

St. Mark's Church Announcements

April 6, 2022

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Extended Confession Time - Saturday, April 9th

To allow for more parishioners to go to confession before Easter, there will be an extended time to do so on Saturday, April 9th from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

New Mass added on Easter Sunday at 1 pm

To allow for more people to attend mass on Easter Sunday, a third mass will be added at 1 pm.

Easter Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 14)

NO MORNING MASS

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8 pm

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 pm

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 15)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1st Celebration – 12:00 noon

2nd Celebration – 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 16)

NO MORNING MASS and NO 5:00 PM MASS

Blessing of the Food – 2:45 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm

Bring bells to the Easter Vigil to ring during the Gloria

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 17)

Normal Sunday Schedule with a third Mass added:

9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 15 min. before all Masses

EASTER MONDAY (APRIL 18)

Easter Monday Mass – 9:00 am

Holy Week Confession Schedule

Monday, April 11	9:30 am to 10 am
Tuesday, April 12	7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Good Friday, April 15	1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Good Friday Fast and Abstinence

Fasting: Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 is obliged to fast. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

Abstinence: Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Abstaining, in this context, is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. In lieu of fasting, one may substitute works of charity.

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.

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.

Church Gardens – Volunteers Needed

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.

Recollection for Women – April 18th

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

Forest Walk on Sunday April 24th 1-3pm Divine Mercy Sunday.

Email mmcconkey@rogers.com for more info...or subscribe for updates from the Women's Ministry here:

<https://equippingcatholicfamilies.com/smw/>

Parish BBQ and Multi-intentional Celebrations – June 18th

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. This will be a multi-intentional celebration for Fr. Michael's farewell, Gordon Lee's Ordination to the Diaconate on that day, Deacon John Schwarzbauer's 20th Anniversary and Fr. Leslie's 62nd Anniversary.

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

Catholic Moms Group Lenten Retreat – April 8th

Our ministry www.CatholicMomsGroup.com is hosting a last minute Lenten retreat especially for **busy moms** who have no time and moms have **little kids!** Imagine that -- a Lenten retreat from the comfort of your own home on Zoom! **Friday April 8, 2022, from 9:30am - 11:30am EST on ZOOM**

Coming together in community as Catholic moms is so important – it has a ripple effect. I am not sure about you, but those events sustain me spiritually. Lent is almost over and if you feel like you've missed out, I am here to tell you, it's NOT too late! Guess what? It's FREE!

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Video Links and Quotes

1) Exclusive: Carlo Acutis as seen by his mother

<https://aleteia.org/2021/10/21/exclusive-carlo-acutis-as-seen-by-his-mother/>

2) Pope apologizes to Canadian Indigenous for wrongs at residential schools

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jroi4ATEEjU>

3) Professor Winston: Stating biological fact will get you hate mail - The Christian Institute

This clearly shows how unhinged our culture and society truly is. Please pray for the children and families subjected to this abuse! <https://www.christian.org.uk/news/professor-winston-stating-biological-fact-will-get-you-hate-mail/>

4) What You Should Know About Purgatory – Fr. Mike Schmitz

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=GnwDDsN6ZfM>

5) Solidarity + Subsidiarity = Common Good

<https://edify.us/video/solidarity-and-subsidiarity/>

6) Delta Hospice Society Victory

<https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2022/04/great-news-delta-hospice-society-elects.html>