

St. Mark's Church Important Announcements

April 13, 2021

Included in this edition of the St. Mark's email blast:

- Communication from Fr. Michael regarding a case of Covid-19 at St. Mark's Church
- Registration Process Changes for Weekend Mass

Communication from Fr. Michael Hughes

April 10, 2021.

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! I would like to thank all parishioners for their assistance in helping us to implement health protocols during our Return to Church over the past number of weeks. It has been wonderful to celebrate the sacraments together.

Over the past 24 hours, we have learned that a parishioner has tested positive for Covid-19. The individual was last present at Mass on **Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** The parishioner was seated in the church, wearing a mask and appropriately distanced throughout their time at church. The individual is currently in a period of self-isolation at home. Both the Archdiocese of Toronto and York Region Public Health are aware of the positive test.

It has been determined that this case presents a very low risk of transmission. At this time, we ask that all parishioners continue to self-monitor for symptoms. As we have said in the past and especially during the stay at home order, if you are elderly, have significant medical issues or a compromised immune system, please do not come to church at this time. If you are not feeling well or are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, connect with your family doctor or consider getting tested for Covid-19.

A self-assessment tool can be found by visiting: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>. Questions can also be directed to York Region Public Health at 1-800-361-5653.

Let us continue to pray for all those who are sick and those who are caring for them. Be assured of my prayers for all of you.

Fr. Michael Hughes, Pastor

Registration Process Changes for Weekend Mass

Now that we are only allowed up to a maximum of 15% of our church capacity and in order to ensure we have an accurate record of who is in attendance at the Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9 am and 11 am Masses, adjustments have been made to our online registration process. Going forward, when booking your spot at a Weekend Mass, we ask that **each person must register for a ticket (this includes children)**. Please input each person's name on their own ticket. Do not list the same name on multiple tickets. **One ticket will now allow one person entry**

into the church. This process will ensure we have every name listed on our registration sheet. Unfortunately, at this time, if you do not have a ticket, you will not be permitted to enter for Mass on weekends because we cannot exceed our total number of people allowed in the building. Thank you for your understanding as we implement processes to comply with all government requirements. If you are unable to secure a ticket, you can view the livestream of our 9 am Sunday Mass on our YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.