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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
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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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St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
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St. Brendan's School
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T: 905-642-5100

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 9th @ 9 am Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

Tuesday, December 10th @ 7 pm

† Souls in Purgatory req. by Di Rienzo Family

† Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato

† Gino Lupo req. by Elvira Lupo

† Virginia Arlt req. by Tim & Marie Flynn

† Tommy Breen req. by Mark Breen

† Josephine D'Ambrosi req. by Filomena

† William Graham Kennedy req. by Filomena

Wednesday, December 11th @ 9 am

Gift of Life Maegan Abad & Ann Ofroy, Mary Jane Abad req. by Abad Family

Thursday, December 12th @ 7 pm Latin Novus Ordo

† Anne Ruddy req. by Peter Ruddy

Friday, December 13th @ 9 am

† Morris Joseph & Catherine Cameron req. by Lana James

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, December 14th

@ 9 am

† Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

† Antonio Curcio req. by Jennifer Curcio

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

† Luigi Avveduto req. by Natalie Avveduto

† Patrick Joseph Ryan req. by Kathleen Stewart

† James Joseph Gandofini Jr. req. by Filomena

In Thanksgiving req. by Cong Family

@ 5 pm

† Egidio Gullo req. by Patrick Gullo

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

Sunday, December 15th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Tony Pontieri req. by Carmela Pontieri

@ 11 am

† Charlie & Winnie Dawson req. by Carol Morin

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

Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary

Saturday, December 14th

Here I Am, Lord -Living the Unconditional Yes of Mary & Joseph

Retreat Leader: Fr. Edwin Gonsalves

Date: Saturday, December 14th Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Location: St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd.

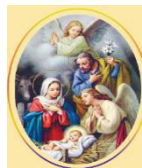
Cost: \$45 Includes lunch, Mass, Confession and Adoration

Register at: <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing>

Advent Reflections

This Advent the CCCB presents an online video series titled "Journey through Advent." Lead by Archbishop Leo. The series will be released weekly on the Archdiocese website at www.archtoronto.org.

Zephyr Carmel Christmas Greetings



Please see lobby for the Christmas greetings from the Zephyr Carmelite nuns. Their Solemn Christmas Novena to the Infant Jesus will start on December 16th. You may email your prayer intentions to them at info@myvocationislove.ca and they will include them in their prayers.



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



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

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If you feel God is calling you to a church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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

DECEMBER 8, 2024

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.

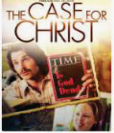


MOVIE NIGHT



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

Squires' Tree of Life



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.

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 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

Proceeds to support St. Mark's Youth Ministry

Women's Ministry Retreat January 24th to 26th

Footprints with Jesus Women's Retreat:

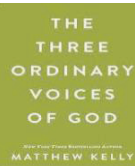
January 24-26th, 2025

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)



Gift for our Ministry Volunteers



If you are one of our wonderful ministry volunteers, Fr. Tad would like to thank you with a little gift. Please go to the table in the lobby after Mass to pick up your copy of Matthew Kelly's book *The Three Ordinary Voices of God*.

Thank you!



To all the performers in our 18th Annual Christmas Pageant and Concert you were amazing! It was a beautiful event that helped us focus on the true meaning of Christmas. A special thanks to Eugenie Villanueva Landry for organizing and directing the event as well as the many wonderful volunteers who helped!

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Psalm 25:4-5
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