



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

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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
Badano School
55 Meridan Dr.

St. Katharine Drexel
High School
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École catholique
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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 4th @ 7 pm Lenten Mission with Fr. Dominic Borg

† Maria Verdirame req. by Verdirame Family

Tuesday, March 5th @ 7 pm Lenten Mission with Fr. Dominic Borg

† Domenico & Michelina Acierio req. by Di Rienzo Family

† Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen

† Andy Marter req. by Shirley Miller

† Maria Verdirame req. by Lisa Baker

Intentions of Mary Jane req. by Abad Family

Wednesday, March 6th @ 7 pm Lenten Mission with Fr. Dominic Borg

† Michelina & Domenico Acierio req. by Di Rienzo Family

Thursday, March 7th @ 7 pm

† Giuseppina & Alberto Di Rienzo req. by Di Rienzo Family

Friday, March 8th @ 9 am

† Morris & Catherine Cameron req. by Lana James

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

@ 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9th

@ 9 am

† Rocco & Rosa Rigillo req. by Di Rienzo Family

† Perfecto Abad Sr. req. by Grace Abad & Family

† Souls in Purgatory req. by Diep Cong

† Joaquim Clemente req. by Clemente Family

† Cora Craymer req. by Don & Susan Dizon and Family

Intentions of Nguyen Family req. by Vincent Nguyen

@ 5 pm

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

Sunday, March 10th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Mario, Renato & Gino Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo

@ 11 am

† Albert Chiavatti req. by Clara Chiavatti & Family

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**

Children's Room



For any families with young children, we would like to bring to your attention that we have a children's room in the church where you can sit with your little ones during Mass. When entering the church, go up the middle aisle. When you arrive at the cross aisle, you will see the Baptismal font on your right. If you turn to the left and walk towards the ramp, you will see a room with a large glass window. There is also a speaker in the room which allows you to hear the Mass and the glass window allows you to see the altar. We invite families to use this room so children can have space to move around, and parents can still participate in the Mass.



Blessed Palms are sacramentals. Therefore, the Church teaches that they should not be thrown out in the garbage. If you have palms that you no longer want, please bring them to the church to be burned.



You bring love and hope to young mothers through ShareLife!

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."

Our parish goal is \$90,000.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Coins for Life



St. Mark's Squires Coins for Life containers are available in the church lobby for parishioners to pick up.

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. We all have a role to play to reverse the tide towards a culture of life and each person can help by filling a container with change.

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

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver



The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be speaking in our parish during the Masses on **March 9th and 10th**. They will talk about their work for the benefit of evangelization in mission countries. The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver is a Religious congregation of Catholic women dedicated to serving the missionary

Church and supporting the missionaries, who guide to our loving God those who do not yet know Him. The Sisters will present a special project from the mission field and will distribute a missionary bulletin. **Rosaries, greeting cards, and various CDs will also be available for purchase.** The entire proceeds will be used as a Lenten gift for mission needs. If you wish to donate and support evangelization, you can contact the Sisters:

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, 14 Connaught Cr., Toronto, ON M6C 2S7. You may donate by VISA/Master Card, cheque, E – Transfer (sspctoronto@rogers.com) or donate online at www.claveriansisters.ca/donate

Thank You!

Pancake Breakfast Raises \$600 for St. Mark Parish!

The Knights of Columbus hosted a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Parishioners and guests enjoyed pancakes, sausages, and syrup from Pepperlaw Creek Farms. The event raised \$600 after expenses for the parish, thanks to the generosity of the attendees. We thank Pepperlaw Creek Farms for their syrup, and the volunteers for their help. Your support is appreciated. God bless you all!

Pasta Night

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the pasta night and all the volunteers who helped make the evening such a wonderful success. A special thank you to the Metauro family for providing the delicious meatballs!

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

MARCH 3, 2024

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!

Mass Time Change

Wednesday, March 6th at 7 pm



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

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 6th



The next Confirmation class will be on Wednesday, March 6th 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 8th at 7:30 pm

EDGE

Friday, March 8th from 6 pm to 8 pm

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

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.



Knights of Columbus

Food Drive – March 16th/17th and 23rd/24th

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, and laundry detergent.

Parishioners will be able to drop off donations in the north foyer on the weekends of March 16th/17th and March 23rd/24th



Women's Recollection

Monday, March 18th 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 19th at 7 pm

There will be a Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19th at 7 pm. At this Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be displaying an Icon of St. Joseph which they are giving as a gift to St. Mark's.

Confession Times During Lent

Prepare for Easter by going to Confession.



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 & 3 – 4:45 pm

Tues., March 26 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Wed. March 27 – 10 am to 11 am



MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, March 23rd 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 minutes

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