



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

Serra House
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606
W: 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
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55 Meridan Dr.
T: 289-451-2293

St. Katharine Drexel
High School
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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 10th @ 7 pm

- † Regina de la Cruz req. by Dodie & Tessie Castro
- † Members of Di Rienzo & Rigillo Families req. by Di Rienzo Family
- † Vincenzo De Santis req. by Grace Raponi & Family
- † Reynaldo Mercado req. by Baker & Kelly Families
- † Fredericu Basile req. by Maria Parente

Wednesday, September 11th @ 9 am

- † Maria Aracely Moreno req. by Moreno-Stober Family

Thursday, September 12th @ 7 pm

- † Carmelo Cagna req. by Onesima Raponi & Family

Friday, September 13th @ 9 am

- † Thomas-Thien Vinh & Peter Phan req. by Cong Family

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, September 14th Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

@ 9 am

- † Concetta & Giuseppe Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family
- † Domenic Di Bernardo req. by Quadrini Family
- Intentions of Rachel Abad req. by Abad Family
- Intentions of Sarah deGuzman req. by Baker & Kelly Families
- Intentions of Mark & Domenica Groulx and Family req. by Maria Parente

@ 5 pm

- † Filomena & Pasquale DeFilippis req. by Dina & Michael Simon

Sunday, September 15th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Jim Beauchamp req. by Monny Walsh Hoy

@ 11 am

- † Remedios Abad req. by Grace Abad & Family
- St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Rosa Bruno



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

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



ShareLife: Answer the call to compassion

100,000 people in Toronto are expected to turn to food charities for the first time in 2024. Through our parish's support, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese. Reaching our parish campaign goal will help to make these grants possible. We have currently raised **\$68,557** towards our suggested goal of **\$90,000**. Please help combat hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your compassion.

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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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Register today and unlock your inner leader!

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



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

Online Registration will open on

Tuesday, September 10th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
and will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

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>.

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Saturdays beginning September 14 at 7:30 am



The men of St. Mark's will meet on **September 14th at 7:30 am** in the parish hall to host "That Man Is You" (TMIY). TMIY is a men's faith formation program lasting 13 weeks. Each week, participants will listen to a speaker and then discuss topics. **All men over 19 are invited.** Posters are around the church, and brochures are available at the Knight's table in the lobby.

No registration is needed; just come to the meetings every Saturday at 7:30 am starting on September 14th.

For more detailed information, contact Alex at alex.racz_business@outlook.com.

Children's Liturgy

Beginning Sunday, September 15th



We are happy to announce that the Children's Liturgy will resume at the **9 am Mass** beginning **Sunday, September 15th** for children in Junior Kindergarten to Gr. 4.

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

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).

Chaplaincy Connect



Attention Grade 12 students: If you're going to university or college in the fall, campus ministry is waiting for you! Connect with the Catholic community on your campus by visiting: www.chaplaincyconnect.ca.

Fr. Tad will be at the Eucharistic Congress in Ecuador from September 6 to September 16.

Fr. Dominic Borg will be celebrating all weekday and weekend Masses in his absence.

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

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