

**@ 5 pm**

- † Lucia & Giovanni Collura req. by Josephine Collura & Family

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

- † Irmgard Lojowsky req. by Erika Bayer

**@ 11 am**

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

## 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**



## 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

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you're willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call 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).

## Spiritus Young Adults Ministry

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

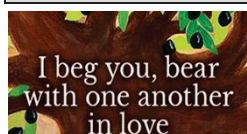
**Spiritus York is for Young Adults ages 19-35. The next gathering is on Wed. February 28 from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Thornhill.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

All men and women are invited to our 2024 Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Cost \$45 (Cash, Cheque, VISA or Mastercard) which includes coffee/tea, muffins and a hot lunch. Mass will be celebrated during the day. **Location:** 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga  
**Email:** [office@goa.ca](mailto:office@goa.ca)

## Discernment Weekend Retreat St. Augustine's Seminary

**March 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>**



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 15 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 17 (2 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration must be done online at

[www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee) FOR MORE

INFORMATION EMAIL: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



**Show your love through ShareLife**

**ShareLife Sunday is March 17.**

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay.

This is all possible through 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).

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

# FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## Coffee Sunday

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**



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

## Coins for Life

**Containers Distributed February 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**



The St. Mark's Squires will be handing out **Coins for Life boxes on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.** 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 containers will be collected in April.*

## Confirmation Class

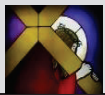
**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**



The next Confirmation class will be on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall.

Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm



## Lenten Stations of the Cross

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm**

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## Holy Land Olive Wood Carvings

Holy Land Christian Families are visiting the parish on March 2nd and 3rd to display Olive Wood carvings. These religious items are handmade by Christian families. This is their only source of income, and our mission is to help these families by selling their work to help with food, shelter and a better education. This way they can continue the only life they have known. Please support our brothers and sisters during this difficult time. This will keep the Christians in Bethlehem and will bring them joy and life during this difficult time.

## Mass Time Change

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**



**Please note:** Due to our Parish Mission, the Mass on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> will be **celebrated at 7 pm** instead of 9 am.

**EDGE**

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm**

Our next **EDGE** night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Confession Times During Lent

Prepare for Easter by going to Confession.

Sat., March 2 – 9:30 - 10 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Mon., March 4 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Tues., March 5 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Wed., March 6 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Sat., March 9 – 9:30 - 10 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Sat., March 16 – 9:30 - 10 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Thurs. March 21 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Sat., March 23 – 9:30 - 11 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Tues., March 26 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Wed. March 27 – 10 am to 11 am



## AV Volunteers Needed

Our audio-visual ministry is looking for new volunteers to set up mics and projectors, control the sound during Masses, and stream video of Mass to YouTube. If you have an interest in technology, media or the arts and would like to serve your parish community, please register using the QR code for an intro session. No experience is necessary as training will be provided. The ministry is open to both adults and young people 12 and over and volunteering with the ministry can be used toward high school community service requirements.



## Squires 50/50 Draw

The Squires would like to thank all the parishioners who participated in the 50/50 draw at the pancake breakfast on February 11<sup>th</sup> for their support. **The total raised was \$303.** The winner of the draw was **Stephen Kusatz.** He received \$151.50.

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



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