



# 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  
Cathy Dawson - Sacramental Preparation Coordinator

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

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House  
T: 416-968-0997  
W: [vocationstoronto.ca](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: [archtoronto.org](http://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.  
T: 905-642-5100

Blessed Chiara  
Badano School  
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T: 289-451-2293

St. Katharine Drexel  
High School  
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T: 289-451-2294

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.

# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Brian & Billy McDonald req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Eleanor & Dale Dunning req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Josef Schwarzli req. by Josie Schwarzli
- † Domenico & Michelina Acierno req. by DiRenzo Family
- Intentions of Josie Schwarzli req. by Josie Schwarzli
- Intentions of Justine Banta req. by Marie Banta

**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Bob Busato req. by Donna Busato

**Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Carmine & Mirella Constanzo req. by Gabriella Constanzo

**Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Catherine Hao & John Baptist Chien req. by Cong Family
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm @ 7pm**
- † Andrzej Przybyszewski req. by J. Lesnik
- † Barbara Niemczewska req. by Lesnik Family
- Intentions of Fr. Tad: req. by J. Lesnik

**Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

- @ 9 am**
- † Arlene Cedro req. by Cellie Canam & Family
- † Freda De Jesus req. by Watson & Telegdi Families
- † Antonio Mortalla req. by Cristina Mortalla
- Intentions of John Ramos & Shirley Ferrer req. by Abad Family
- 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. Feb & Marina Vettirajah req. by Vettirajah Family

- @ 5 pm**
- † Fr. Robin Gwynn req. by Dina & Michael Simon

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)**
- † Dorotea Garcia req. by Elena Medina & Family
- @ 11 am**
- St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

## Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Deacon John, June & Robert Komar, Glib Viktorov

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Terrence Bekett



## 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.

## 2024 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are scheduled to be mailed via Canada Post and **should be received by February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. There is no need to pick them up at the church.

## Is God Calling You



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO  
No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



## Jubilee of Youth 2025



Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a lifetime! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi & Rome: **July 23rd to August 5th, 2025**.

Please contact [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary.

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference



**Sat. March 22, 2025**

**9:00am to 4:00pm at the Old Mill**

**for more information and to register go to**

[dwf2025.eventbrite.ca](http://dwf2025.eventbrite.ca)

## World Day of Prayer 2025



The World Day of Prayer is organized by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) and will be celebrated in 150 countries around the world. St. Mark's will host the 2025 service. The service is non-denominational. Eight churches in Stouffville are participating.

**St. Mark's Parish**

**Thursday, March 6th, 2025, 2:00pm**

Following the service light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Celebration of Marriage at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations: Bishop Ivan Camilleri, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples.



**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm**

Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2025 may register for reserved seating

Registration and other important information can be found at <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>.

# FEBRUARY 2, 2025

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registrations being accepted in all York Catholic Elementary schools.



The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2021. York Catholic School Board provides a Christ-centred, innovative Catholic Education in its 103 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked one of the top performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca), to register for classes starting in September.

## Jubilee of Martyrs Pilgrimage



**Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Canada in**

**collaboration with Spiritours, invites you to take part in a special pilgrimage to Italy.**

**May 6 to 15, 2025**

**Bilingual Pilgrimage led by:**

**Bishop Christian Lépine and two members of the ACN Canada team.**

- ❖ A Private Audience with Pope Francis
- ❖ A Visit to Assisi
- ❖ A private Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City
- ❖ Commemoration of martyrs at the Colosseum in Rome, in the presence of Pope Francis

For more information please visit:

<https://spiritours.com/en/product/italy-martyrs-jubilee/>

or contact Frédérique Lafont (Spiritours):

[frederique.lafont@spiritours.com](mailto:frederique.lafont@spiritours.com)

**Registration Deadline**

**March 8, 2025**

## Natural Family Planning

Trying to achieve pregnancy? The Billings Ovulation Method™ helps you to understand your unique patterns of fertility & infertility so you can have the best possible chance of conceiving. The initial presentation is held on-line. To register or ask questions go to [toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca](http://toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca)

## Confirmation Classes

**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**



The next Confirmation classes will be on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall.  
Group A – 6 to 7:15 pm  
Group B – 7:45 to 9 pm



## Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, February 23 at 10:00 am**

Pancake Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast on **February 23** after the 9:00 am Mass in the parish hall. There is no ticket and no RSVP required. This is a donation-based event and will be on a first come, first served basis while quantities last. There will be real maple syrup - sponsored by Pefferlaw Creek Farms (Tomory Family) & a 50/50 Draw

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If you are interested in learning more, leave your name and phone number with Cathy and a Christopher instructor will call you to provide more information and answer questions. You can also email Cathy Dawson at [cdawson@archtoronto.org](mailto:cdawson@archtoronto.org) or visit the Christopher website at [www.clctorontoeast.com](http://www.clctorontoeast.com).

**Monday evenings starting Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**  
**For 11 weeks from 7 to 9.30pm**  
**at St. Mark's**

**Register today and unlock your inner leader!**

**LIFE TEEN**

## Weekend Retreat

**Date: Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Location: Valley of the Mother of God (Address: 953376 7 Line E, Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z2)**

**Youth: High School Students (Grades 9 - 12).**

For further information, email our Youth Minister, Grant, at

[stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com)

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