



# 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**

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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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Billy McDonald req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Eleanor & Dale Dunning req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Betty-Ann & Gil Moreau req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Giuseppe Musto req. by Antoniette Musto
- Intentions of Brian McDonald req. by Ann Marie Munro
- Intentions of Fr. Dominic Borg req. by Fr. Tad

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Marion Meyer req. by Meyer Family

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

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

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

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- † Michael Magnante req. by Marina Magnante
- † Lou Rozario req. by Mike Rozario
- Intentions of Ben Crawford req. by Victoria Viggiani
- Intentions of Nguyen Family req. by Vincent Nguyen
- Intentions of Justin req. by Jeanne

**@ 5 pm**

- † Frank & Marija Rendulich req. by Rendulich Family

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

- † Phil & Eileen Gauthier req. by Gauthier Family

**@ 11 am**

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

## Pray For the Sick

Melanie Aniceto, Joanne Taylor

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Kenneth Pereira



## 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

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious, or deacon for His Church, 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).

## ShareLife

### This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Our parish goal this year is **\$90,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



## Totus Tuus Summer Camp

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for the Totus Tuus Summer Camp Program.

### Children entering Grades 1-6

**Program Dates:** Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2:20 pm

**Cost:** \$75 for the first child in the family

\$65 for each additional sibling.

Cash and Cheque only.

### Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12

**Program Dates:** Sunday to Thursday from 6 pm to 9 pm

**Cost:** Free

**Complete the online registration form** on the St. Mark's Church website at [www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org)

or scan the QR code.

Our Youth Minister will be in the lobby after all Masses this weekend to answer questions.

**Registration will take place at St. Mark's**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.**

**First come, first served basis.**

More information about the program is also available at [www.totustuutoronto.ca](http://www.totustuutoronto.ca) or email Grant Lalata at [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com).



## Aid to Women

**This Lent, please consider giving to Aid to Women.**

For over 35 years, Aid to Women has operated as a Christian, volunteer-based charity that offers pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. We provide counseling, material items, emotional, spiritual, and financial support for mothers in need. We are currently in need of people to pray, volunteer, help financially, or offer material donations (infant car seats, strollers, diapers, wipes, and clothes (newborn to 2 years). Donations can be made online at [www.aidtowomen.ca](http://www.aidtowomen.ca). For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 416-921-6016 or at [info@aidtowomen.ca](mailto:info@aidtowomen.ca).



**Lenten Stations of the Cross  
Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm**

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

# MARCH 17, 2024

## Knights of Columbus

**Food Drive – March 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Lenten Food Drive to support needy families in Stouffville. We invite all parishioners to donate non-perishable food items which will be given to the Stouffville Food Bank and grocery gift cards which will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. **The needed items are cereal, cookies, canned pasta, kid's peanut free snacks, condiments, jam, dish soap, & laundry detergent.** Parishioners will be able to drop off donations in the north foyer on the weekends of March 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>.



## Women's Recollection

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 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**



## Solemnity of St. Joseph

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

There will be a Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. A special Rosary will be said before Mass in honour of St. Joseph and the Knights of Columbus will display an Icon of St. Joseph blessed by Pope Francis which will be installed in our parish for permanent veneration.

**EDGE**

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm**

Our next **EDGE** night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</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](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com).

Follow us on Instagram: [@stmarksyouthmin](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksyouthmin)



**MOVIE NIGHT**



**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm  
in the Parish Hall**



**This month's movie: COURAGEOUS**

**Honour Begins At Home**

As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, and their partners willingly stand up to the worst the world can offer, yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are prepared to tackle: Fatherhood.

**Pizza, drinks, and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm**

**Movie to start at 6:30pm**

The movie is free of charge. Rated: PG13. Running Time: 129 mins.

## Coffee Sunday

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**



Coffee, tea, and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, March 24<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.

## EASTER TRIDUUM 2024



### 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Celebration – 12:00 noon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Easter Foods – 2:30 pm**

**Divine Mercy Novena – 3:00 pm**

**Easter Vigil – 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)

**Mass: 9:00 am**

## Confession Times During Lent



Prepare for Easter by going to Confession.

Thurs. March 21 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Sat., March 23 – 9:30 - 11 am & 3 – 4:45 pm

Tues., March 26 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Wed. March 27 – 10 am to 11 am

## St. Mark's Women's Ministry

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

**FIRST EVER! Holy Week Immersive Experience**  
on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall!



*Embark on a transformative journey through the events of Holy Week, engaging all five senses to immerse yourself in the profound spiritual significance of this sacred time. This immersive experience invites participants to reflect deeply on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, drawing inspiration from centuries-old traditions and scriptures. For information, email: [stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com)*

## Development and Peace

Development and Peace is very grateful to St. Mark's parishioners for their great response to the "Stand for the Land" Campaign held on February 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. 305 signatures were collected in support of the Honduran indigenous peoples and the protection of their land. The petition will be delivered to the Honduran ambassador in Canada in April 2024 together with signed petitions from other parishes across Canada. Yes - together we can make a difference!"

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



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