



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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ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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W: archtoronto.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
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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
55 Meridan Dr.

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 EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, April 16th @ 7 pm

- † Kathy Cocomile req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Antonina & Giuseppe Gucciardi req. by Marsia Nuecia
- † Gertrude Toal req. by Maureen Morrison
- † Ralph Nunno req. by Nunno Family
- † Renata Sozanska and Michael & Ryszard Chojnowski req. by Stefanie Bruno

Wednesday, April 17th @ 9 am

- † Guiseppe Castriota req. by Adele Castriota

Thursday, April 18th @ 7 pm

- † Frederick Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

Friday, April 19th @ 9 am

- † Betty Maria Sampieri req. by Hay Family

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday April 20th

@ 9 am

- † Efen Pamintuan req. by Don & Susan Dizon and Family
- † Celia Castro req. by Dodie & Tessie Castro
- † Delia Martin req. by Deborah & Leo Desouza
- † Frederick Gaerlan req. by Alicia Gaerlan
- Intentions of Nguyen Family req. by Vincent Nguyen

@ 5 pm

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

Sunday, April 21st

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

@ 11 am

- † Tony, Dino, Valentino, and Pasqualina Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

Pray For the Sick

Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Ann David

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.

First Holy Communion Ceremonies



Please pray for our children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in April & May.

We ask our Church community to remember these special children in their prayers, as they celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

ShareLife

Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community. Thus far we have raised \$5,425 toward our goal of \$90,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

Southdown Annual Benefit Dinner

Wednesday, May 1st at 6 pm

Southdown cordially invites you to our Annual Benefit Dinner on the evening of Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery, Columbus Centre, located at 901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto. We are honoured this year to welcome His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo as our Guest Speaker. This evening will raise support and awareness of our mission to provide integrated holistic mental health programs and services to ordained clergy, vowed religious, lay pastoral ministers, and other people of faith. Please join us for this elegant evening filled with fine dining, beautiful music, and inspiration.

To purchase tickets go to:

<https://southdown.on.ca/annual-benefit-dinner-2024/>

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

July 21st – 26th, 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

or scan the QR code. Then attend in-person at St. Mark's Church to complete the paperwork and drop off the payment on

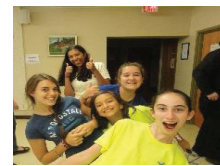


May 4th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

First come, first served basis.

More information about the program is also available at www.totustuutoronto.ca or email Grant Lalata at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.

We are also looking for youth and adult volunteers to help with the day-time camp. If you would like to volunteer, please email stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.



APRIL 14, 2024



Farewell Celebration for Seminarian Peter Bissonnette Sunday, April 14th

Since September 2023, we have been blessed to have Seminarian Peter Bissonnette participating in our weekend Masses with our parish community. Peter's last weekend at St. Mark's will be April 13th/14th. To say goodbye to him and wish him all the best in the future, we will have a farewell celebration with a cake **after the 11 am Mass on April 14th in the parish hall.** Peter will also be in the hall after the 9 am Mass to say goodbye to parishioners and there will be refreshments served at that time as well.



Saturday, April 20th from 7 pm to 9 pm

LIVING HOPE

All Youth and Adults are invited!

During an XLT night, we encounter our Lord Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship, Reflection and Confession. All youth including our EDGE kids (Gr. 5 to 8) and LifeTeen youth (Gr. 9 to 12) are invited to attend as well as any other parishioners who would like to take part in this uplifting and inspiring event!

Guest Speaker: Karl Hartman (Seminarian, Companions of the Cross)

St. Mark's Gold & Silver Fundraiser Until Sunday, April 21st

- Have you misplaced or lost gold/silver earrings and now you don't know what to do with the other one?
- Do you have any broken gold/silver bracelets or necklaces that you do not have time to fix?
- Do you have gold/silver jewelry that you no longer wear and don't know what to do with it?



Well, we are here to help you with that. Drop off your gold/silver jewelry to St. Mark's Church after any weekend Mass from Saturday, April 6th to Sunday, April

21st and we will bring all the pieces we collect to a gold / silver shop for a monetary exchange. Funds will go towards the St. Marks Building Fund for the new kitchen, and you will receive a tax receipt for any amount over \$10. Pick up your Ziploc bag from the table set up in the foyer during the time period noted above, fill out the form and return the bag filled with your jewelry pieces you wish to donate. If you require us to pick up your jewelry, please call the church office and leave your contact details. We will then arrange to come and pick up your jewelry. Thank you so much for your continued support towards the St Mark's Building Fund. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Women's Recollection

Monday, April 22nd 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

Spiritus Young Adults Ministry

Wednesday, April 24th at 7 pm

Spiritus York is for Young Adults ages 19-35.

The next gathering is on Wednesday, April 24th from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Mark's Parish, in the hall.

Our theme for the month is "Whom are you looking for?"

St. Mark's Feast Day Celebration Thursday, April 25th



Please join us in celebrating the Feast Day of St. Mark the Evangelist, patron of our parish!

Mass at 7 pm followed by a social in the Parish Hall.

Women's Ministry

Monday, April 29th at 7:30 pm



The Women's Ministry will be holding a painting craft evening on April 29th in the Church hall, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

All Women of the parish are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The prayer shawl ministry gives prayer shawls, prayer squares, prayer toys, and baby items to those who need our prayers and comfort. We have also

added chemo hats for those who are

undergoing treatment. If you would like to receive any of these items, kindly make your request in the book at the Prayer Shawl Ministry table in the foyer. We thank parishioners who have donated yarn in the past.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Appreciation Week: April 14 to 20

Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto and here at St. Mark's Parish, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that each of our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do.

We thank each one of you for sharing your time and skills and for answering the call to serve others by following the example of Jesus. As it says in Galatians 6:10:

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."



Thursday, May 9th in Ottawa



The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill.

Rally & March Thursday, May 9th

12:30 pm – Rally on Parliament Hill

1:30 pm – March downtown Ottawa

Live Broadcast On EWTN 11:30-3:30 pm

Visit MARCHFORLIFE.CA or CALL 1-800-730-5358

Our local Knights of Columbus Councils in the Markham-Stouffville area will be **sponsoring a bus** for 56 passengers which will be going to Ottawa leaving from St. Patrick's Church in Markham at 6:45 am and departing from Ottawa at 4 pm. The cost is \$35. To reserve your seat, contact Dan Di Rocco at 905-294-4219 or dirocco401@yahoo.ca.

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