

# St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

April 8, 2021

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## Places of Worship Remain Open

The stay-at-home order announced by the Provincial Government on April 7, does not change the current status for Places of Worship. St. Mark's Church and all Parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto are still permitted to remain open at 15% capacity. We will continue to have Mass on weekdays (no registration required) and on weekends (registration required). St. Mark's is also open during the day for Personal Prayer (see times below), Confession and Friday Eucharistic Adoration.

There has been one concern expressed by health officials to the Archdiocese regarding the faithful congregating in or around churches before or after services in large numbers. **We ask parishioners to please ensure there is no congregating in groups taking place outside our church for the safety of all.** Thank you.

## Livestream and In-person Mass Schedule

### Livestream Mass Schedule

Masses will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube> every Wednesday at 9 am and Sunday at 9 am (Mass will also be offered in-person to the public on these days).

### In-Person Mass Schedule

**Saturday Evening** – Mass at 5 pm (**registration required**), Confession from 4 pm to 4:45 pm

**Sunday** – Mass at 9 am and 11 am (**registration required**)

**Monday** – No Mass, Church will remain closed unless otherwise announced

**Tuesday** – Mass at 7 pm

**Wednesday** – Mass at 9 am

**Thursday** – Mass at 9 am

**Friday** – Mass at 9 am, Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 12 noon

**Saturday Morning** – Mass at 9 am and Confession from 9:30 am to 10 am

\* Please note: The Cardinal continues **to provide dispensation from the Sunday Mass** for those who may not be able to attend for health/safety reasons or due to capacity restrictions.

## **Online Registration required for Masses on Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am & 11 am**

Please register at [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca).

Reminders:

- The registration link to reserve your seat will be made active every **Wednesday at 7 pm**. Once you have clicked the link, you will be brought to an Eventbrite registration page.
- One registration form can be completed for a family who is attending together and who live in the same household.
- For one to two people attending together, choose 1 ticket. For three or more people attending together, choose 2 tickets. Only one person's name needs to be listed on the registration form.
- Once the registration form is completed, a ticket(s) will be emailed to you.
- If the Mass you are trying to register for is at maximum capacity, the system will not allow you to complete the registration. Please check if there is another Mass that weekend that still has room and register for that one instead.
- If you do not have access to the internet, please call the church office at 905-640-6954 during office hours and a staff member will enter your registration for you.
- If you have mobility issues, please indicate this when registering.
- Online registration is not required for Weekday Masses, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration
- The church must follow provincial health measures and guidelines to remain open. **Everyone must register for contact tracing purposes. No walk-ins will be permitted.**
- It is advisable that you have your ticket printed or on your Smartphone in case your registration needs to be verified by the usher upon entering the church.

## **Sacrament of Confession Schedule**

Fr. Michael will continue to be available for the Sacrament of Confession **every Saturday following the morning Mass from 9:30 am to 10 am and again in the afternoon from 4 pm to 4:45 pm**. When you arrive, please sign in. You can also make an appointment to go to confession during the week by calling the church office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101.

## **Eucharistic Adoration – Fridays**

We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time in Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with Benediction. Online registration is not required to attend Adoration; however, we would like to ensure that there are **at least two people in the church each hour**. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. In the event of a funeral, Exposition will cease at 10:30 am.

## **Church Open for Personal Prayer**

The church will be open for personal prayer at the following times: Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 AM to 4 PM and Saturday from 9:30 am to 12 noon. **The door will be left open**, so you do not need to use the buzzer but **please sign in** and mark the spot where you are seated with a yellow post-it note sticker. When you leave, please sanitize the spot where you were seated. You are strongly encouraged to come to the Church for personal prayer time.

## **Church Office**

The Church Office will be open Tuesdays from 9 am to 3:30 pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 noon. Please make an appointment if you need assistance by calling 905-640-6954 ext. 101 and leave a message or email [stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca).

