



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
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Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Federation of North American Explorers
Finance Committee
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Greeters/Ushers
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Lectors
Media Stand & Bookstall
Movie Night
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Shawl
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Rosary Apostolate
Sacramental Preparation
Social Committee
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

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W: archtoronto.org

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.
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École catholique
Pape-François
276 Sunset Blvd.
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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 3rd @ 7 pm

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Merlyn Pereira req. by Ursula Fernandez
- † Audrey Saunders req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Francesco Altomare req. by Ida Altomare & Family
- † Carmine & Mirella Costanzo req. by Gabriella Costanzo
- † Stephen Correia req. by Meena Singh & Family
- † Terry Branch req. by Myrna & Reg Waterman

Wednesday, December 4th @ 9 am

- † Francisco Canaan req. by Cellie Canaan

Thursday, December 5th @ 7 pm

- † Franco Altomare req. by Joe & Nelle Lombardo

Friday, December 6th @ 9 am

- † David Silveira req. by Lisa Silveira
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm @ 7 pm**
- Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

Saturday, December 7th

- @ 9 am**
- † Nguyen Family req. by Anna & Vincent Nguyen
- † Francis Jerome req. by Teena & Family
- † Thomas Michael req. by Selvy Thomas
- † Vincent De'Souza req. by Selvy Thomas
- † Philomena De'Souza req. by Selvy Thomas
- † Mario Rozario req. by Selvy Thomas
- Intentions of Bonnie Cong req. by Diep Cong

- @ 5 pm**
- † Egidio Gullo req. by Patrick Gullo

Sunday, December 8th

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)**
- Intentions of Ann Marie Munro req. by Ann Marie Munro
- @ 11 am**
- † Benigno Cagulada req. by Grace Abad and Family
- St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

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.

Preparing Ourselves for Christ



Advent is a period of prayer in preparation for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of all the gifts and blessings we have received. Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

Christmas Schedule 2024



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 pm Mass



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 pm Mass

Advent Confession Times



- Saturday, Dec. 14th from 9:30 - 11 am & 3:00 - 4:45 pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 17th from 5:30 - 6:45 pm
- Thursday, Dec. 19th from 7:45 - 9 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 21st from 9:30 - 11 am & 3:00 - 4:45 pm

Employment Opportunity

St. Mark's Parish is looking for a **Sacramental Preparation Coordinator** who would help with 1st Holy Communion, 1st Reconciliation and Confirmation. The position would also involve preparing our parish bulletin, emails to parishioners, and website updates. Another important task would be to help with screening our volunteers.

For the more complete list of tasks and job description, please see our website or contact us by phone or email. **We are looking for a faith filled candidate with a University Degree or College Diploma who has good computer and writing skills, and also knowledge of different media platforms.** If qualified and interested, please submit your resume to Fr. Tad Walczyk either by email (twalczyk@archtoronto.org) or in person by **December 6.** If you have any questions, you can also call Fr. Tad at 905-640-6954 ext. 102.



To place an order for honey from the Carmelite Nuns in Zephyr, go to:

<https://www.myvocationislove.ca/en/honey-sale/>



The 2025 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.

DECEMBER 1, 2024

18th Annual Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 1st at 3 pm

ST. MARK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE 18TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT AND CONCERT
Jesus Our Light in the Darkness

For a wonderful start to the Advent Season plan to attend this year's Christmas Pageant performed by our parish children as well as a concert performed by St. Mark's Choirs. There is no charge to attend but a free will offering will be taken up to help support the good works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the pageant. Everyone is welcome!

Squires' Tree of Life December 1st to 15th



The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the St. Mark's Squire Circle Advent Project the Tree of Life, "Giving Tree", on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon. The tree will be located in the north entrance foyer of the Church until **December 15**. There will be a suggested list of various items to consider with regards to food cards, baby & toddler clothing, essential toiletries for babies, toddlers, and mothers. Your support of this endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbour.

Women's Ministry Events December & January

Guided Painting Workshop: Advent Mother Mary



December 2nd, 7:30pm-10pm in the Church Hall
\$30 covers canvas, painting materials, instruction, and light refreshments.
Please e-transfer by November 25th to
stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com

to reserve your spot and ensure we have enough canvases.

Footprints with Jesus Women's Retreat:

January 24-26th, 2025
Claremont Nature Centre in Goodwood
NEW REDUCED price is \$175 for 2 nights accommodation and meals
We are asking for a \$50 deposit to reserve your spot by December 6th by e-transfer to stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com or delivered to the church office (marked Women's Ministry)



Holy Land Items for Sale December 7th and 8th



The Holy Land Handy Crafts are back for sale on December 7th and 8th sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and just in time to purchase them as Christmas gifts. This project is aimed to provide support to Catholic Christian businesses in the Holy Land.



MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, December 7th at 6:30 pm

This month's movie: The Case for Christ



Based on the true story of an award-winning journalist who, working to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife, begins chasing down the biggest story of all time...with unexpected, life-altering results.
An intriguing faith-based detective story.

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

Movie to start at 6:30 pm in the parish hall

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

Gift Wrapping Service



Free gift-wrapping services will be available on
Dec 7/8 and Dec 14/15 at the 5pm, 9am, and 11am Masses, offered by our FNE Girls ministry.



Donations are greatly appreciated to help support their first life-changing pilgrimage trip next year. Just drop off your presents before Mass, and we'll have them beautifully wrapped and ready for you to pick up after Mass!

Christmas Panettone Orders



Looking for a Christmas gift for family, friends, or office party gifting?

St. Mark Knights of Columbus are holding a Panettone fundraiser with all proceeds supporting the council's activities and Rose of Sharon. Panettone orders will be taken in the church lobby after Mass from Dec 7 until Dec 15 or until quantities last.

Cost: \$12 Flavours: Chocolate and Traditional Fruit

Recollection for Women

Monday, December 9th from 7 to 9:30 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 the Immaculate Conception and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

For the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Tad will celebrate a Mass on **Monday, December 9th at 9 am**. For the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Fr. Tad will celebrate a Novus Ordo Mass in Latin on **Thursday, December 12th at 7 pm**.

St. Mark's Christmas Café Night Saturday, December 14th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

CHRISTMAS CAFE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 2024
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
St. Mark's Parish Hall**

Raffle Prizes, Desserts and Refreshments, Social, Arts and Crafts, etc.

Free Admission

Free Will Offering

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