



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
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Sacramental Preparation
Social Committee
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

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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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 8th @ 9 am Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

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

Tuesday, April 9th @ 7 pm

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Carmine & Mirella Costanzo req. by Gabriela Costanzo
- † Mary Frances DeRochie req. by Gord & Gail MacRae
- † David Silveira req. by Lisa Silveira
- † Joseph Chong req. by Henry & Helen Chan
- † Nick Chrapko req. by David & Catherine

Wednesday, April 10th @ 9 am

† Ki-Tsuen Ho req. by Deacon Joseph D'Amico

Thursday, April 11th @ 7 pm

† Joyce Durban req. by Bruno Family

Friday, April 12th @ 9 am

† Mary Allen req. by Edna Billsborough

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday April 13th

@ 9 am

- † Liberato Cagulada req. by Grace Abad & Family
- † Francis Jerome req. by Teena Francis
- † Livio Raponi req. by Marsilio Raponi & Family
- † Intentions of Nguyen Family req. by Vincent Nguyen
- † Intentions of Alice & Arlene Gamboa req. by Angel & Chris Dumanat

@ 5 pm

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

Sunday, April 14th Divine Mercy Sunday

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Livio Raponi & Ralph Campaglia req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

@ 11 am

† Vincent Quinn req. by Quinn 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.

Is God Calling You

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or deacon, call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org**

Website www.vocationstoronto.ca.

ShareLife

Your ShareLife gift is a lifeline to families in need

Many individuals and families silently suffer from depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services agencies provide a lifeline to those dealing with mental health challenges. "Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be left alone and unable to get the help they need. Each donation impacts a life for the better. Thank you." – Elizabeth Pierce, Catholic Family Services of Durham.

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



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

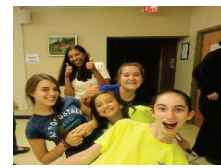


April 6th or May 4th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

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.



NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

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.

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

APRIL 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 7th at 2:30 pm

Everyone is invited to our Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration on April 7th at 2:30 pm. We will have the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Devotions, Hymns, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.



Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



Mass on Monday, April 8th at 9 am

Fr. Tad will also consecrate St. Mark's Parish to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



The next general meeting of the Knights of Columbus will take place on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:15 pm.



Next Confirmation Class

Wednesday, April 10th

Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm & Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for July to December 2024 will be accepted at the office beginning Thursday, April 11th.

EDGE

Friday, April 12th from 6 pm to 8 pm

Our next EDGE night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on Friday, April 12th 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



MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, April 13th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

This month's movie: **God's Not Dead**

After he refuses to disavow his faith by signing a declaration that God is dead, a devout Christian student must prove the existence of God or else his college philosophy professor (Kevin Sorbo) will fail him.



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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 112 mins.



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. There will be a basket for cards if you would like to give him one. Peter will also be in the hall after the 9 am Mass to say goodbye to parishioners and there will be some refreshments served at that time as well. Please continue to pray for Peter as he is ordained a deacon this Spring, and then ordained a priest the following Spring (2025).

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.

XLT

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)

Spiritus Young Adults Ministry

Wednesday, April 24th at 7 pm

Spiritus York is for Young Adults ages 19-35. The next gathering is on Wed. April 24 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.

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to prepare and celebrate the Sacred Triduum!

- To all our various ministries – Ushers, Altar Servers, Counters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Choirs, Deacons & Staff and Sacristan: Cellie Canaon
- Decorators: Christina Viggiani, Elizabeth Benko, Kitty Cheng, Marcel Raes and Sara Moreno-Stober

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