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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Easter Monday, April 18th @ 9 am

† Anonymous req. by Fr. Michael

Tuesday, April 19th @ 7 pm

† Frederick Gaerlan req. by Medina Family

Conversion of non-believers req. by Cong Family

† Margaret Chu req. by Henry and Helen Chan

† Gertrude Toal req. by Maureen Morrison

Wednesday, April 20th @ 9 am

† Michael Dempsey req. by Adele Castriota

Thursday, April 21st @ 9 am

† Patricia Eileen Evelyn req. by Family

Friday, April 22nd @ 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 1 pm

† Melchor Kinger Tumblood req. by Nora Tumblood & Family

† Souls in Purgatory req. by Cong Family

† Nestor Pedron req. by Ann Marie and Ian Munro

† Rosalina Bustamante req. by Crespo Family

Saturday, April 23rd

@ 9 am

In Thanksgiving req. by Alfred and Liza Cadawas

† Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

† Mariamma Joseph req. by Abraham Joseph

Hyacinth deSouza req. by St. Mark's Choir

@ 5 pm

† Frederick Gaerlan and Signorina Medina req. by Medina Family

Sunday, April 24th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

† Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

Pray For the Sick

Hedley Thomas, Jeanette Woodley,
Umberto DeFuria, Maria Biadi

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Elmer Burnie, Marie Burnet, Maurice Vella



Eucharistic Adoration Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9 am to 1 pm ending with Benediction**. We ask for help to ensure at least two people in the church each hour of Adoration by **signing in beforehand** either with the **paper registration sheet at the back of the church or on our Friday Holy Hour Eventbrite registration at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>**. Please consider attending for even 5 minutes to offer up prayers for peace in our world, especially in the Ukraine.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997** or email vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca

ShareLife

ShareLife is making a difference!

"Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the gradual reopening of our parishes. But we must remember that, for many people, their suffering continues. ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

Thank you for supporting ShareLife! The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1.

Easter Food Drive for Families



The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are hosting a special Easter Food Drive for families in need in the Stouffville community. On the **Apr 30/May 1** weekend, **non-expired, non-perishable food items** will be collected in support of the Stouffville Food Bank, while grocery gift cards will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The food bank is currently in need of the following items:
canned fruit, canned chicken/ ham, canned stew/ chili
small bags of rice, honey, canned tomatoes
cheese whiz, Jam

Please give generously to support our neighbours in need.

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.**

New Church Office Hours

The Church Office will now be open each week Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm (closed for lunch between 12 noon and 1 pm).

Banns for Ordination Gordon Lee



Gordon Lee is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on **June 18, 2022**, at St. Michael's Cathedral.

Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

Rosary Apostolate Volunteers Needed



Do you have a devotion to Mother Mary, love children and pray the Rosary? If so, the Rosary Apostolate would like to hear from you. We are currently seeking volunteers to visit our elementary schools in Stouffville once a month from October to May. If you are interested in finding out more about the program, **please contact Jovita Lim at 647-885-0778 or limjovita12@yahoo.ca**

APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER MONDAY (APRIL 18)

Easter Monday Mass – 9:00 am



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2022



Easter Sunday, April 17

15 minutes before all Sunday masses

Week of Easter Octave

after all masses

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022

15 minutes before all Sunday masses

A First Communion is scheduled on April 24th so there will not be a Divine Mercy Sunday celebration this year.

Recollection for Women

Monday, April 18th 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, April 18th from 7 – 8:30pm

Confession and talks given by a Priest of Opus Dei

Women's Ministry Forest Walk

April 24th from 1 pm to 3 pm

Forest Walk on Sunday April 24th 1-3pm

Divine Mercy Sunday.

Email mmconkey@rogers.com for more info...or subscribe for updates from the Women's Ministry here: <https://equippingcatholicfamilies.com/smwm/>

Coins for Life 2022 – Wrap Up

Coin Boxes to be returned – Apr 23/24

Squires will be at the back of the church after all the masses on the weekend of April 23rd and 24th to collect the coin boxes.

Campaign Life Coalition and the Colombian Squires of St. Mark thank you for your generosity!

Every coin makes a difference. Your contribution will help save countless innocent lives and help CLC pro-life workers to continue to run the March for Life.



St. Mark's Parish BBQ

Saturday, June 18th

(Rain date Sunday, June 19th)



Save the Date!!!
Saturday, June 18th
6:15 pm to 9 pm

(Rain date Sunday, June 19th 1 pm to 4:30 pm)

St. Mark's Community Parish barbeque will be hosted in partnership with St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, church councils, St. Vincent de Paul and various other ministries.

Come hungry, start new friendships, rekindle old ones, and leave fulfilled.

Pastor's Easter Message

Dear Parishioners,

We are blessed to be able to gather once again to celebrate the Sunday of all Sundays or the Mother of all Sundays – Easter Sunday and to thank God, our Father for the truly awe inspiring and hope filled gift of His Son, Jesus' Resurrection following His horrific passion and death.

This is the cause of our joy – God lives, cares for us and loves us beyond all we could ever hope or imagine.

God had not abandoned us and He calls us to real friendship with Him in this life by placing Him at the center of our hearts and lives, walking in His ways and keeping His commandments. This is the way that leads to the bliss of eternal life with Him, and the Saints forever in Heaven as He has promised to those who love Him.

Jesus is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Wishing you all the joy and peace of the Risen Christ and His Blessed Mother. Happy Easter! Fr Michael



Easter Obligation (Duty)



The Easter obligation is the grave duty that every Catholic must **receive Holy Communion during the Easter season**, which concludes on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

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.

Corpus Christi Procession

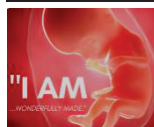
Volunteers Needed



This year the Solemnity of Corpus Christi falls on **Sunday, June 19th**. Volunteers are needed to organize a procession on that day after the 11 am Mass. If you would like to help, please email Lisa at lbaker@archtoronto.org.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, May 12th in Ottawa



The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day.

Rally & March Thursday, May 12th

12:30 pm – Rally on Parliament Hill

1:30 pm – March downtown Ottawa

2:30 pm – Silent No More Testimonies

Attend in person or watch live broadcast on EWTN
Visit MARCHFORLIFE.CA or CALL 1-800-730-5358

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