



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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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

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École catholique
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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.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 17th @ 7 pm

- Audrey Saunders req. by Karen Arthurs
- Brian de Silva req. by Karen Arthurs
- Audrey Tobin req. by Alan & Helen Thompson
- Salvatore Mureddu req. by Alan & Helen Thompson
- Intentions of Waterman Family req. by Myrna Waterman
- Intentions of Ortiz Family req. by Priscilla Arthur

Wednesday, September 18th @ 9 am

Intentions of Joy Reyes req. by Abad Family

Thursday, September 19th @ 7 pm

Intentions of Deacon Joe & Violet D'Amico req. by Deacon Wayne McCulloch

Friday, September 20th @ 9 am

- Members of the Fernandes Family req. by Priscilla Fernandes

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, September 21st

- @ 9 am
- Domenic Di Bernardo req. by Di Bernardo Family
- Ponciano Santos req. by Melanie Piedad
- Dojoe Santiago req. by Melanie Piedad
- Catalina Beltran req. by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus
- Intentions of Tony & Carmela Parente and Family req. by Maria Parente
- Intentions of Enza Rattenni req. by Maria Parente
- Intentions of Vincent Liotta req. by Cassano Family

@ 5 pm

- Mary Arnold req. by Jan & Dale Marie Arnold
- St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

Sunday, September 22nd

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)
- Tony & Dino Raponi req. by Onesima Raponi & Family
- @ 11 am
- Bienvenido Saniano req. by Gavieres Family

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Rosa Bruno, Jeffrey Keen



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.

Novena to St. Michael the Archangel September 20th to 28th



Archbishop Leo is inviting the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese to join in offering a Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel, leading up to his Solemnity on September 29. The novena will begin on September 20 and end on September 28. The novena prayer can be found at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leo-invites-the-faithful-to-join-novena-for-saint-michael-the-archangel/>

Stewardship Sunday Sunday, September 22nd



Our parishes are our spiritual homes where we come to worship God, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, pray, and meet with one another as a parish community. Stewardship Sunday, an annual occurrence in the Archdiocese of Toronto, celebrates our parishes which contain stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another. On Stewardship Sunday we will be sharing a special homily by Archbishop Francis Leo meant to help us prayerfully reflect on our lives as stewards.

Seminar for those who are Grieving

When Tears Are Not Enough

An evening seminar for those who are grieving will take place at Chapel Ridge Funeral Home - 8911 Woodbine Avenue, Markham

Monday, September 23rd from 7 pm to 9 pm

Featured Speaker: Dr. Keith Taylor

No registration needed. For information, email

info@chapelridgefh.com or call Jordan Grant at 905-305-8508.

There is another seminar for those who work with people experiencing grief on Tuesday, September 24th from 8 am to 12 pm. Please RSVP by September 17th to info@chapelridgefh.com.

2024 ACTS Retreats



ACTS is an acronym for:
Adoration – God's Call, your acceptance and answer
Community – love and caring for each other
Theology – "studying" through scripture and our faith
Service – to God and His people

"Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life."

Women's Retreat – October 3 – 6, 2024

Men's Retreat – October 31 – November 3, 2024

Retreat Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre – 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON

Women's Contact: Debbie Kludusz (416-824-3197) or wkludusz@bell.net

Men's Contact: Paul Valtas (905-670-6760) or pvaltas@dgn-marketing.com

For more info, please visit our website: www.actscanada.org

RENEW Young Adults Conference

November 23rd and 24th

RENEW Toronto will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at Canada Event Centre in Whitby and on Sunday, November 24th at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. This conference is for all young adults ages 19-39 with keynotes, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and fellowship. Early Bird pricing is available until Sept. 30th.

For information: youngadult@ocytoronto.org
To register: www.renewtoronto.org/

2025 Mass Intention Calendar Opening September 24th



Mass intentions for January to June 2025 will be accepted at the office beginning Tuesday, September 24th at 9 am. Single Intention Mass offering \$20. Multi-Intention Mass offering (Tues. evening or Sat. Morning) \$10 (cash and cheque accepted).

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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If you are interested in learning more, leave your name and phone number with Lisa Baker at lbaker@archtoronto.org and a Christopher instructor will call you to provide more information and answer questions or visit the Christopher website at www.clctorontoeast.com.



EDGE is a Catholic Youth Ministry Program serving students from Grades 5-8. The purpose of EDGE is to encourage students to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and live their Catholic Faith with other youth in their parish community. Activities include prayer, catechesis, small groups, icebreakers, and games.

EDGE Nights are held on 2nd and 4th Fridays from October to June from 6 pm to 8 pm in the St. Mark's Parish Hall. Cost is \$40.

To register, please scan the QR code. Waivers and payment instructions will be emailed to parents after online registration is completed.



Also, we thank the five youth who attended EDGE camp in August. It was a great opportunity for them to draw closer to Christ, build friendships, and take part in amazing activities!



LifeTeen is a Catholic Youth Ministry Program serving students from Grades 9-12. Our mission is to challenge our high school youth to draw closer to our Lord and grow in discipleship. Activities include 5 pm Mass, dinner, prayer, catechesis, small groups, icebreakers, and games.

LifeTeen Nights are held on 1st and 3rd Saturdays from October to June from 6 pm to 8:30 pm in the St. Mark's Parish Hall. Cost is \$50.

To register, please scan the QR code. Waivers and payment instructions will be emailed to parents after online registration is completed.



First Reconciliation / First Communion Registration

First Reconciliation / First Communion

In-Person Parent Registration Night will take place on **Wednesday, September 18th from 7 to 8:30 pm** at the church. Baptismal certificate of the child and the \$130 offering for the two sacraments will be collected that evening, and the first workbook and program outline/instructions will be distributed.

For more information, go to <http://stmarksstarchtoronto.org>.

Recollection for Women

Monday, September 16th at 7 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.

Date: Monday, September 16th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm
Confessions and talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei.



MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, September 21st at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Hall



This month's movie:

God's Not Dead 2

High school history teacher Grace Wesley comes under fire for answering a student's question about Jesus. When Grace refuses to apologize, the school board votes to suspend her and threatens to revoke her teaching certificate. Forced to stand trial to save her career, Grace hires young lawyer Tom Endler to defend her in court. Endler devises a powerful strategy to show the jury the historical significance of Wesley's classroom discussion.

Pizza, drinks, and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge.

Running Time: 121 minutes

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

September 28th/29th and October 5th/6th

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Thanksgiving food drive to support families in need on the weekends of September 28/29 and October 5/6. 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.



Most Needed Donations

- Dried Lentils
- Barley
- Hot Chocolate
- Canned Tomatoes
- Fruit Cups
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7)
- Dried Beans
- Baked Beans
- Instant Coffee
- Pasta Sauce
- Apple Sauce
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap

RCIA Program Registration

We will be running our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program this fall for anyone interested in being baptized Catholic or who may have already been baptized but never received the Sacraments

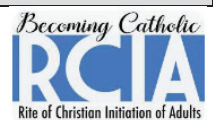
of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Beginning October 1, 2024 until May 13, 2025 classes will take place once a week in the parish hall on Tuesday evenings after the Mass and run from 7:30 pm to 9 pm.

If you would like to join the RCIA program, please complete the registration form found at:

https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/rcia-initial_information_form-2022-website.pdf

and drop it off at the church office or scan and email it to lbaker@archtoronto.org.



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Psalm 25:4-5
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