



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

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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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T: 416-934-0606
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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.

PALM SUNDAY



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 25th @ 9 am

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

Tuesday, March 26th @ 7 pm & Confession from 6 pm to 7 pm

† Kenneth Pereira req. by St. Mark's Funeral Luncheon Committee

† Peter Dijkstra req. by Moreno-Stober Family

† Maria Rosa Stea req. by Maria & Gino Stea

† Kenneth Pereira req. by Ursula Fernandes & Family

† David Silveira req. by Lisa Silveira

Intentions of Melissa Bodi req. by Bodi Family

Intentions of Annalise Izzo req. by Lina Izzo

Wednesday, March 27th @ 9 am & Confession from 10 am to 11 am

† Franco Altomare req. by Ida Altomare

Holy Thursday, March 28th @ 7 pm & Eucharistic Adoration until 12 pm

All Priests req. by Fr. Tad

Good Friday, March 29th Services @ 12 noon and 3 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 30th @ 8 pm

Blessing of the Easter Foods @ 2:30 pm

Divine Mercy Novena @ 3 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Divine Mercy Novena 15 minutes before all Masses

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Giuseppe & Antonina Gucciardi req. by Marisa Gucciardi

@ 11 am

† Mario & Renato Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo & Family

@ 1 pm

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

Pray For the Sick

Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Kenneth Pereira

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

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you a blessing of a call 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

Welcome Jesus into your hearts
by sharing your blessings today

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.



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.

Registration will take place at St. Mark's

April 6th and 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.



Knights of Columbus Food Drive – March 23rd/24th

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Lenten Food Drive to support needy families in Stouffville. We invite all parishioners to donate non-perishable food items which will be given to the Stouffville

Food Bank and grocery gift cards which will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. **The needed items are cereal, cookies, canned pasta, kid's peanut free snacks, condiments, jam, dish soap, & laundry detergent.**

Parishioners will be able to drop off donations in the north foyer on the weekends of March 16th/17th and March 23rd/24th.



Coffee Sunday Cancelled in March

Coffee Sunday has been cancelled for March due to Palm Sunday and Easter Weekend. Instead, coffee, tea, and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, April 14th after the 9 am and 11 am Masses.**



**Lenten Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 29th at 7:30 pm**

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

MARCH 24, 2024

EASTER TRIDUUM 2024



Holy Thursday (March 28)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

Good Friday (March 29)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1st Celebration – 12:00 noon

2nd Celebration – 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

Holy Saturday (March 30)

**NO MORNING MASS, NO 5:00 PM MASS
& NO CONFESSIONS**

Blessing of the Easter Foods – 2:30 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil – 8 pm

Bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

Easter Sunday (March 31)

Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1 pm

No Children's Liturgy at the 9 am Mass

Divine Mercy Novena – 15 min. before all Masses

Easter Monday (April 1)

Mass: 9:00 am



Confession Times During Lent



Prepare for Easter by going to Confession.

Tues., March 26 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Wed. March 27 – 10 am to 11 am

Good Friday - Fast and Abstinence

Fasting: Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 is obliged to fast. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

Abstinence: Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Abstaining, in this context, is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat.

Good Friday Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land



The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land is held this year on Good Friday, March 29. Let us give generously at this service to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters enduring hardship. Also, you can donate online at

www.commissariat.ca or by Interact e-transfer to teresainte@bellnet.ca.

Reminder: There will also be a collection on Holy Thursday for the benefit of the poor.

Mass on Monday, March 25th

During Holy Week, there will be a Mass on Monday, March 25th at 9 am.

Donations for Easter Flowers



If you would like to make a donation towards our Easter flowers for the sanctuary, please use the envelopes provided in the lobby.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



Good Friday, March 29 at 7:15 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30 at 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31 - 15 minutes before all Sunday morning Masses

Week of Easter Octave—after all Masses

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 - 15 minutes before all

Sunday morning Masses

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 7th at 2:30 pm

We invite everyone to join us on Sunday, April 7th at 2:30 pm for our Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.

There will be the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet &

Devotions, Hymns, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

Monday, March 25th at 7:30 pm

FIRST EVER! Holy Week Immersive Experience on March 25th at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall!



Embark on a transformative journey through the events of Holy Week, engaging all five senses to immerse yourself in the profound spiritual significance of this sacred time. This immersive experience invites participants to reflect deeply on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, drawing inspiration from centuries-old traditions and scriptures. For information, email: stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com

Bundle Sunday

Saturday, April 6th & Sunday, April 7th



Bundle Sunday

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of April 6th and 7th accepting donations of clothing, footwear, small household goods, bedding, new toys, and bicycles. Please note they do not accept appliances, dishes, furniture, books, videos, or mattresses. Please bring your donations and help others in your community. Thank you!

Volunteers for Church Gardens



Volunteers are needed to care for one of the church gardens over the spring and summer months.

If you would be interested in helping, please contact the church at 905-640-6954 ext. 103.

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