



# 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.  
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751 Hoover Park Dr.  
T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School  
223 Millard St.  
T: 905-642-5100

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T: 289-451-2293

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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.

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm**

† Peter Willan req. by Maureen Morrison

**Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus**

† Domenico & Michelina Acierno req. by Di Rienzo Family

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

† Santa & Benito Frisoni req. by Silvana Frisoni

† Esterina & Angelo Cuzzolino req. by Silvana Frisoni

† Edmundo F. Manasan req. by Gandhi Family

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**

@ 9 am

Intentions of Mary Jane Abad req. by Abad Family

@ 7 pm

Intentions of Fr. Tad (for the poor) req. by Fr. Tad

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

† Carmine & Mirella Costanzo req. by Gabriella Costanzo

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

† Joaquin Clemente req. by Manuela Clemente

**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm**

@ 7 pm

Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

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

@ 9 am

† Deceased Members of the DePalmas Family req. by Parente Family

† Edmundo F. Manasan req. by Gandhi Family

† Carla Go-Tan req. by Piedad Family

† Domingo Navidad req. by Piedad Family

@ 5 pm

† Rosa Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno

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

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Perfecto Abad Sr. req. by Jun & Grace Abad & 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

Mary Amado, Darrell DaCosta, Lucy DeMedeiros Ferreira, Larry Enright, Victor Francis, Domingo Navidad, Shui Kui Yee

## Confessions

**Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm  
or by appointment**



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Friday**



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take 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 two 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 to 10 minutes.

## Is God Calling You?

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain." Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact

Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations at

416-968-0997

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday March 22, 2025

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill

(includes light lunch)

Closing Mass celebrated by

Most. Rev. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

### Speakers:

- Annie Karto: Divine Mercy Flood My Soul
- Dr. Stefanie Kafie: *Totus Tuus*, 5 Ways to Live 'Totally Yours'
- Lisa Canning: Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering Joy
- Dorothy Pilarski: Your Life is Going to Change
- Fr. Marcin Serwin, OMI: Being a Priest – Being a Midwife

TO REGISTER GO TO [dwf2025.eventbrite.ca](https://www.dwf2025.eventbrite.ca)



## Lift Jesus Higher Rally

**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5:30 pm**

COME EXPERIENCE WHY THOUSANDS RETURN EACH YEAR

Compelling Speakers • Inspiring Personal Testimonies  
Powerful Praise & Worship Music • Divine Mercy Celebration  
• Prayer Ministry for Healing • Eucharistic Adoration  
and Procession • Confessions  
Adult Rally and Youth Rally ending with Holy Mass



**For tickets  
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[www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

## SL ShareLife

Thank you to all our parishioners who gave so generously to our ShareLife campaign to help all those in need in our community and throughout the GTA.

**We raised \$103,362, exceeding our target!**



## "A Day With Mary"

**Save the Date: Saturday, May 31**

On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day with Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College: 2480 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, King City, ON.  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

## Recollection for Women

**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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**  
\*Due to the Parish Mission the March date for Women's Recollection has changed from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>

# MARCH 2, 2025

## Holy Face of Jesus Feast Day

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>



For the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus on March 4<sup>th</sup>, a picture will be displayed in the sanctuary and devotional prayers will be said at the end of the 7 pm Mass.

*"Whoever gazes upon me  
already consoles me"*  
(Our Lord to Sister Pierina)

## Ash Wednesday

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Mass at 9 am and 7 pm

Ashes will be distributed at both Masses



This is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 – 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

## World Day of Prayer 2025



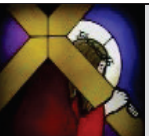
The World Day of Prayer is organized by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) and will be celebrated in 150 countries around the world. St. Mark's will host the 2025 service.

The service is non-denominational. Eight churches in Stouffville are participating.

### St. Mark's Parish

Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 2:00pm

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



## Lenten Stations of the Cross

Beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm.

## Christopher Leadership Course

New Start Date: March 17



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astound you?

The Christopher Leadership Course is Canada's best-kept secret ... an incredible journey to develop self-confidence, overcome shyness, and elevate your leadership skills through the medium of public speaking.

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Monday evenings March 17<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

7 to 10:00 pm at St. Mark's Parish

Cost: Standard Tuition – \$275.00 (Student/Senior \$250)

Register online at [www.clctorontoeast.com](http://www.clctorontoeast.com).

## St. Mark's Lenten Parish Mission

Saturday, March 15 to Wednesday, March 19



St. Mark's Church Lenten Mission with

Fr. Ben St. Croix, Companions of the Cross

Topic: Pilgrims of Hope

Dates & Times:

Weekend Masses on

March 15 and 16 and

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 17, Tuesday,

March 18 & Wednesday, March

19 @ 7pm.

Confessions Mon – Wed. 6 – 7pm



## Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

The next Confirmation class will be Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall.



Group A – 6 to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 to 9 pm

\*There won't be classes on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, March Break, March 12<sup>th</sup> & the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19<sup>th</sup>



## Holy Land Christian Families March 29/30

On the weekend of March 29-30,

Holy Land Christian Families will visit our parish to sell hand carved olive wood religious items made by Christian families in the Holy Land. Proceeds from sales will help provide food, shelter and a better education to Christian families in the Holy Land. Your support will strengthen the Christians in Bethlehem and bring them joy during this difficult time.



# MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

in the Parish Hall



Movie:

Miracles from Heaven

Pizza, drinks, and snacks

on sale at 6:15 pm

Movie to start at 6:45 pm in the parish hall.

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 109 mins

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