



# 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

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

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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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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  
55 Meridan Dr.  
T: 289-451-2293

St. Katharine Drexel  
High School  
55 Meridan Dr.  
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.

# TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Rosa Bruno req. by Charles & Glynnis Barnes
- † Ella McDonald req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Michel Achkar req. by Berberi Family
- † Cynthia Marshall req. by Myrna Waterman
- † Tony Guastella req. by Caterina Guastella

**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † All Souls of the Rodrigues Family req. by Priscilla Fernandes

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

Living and Deceased Members of the Baker & Kelly Families req. by Lisa & Mark Baker

**Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

In Thanksgiving req. by Caterina Guastella

**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- † Gregory Morrison req. by Maureen Morrison
- † Tony Moncada req. by Tina Moncada
- † Pippo Runza req. by Tina Moncada
- † Salvatore, Maria, Carmelo, Giacomo Speranza req. by Tina Moncada
- Intentions of Akhil Bijo req. by Bijo Family
- Thanksgiving to God and All Saints req. by Maria Pock

**@ 5 pm**

- † Egidio Gullo req. by Patrick Gullo

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

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

**@ 11 am**

- † Deceased Members of Guzzo Family req. by Angela Colosimo & 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.

## Is God Calling You

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother, or deacon.

If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, call

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)

## ShareLife

Archbishop Leo encourages you to help your neighbour

"We see and feel the pain of those struggling to feed their families, and it moves us deeply," says Archbishop Francis Leo. "Proverbs 22:9 reminds us, 'The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.' Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending his love and compassion to those in need. Please share your blessings by making a contribution at [Sharelife.org/donate](http://Sharelife.org/donate) or through our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

## SPIRITUS MINISTRY

**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm**

## Spiritus York – Kick-Off-BBQ

Calling all young adults (ages 19 – 35) in the York region. Join us for a sizzling start to the new ministry year at **St. Justin Martyr Parish (3898 Hwy 7 E)**. The night will start with Mass at 7 pm followed by food, fun, and fellowship in the parish hall.

The night will close around the fire with s'mores and music.

## 2024 ACTS Retreats



**ACTS Canada**

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 Klaudusz (416-824-3197) or  
[wldlaudusz@bell.net](mailto:wldlaudusz@bell.net)

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

For more info, please visit our website: [www.actscanada.org](http://www.actscanada.org)

## Life Chain

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 3 pm**



## Annual Day of Public Witness for Children Killed by Abortion

Life Chain is held simultaneously in more than 250 locations across Canada. It is an annual prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the injustice of abortion. Participants hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Abortion hurts women" and "Abortion kills children" at locations across North America for one hour.

**The next Life Chain will be on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 pm at the corner of Hwy 7 and McCowan Rd.**

## RENEW Young Adults Conference

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

RENEW Toronto will be held on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Canada Event Centre in Whitby and on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 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. 30<sup>th</sup>.  
For information: [youngadult@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youngadult@ocytoronto.org)

To register: [www.renewtoronto.org/](http://www.renewtoronto.org/)

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



# SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

## 2025 Mass Intention Calendar Opening September 24<sup>th</sup>



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

## LIFE TEEN

### Opening Night: Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Opening Night is September 28<sup>th</sup> and will be an open house so even if you haven't registered yet come and see what LifeTeen is all about!

## Needs of the Church in Canada

September 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>

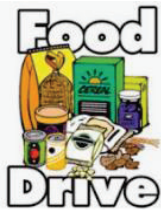


Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

## Knights of Columbus Food Drive

September 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>

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

## Coffee Sunday

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>



Coffee, tea and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> after the 9 am and 11 am masses.** Join fellow parishioners in the hall for fellowship and some delicious refreshments!

Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the parish hall on Saturday between 8 am and 10 am or 4 pm and 6 pm or on Sunday morning.

## Blessing of Pets

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm



For the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, bring your pet(s) to the front steps of the church at 6 pm to receive a special blessing from Fr. Tad. All types of

pets are welcome. Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis' feast day because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures.



### Opening Night: Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Recruiting Altar Servers



If you have a child in Grade 3 to 8, who would like to join the Altar Server Ministry, please pick up a registration form in the church foyer or on our website and **submit it to the church office by October 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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](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](mailto:lbaker@archtoronto.org).

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