## New Website

We are excited to announce that our Parish website is being updated and re-designed and should be completed by April 16<sup>th</sup>. The new site will combine both information and news pertaining to our own Parish and the Archdiocese. For now, you will be able to continue to access our site at [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca). In our next email communication, we will provide you with our new website address. Please watch for this so you can stay informed about everything that is taking place at St. Mark's and in the Archdiocese!

## Formed – The Catholic Faith on Demand

We are happy to be able to provide St. Mark's parishioners with access to Formed. Formed is an exciting new gateway to the best teaching videos, audio, and e-books available to deepen your relationships with Christ and His Church. We encourage everyone to sign-up and take advantage of this exceptional collection of Catholic media resources available all in one place and completely free to view!

### **Registering on FORMED is easier than ever!**

1. Go to [FORMED.org/signup](http://FORMED.org/signup)
2. Enter your parish zip code (L4A 1E4) or name to select your parish
3. Enter your name and email

### **Already have a FORMED Account?**

1. Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click the link in your email and You're in! No more passwords!

## Power of Life Insurance

Would you like to know how to reduce or eliminate the major sources of financial insecurity that have appeared during the pandemic? Please join St. Mark Council 10874 and best-selling author, international speaker, and president of Advisorcraft, Jim Ruta for his exclusive Knights of Columbus presentation on the "Power of Life Insurance". Jim has appeared on CTV News Channel, BNN, and in media around the world making best use of advisors and leveraging life insurance. This presentation is open to everyone. To register for the presentation on Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm EST, please visit: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SpysT0HuQgyDpmmr73lOSg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SpysT0HuQgyDpmmr73lOSg)

## St. Mark Squire Circle 5486

The members of St. Mark's Squire Circle are boys who are 10 to 18 years of age. Currently, they meet virtually on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. They are involved in 4 pillars of activity. **Spiritual** which involves them in their Faith, **Service** which is to help our neighbors in need like those helped by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Rose of Sharon, the Tree of Life, and the Giving Tree at St. Brigid School during Advent, **Circle** fun activities which will resume once the pandemic is over, and **Membership** when others are invited to join in these activities. For more information or to join, please contact Bob Tabone, St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, or email [GK10874@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK10874@ontariokofc.ca).

# **EDGE and High School Youth Programs**

**EDGE is online on April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Students in grades 5-8 are invited to register and participate. To register go to: <https://bit.ly/34fJ145>

**High School Youth group is online on April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - High school students are invited to register and participate online. To register go to: <https://bit.ly/3igrnSK>

For further details, or to volunteer, email Camille at [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com) or follow our Instagram account @stmarksyouthmin.

## **ShareLife**

**April 18 is ShareLife Sunday** The goal for the 2021 ShareLife Campaign is \$13.8 million. “Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability.” – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Donations can be made online at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org) or you can place your donation in the collection basket or in the drop box just to the right of the main front door entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Pre-Authorized Giving Program and Offertory Envelopes**

Now more than ever, we need your support. We ask that you please continue to bring your offertory envelopes to the church and place them in the secure drop box located on the wall to the right of the front door entrance (this box is emptied each day).

Preferably, we ask that you consider signing up to give your donations through our pre-authorized giving program (PAG) to help cover the parishes many expenses and salaries. You can donate to our church from the comfort of your own home by signing up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). For more information, please visit our parish website here: [stmarkstouffville.ca/contact/donations](http://stmarkstouffville.ca/contact/donations). Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the drop box. If you already give to the Parish via PAG, please consider increasing your donation if possible. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Stay Connected to St. Mark's Parish**

**St. Mark's Website** link <https://stmarkstouffville.ca/>.

**St. Mark YouTube Channel - Livestream of Masses** link <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.

**St. Mark's Public Facebook Page** link <https://www.facebook.com/stmarkstouffville>. Please remember to Like and Share this page with fellow parishioners so more people become aware of its existence.

**St. Mark's Community Facebook Page** link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarkschurchcommunity>. This page is used to share information between parishioners and ask for prayers when needed.

**St. Mark's Bulletin** link <https://stmarkstouffville.ca/downloads/bulletins>.

For information about the vaccine: [www.york.ca/COVID19vaccine](http://www.york.ca/COVID19vaccine)