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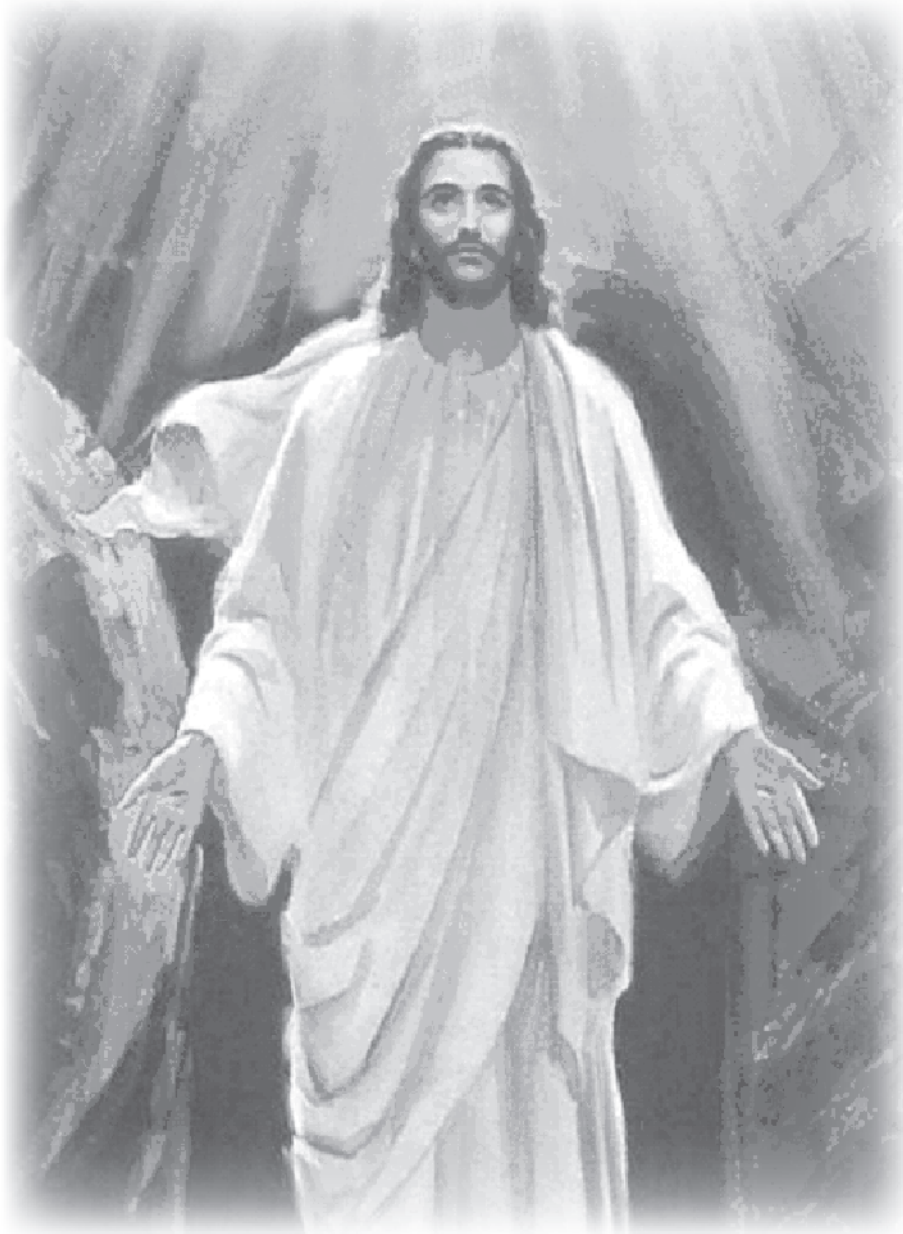
## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Tad Walczyk - Pastor

Deacon John Schwarzbauer, Deacon Wayne McCulloch, Deacon Gordon Lee

## STAFF

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*Christ is Risen!*

# EASTER SUNDAY



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9 am**

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

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † Laura Medel req. by Anonymous
- † Aldona Sniadecka req. by Adam Bartosiewicz
- † Michael A Caia req. by Conny Hippmann
- † Frank W. Hippmann req. by Conny Hippmann

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 am**

Intentions of Joseph Ho req. by Cong Family

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

† Mario Putong req. by Leizyl Sobrinho & Family

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

† Cheryl McCulloch req. by Deacon Wayne McCulloch

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

**@ 7 pm**

Intentions of Fr. Tad req. by Fr. Tad

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

† Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquae Gullo

† Nicholas May req. by Jeane May

† Domenica & Vito Lozito req. by Parente Family

Intentions of Nguyen Family req. by Vincent Nguyen

Intentions of Lisa Silveira req. by Julia Viggiani

Intentions of Bob & Pearl Corby req. by Abad Family

**@ 5 pm**

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

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Sunday**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

† Giuseppe Lamanna req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

**@ 11 am**

† Diego Accardo req. by Antonina Accardo

**@ 2:30 pm Divine Mercy Devotions**

## Pray For the Sick

Melanie Aniceto



## 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.

## ShareLife

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



## Totus Tuus Summer Camp July 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org)

or scan the QR code.

