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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Aileen Brito - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Marcel Raes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - 7:00 pm
Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holiday - 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration & Benediction
Every Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10 am
4 - 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Registration is required for the Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am and 11 am masses.

Registration for the upcoming weekend, begins on Wednesday at 12 pm. The registration link can be found on our website.

DEVOTIONS

Temporarily Suspended

Recitation of the Rosary
St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Mother of Perpetual Help
Prayer

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, due to COVID-19 backlog, please allow 3 to 6 months for a Baptismal date given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. We encourage you to register using the Registration Form available in foyer or on website.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Suspended due to COVID-19.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

See website for policy if outside Priest available.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Media Stand & Bookstall
Ministry of Hospitality
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Groups
RCIA
Sacramental Preparation
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ushers
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
T: 905-640-2915

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

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House
T: 416-968-0997
W: vocationstoronto.ca

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T: 416-934-0606
W: archtoronto.org

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. Must also have recently volunteered as a Parish Catechist!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 5th @ 7 pm

- † David Stainrod & Domenic D'Agostino req. by Sidoti Family
- † Vincent D'Souza req. by Selvi Thomas Family
- † Christopher Brown req. by Coreen Doucett and Family
- † Giuseppe Giorgio req. by Vito and Mario Giorgio

Wednesday, October 6th @ 9 am

- † Sequeira and Pereira Families req. by Marie and Patrick Pereira

Thursday, October 7th @ 9 am

Thanksgiving req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, October 8th @ 9 am

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 noon

- † Patricia Chalmers req. by Coreen Doucett and Family
- † Tony Raponi req. by Coreen Doucett and Family
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Anonymous

Saturday, October 9th

@ 9 am

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro and Family
- † Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Anonymous

@ 5 pm

- † Tony Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi and Family

Sunday, October 10th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Francesco Mirenzi req. by Anonymous

@ 11 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Confessions

Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Saturday from 9:30 am to 10 am and 4 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment.



Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays from 9:30 am to 12 noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each

Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with

Benediction. Registration is not required to attend Adoration; however, we would like to ensure there are at least three people in the church each hour.

Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Is God Calling You?

Matrimony – a beautiful vocation so misused today.
Celibacy – a beautiful gift so misunderstood today.
Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because He calls us. If you feel that God is calling you to a Church vocation,

contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy,

Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

ShareLife

"Live the Gospel" on ShareLife Sunday

Today is our third ShareLife collection. We encourage you to give during this weekend's special collection.

You can also donate online via the parish website <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/> or at sharelife.org. By doing so, you'll be making a real difference in the lives of poor and marginalized members of our community.

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

Bereavement Support Group at St. Patrick's Parish

Coping with the loss of a close friend or family member may be one of the hardest challenges that many of us face.

When we lose someone close to us our grief can be particularly intense. Loss is understood as a natural part of life, but we can still be overcome by shock and confusion, leading to prolonged periods of sadness or depression. The sadness typically diminishes in intensity as time passes, but grieving is an important process in order to overcome these feelings and continue to embrace the time you had with your loved one. Everyone reacts differently to death and employs personal coping mechanisms for grief. There is no "normal" time period for someone to grieve.

About our Sessions

Our sessions are for adults over the age of 18. We meet *online via zoom* for 2 hours, once a week, for 7 sessions. Sessions are aimed to help you face the challenges of losing a loved one and move toward rebuilding your life. Our group is for those who have experienced the death of a loved one and continue to find life difficult.

Session Details

Start Date: October 4 Time: 7 pm to 9 pm

Duration: 7 weeks

How to Register

For details on how to register, go to <https://stpatrick.on.ca/bereavement-support> or email Jim Sweeney at jjsweeney1734@gmail.com

Life Chain



Sunday, October 3rd from 2 pm to 3 pm

Life Chain is an annual prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the injustice of abortion. Participants hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Provided you are healthy and have not recently travelled out-of-country or had contact with someone who may have COVID-19, **please join us this year at the intersection of McCowan and Hwy 7 on Sunday, October 3rd from 2 pm to 3 pm.**

Please rest assured that participants will be physically distanced, and organizers will be following all local COVID-19 protocols.

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

OCTOBER 3, 2021

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Tuesday, October 5th at 7:35 pm



We thank Fr. Joe Moncada for leading our first cenacle. We would like to encourage more parishioners to join us for future cenacles of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the first Tuesday of each month.

**Next date: Tuesday, October 5th
from 7:35 to 8:45 pm (max.)**

In her messages to Fr. Gobbi, Our Lady insistently calls - priests, religious and faithful - to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the First Pentecost. Why this insistence? What is most important in the world and in the Church today is the preparation for the Second Pentecost through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.



Confirmation Online Registration Begins Monday, October 18th

Confirmation Online Registration will open on **Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** on our website at <http://stmarksst@archtoronto.org>

Dropping off of your child's Baptismal certificate (copy) and \$130 offering, as well as the workbook pick up, will take place in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021**

We ask that you arrive at the time listed below that corresponds to the last name of your child.

A to C - Timeslot 6:00 - 6:20 pm

D to I - Timeslot 6:20 - 6:40 pm

J to M - Timeslot 6:40 - 7:00 pm

N to S - Timeslot 7:00 - 7:20 pm

T to Z - Timeslot 7:20 - 7:40 pm

Worldwide Marriage Encounter October 22 - 24 online



Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!

Join us for a weekend: October 22-24, 2021

Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! **Contact:** Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925

Website: wwme.org

4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference October 26th to 30th

In the session, Restoring Parish Vitality in a Post-pandemic World, we will discuss our "modern-day road to Emmaus" of self-isolation and separation from the sacraments and one another. We collectively wonder how long it will take for parish life to recover.

Join a **panel of selected pastors and laity** as we tackle this important topic.

Visit www.archtoronto.org/conference to register and learn more about this and other sessions.

40 Hour Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

**Beginning October 29th at 6 am until
October 30th at 10 pm**



We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with Our Lord during our 40 Hour Adoration beginning

Friday, October 29th at 6 am and ending on Saturday, October 30th at 10 pm.

Let's thank Our Lord for His love and protection!

Please register for a one-hour timeslot at:

www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org. (3 people required per hour)

Truth and Reconciliation

On Thursday, September 30, 2021, across the country, Canadians observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The ongoing journey to healing and reconciliation has a particular relevance for Catholics throughout Canada given the church's involvement in operating many residential schools and recognizing the suffering and intergenerational trauma that remains for many survivors to this day. In addition, spiritual and educational resources relating to Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation can be accessed at:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

Also, the Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. With a target of \$30 million over up to five years, this will include initiatives in every region of the country. The commitment will be achieved at the local level, with parishes across Canada being encouraged to participate and amplify the effort.

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