**Registration will take place at St. Mark's**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.totustuutoronto.ca) or email Grant Lalata at

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



## Easter Obligation (Duty)



The Easter obligation is the grave duty that every Catholic must **receive Holy Communion during the Easter season**, which concludes at Pentecost. A person should also prepare themselves by going to

Confession before receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist is contained truly, really,

and substantially the Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the necessary condition of the soul to be free of mortal sin and pleasing to God before reception of Holy Communion, otherwise the reception becomes a sacrilege. If a soul is not in this state, they should refrain from receiving Holy Communion and just receive a blessing instead until they have gone to Confession.

## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE FOR LIFE

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa**



*The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill.*

**Rally & March Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 pm – Rally on Parliament Hill

1:30 pm – March downtown Ottawa

Live Broadcast On EWTN 11:30-3:30 pm

Visit [MARCHFORLIFE.CA](http://MARCHFORLIFE.CA) or CALL 1-800-730-5358

A bus for 56 passengers will be going to Ottawa leaving from St. Patrick's Church in Markham at 6:45 am and departing from Ottawa at 4 pm. The cost is \$35. To reserve your seat, contact Dan Di Rocco at 905-294-4219 or [dirocco401@yahoo.ca](mailto:dirocco401@yahoo.ca).

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

# MARCH 31, 2024

## Pastor's Easter Message

Dear Parishioners,  
 After over forty days of Lent, we finally celebrate Jesus' Paschal Mystery and Easter. Maybe you had a good Lent or maybe not so good but whatever the situation is try to enter into the spirit of this great celebration. We rejoice and celebrate because Jesus overcame death and sin and came back to life. As we followed him in his suffering, now we follow him in his resurrection. As we follow him faithfully, we too can overcome sin and death in our life. Let us then rejoice in what Jesus did for us giving us new life, love, faith, and hope. Let us sing Alleluia and share the Good News with others who also need Jesus and his love and life. Blessed Easter!  
 Fr. Tad, Deacon John, Deacon Wayne, Deacon Gordon and St. Mark's Parish Staff.

*"This is the day the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad."*



**EASTER MONDAY April 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Mass at 9 am**



**Next Confirmation Class  
 Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm & Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



*Week of Easter Octave—after all Masses  
 Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - 15 minutes  
 before all Sunday morning Masses*

**Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration  
 Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm**

Everyone is invited to our Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. We will have the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Devotions, Hymns, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.



**LIFE TEEN**

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8:30 pm**

Our next LifeTeen night for youth in Grades 9 to 12 will be on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

**Please invite your friends!**

Registration forms will be available at the session. For further information, email our Youth Minister, Grant, at [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com).

Follow us on Instagram: @stmarksyouthmin

## Bundle Sunday

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Solemnity of the  
 Annunciation of  
 the Lord**



**Mass on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am**

## Coins for Life - Container Collection

**April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**



**Please drop off your coin containers to the Squires in the church lobby.**

*Campaign Life and the St. Mark's Squires thank you for your generosity! Every coin makes a difference. Your contribution will help save countless innocent lives!*

## St. Mark's Gold & Silver Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Have you misplaced or lost gold/silver earrings and now you don't know what to do with the other one?
- Do you have any broken gold/silver bracelets or necklaces that you do not have time to fix?
- Do you have gold/silver jewelry that you no longer wear and don't know what to do with it?



**Well, we are here to help you with that. Drop off your gold/silver jewelry to St. Mark's Church after any weekend Mass from Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April**

**21<sup>st</sup>** and we will bring all the pieces we collect to a gold / silver shop for a monetary exchange. Funds will go towards the St. Marks Building Fund for the new kitchen, and you will receive a tax receipt for any amount over \$10. Pick up your Ziploc bag from the table set up in the foyer during the time period noted above, fill out the form and return the bag filled with your jewelry pieces you wish to donate. If you require us to pick up your jewelry, please call the church office and leave your contact details. We will then arrange to come and pick up your jewelry. Thank you so much for your continued support towards the St Mark's Building Fund. We are so grateful for your generosity.

## Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for July to December 2024 will be accepted at the office beginning **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.**



**MOVIE NIGHT**



**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall**

## This month's movie: God's Not Dead

After he refuses to disavow his faith by signing a declaration that God is dead, a devout Christian student must prove the existence of God or else his college philosophy professor (Kevin Sorbo) will fail him.



**Pizza, drinks, and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm  
 Movie to start at 6:30pm**

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



**Farewell Celebration for  
 Seminarian Peter Bissonette  
 Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Since September 2023, we have been blessed to have Seminarian Peter Bissonette participating in our weekend Masses with our parish community. Peter's last weekend at St. Mark's will be April 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. To say goodbye to him and wish him all the best in the future, we will have a farewell celebration with a cake **after the 11 am Mass on April 14<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall.** There will be a basket for cards if you would like to give him one. Peter will also be in the hall after the 9 am Mass to say goodbye to parishioners and there will be some refreshments served at that time as well. Please continue to pray for Peter as he is ordained a deacon this Spring, and then ordained a priest the following Spring (2025).

**Please remember your God, your Faith, and your Parish in your will.**



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