

St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

August 12, 2021

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Parishioner Survey – First Friday Mass Time

We would like to reach out to our parishioners to get your feedback regarding your preferred time for First Friday Masses. The two possible times for Mass on that day are 9 am and 7 pm. Please click this link to complete our short online survey <https://forms.gle/LNBgGX2ReomzgS6d9>.

ShareLife 2021 Campaign

Our Parish is presently at 81.2% of our parish goal for our ShareLife collection. The next collection dates will be **Sunday, October 3rd** and **Sunday, October 31st**. Thank you for your generosity.

First Communion & Confirmation – New Registrants

For families who would like to enrol their child in this year's program/classes for either First Communion or Confirmation, please see the letters posted on our website containing important dates at:

First Communion

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments/first-communion/>

Confirmation

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments/confirmation/>

* For children who already completed last year's program/classes, we will be contacting families next week with further information regarding your child's ceremony in the fall.

Dr. Peter Kreeft – How to Win the Culture War

How to Win the Culture War: A Christian Battle Plan for a Society in Crisis by Dr. Peter Kreeft is a YouTube video that is highly recommended by Fr. Michael. Dr. Kreeft is a philosophy professor at Boston College, author, and speaker. This talk was given at Franciscan University of Steubenville. To watch the video, please click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tm08x8YiuXk>

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – August 15th

Sunday August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Michael will be consecrating our parish community to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at each Mass on August 14th/15th by reciting the prayer below. If you're not able to attend Mass in-person that weekend, please watch via livestream on Sunday at 9 am to take part in the Consecration.

Livestream of Masses link <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>

Solemn Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother of all, to fulfill the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the request of the Vicar of Your Son on earth, we consecrate ourselves and our families to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and we recommend to you, all the people of our country and all the world.

Please accept our consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as you wish to accomplish your designs in the world.

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and Queen of the World, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Our King. Save us from modern paganism; kindle in our hearts and homes the love of purity, the practice of a virtuous life, an ardent zeal for souls, and a desire to pray the Rosary more faithfully.

We come with confidence to you, O throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love. In flame us with the same Divine Fire which has inflamed your own Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Make our hearts and homes your shrine, and through us, make the Heart of Jesus, together with your rule, triumph in every heart and home. Amen. – Pope Pius XII

Magnificat Mediation by Mother Angelica

Only God could leave me and stay with me at the same time. His physical presence ascended into heaven, but he gives me his Body, Blood, soul, and divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Every time I receive this sacrament, whose power is beyond my comprehension, I receive more of God. The pool of my soul becomes brighter and his divine reflection more radiant. He knew my faith would waver at times and I would need something tangible to speak to and gaze upon so he gave me himself in a miraculous way in the Holy Eucharist – as Friend when I'm in need, as Companion when I'm lonely, as Strength when I'm weak, as Mercy when I fail, as source of Joy when I'm sad, as Peace in the midst of turmoil and as a Power to help me press ahead with confidence for the struggle to come. I can be so absorbed in my own problems and difficulties that the beauty and peace around me are lost in a maze of imaginary clouds that keep me in a tiny, cramped world. I must look beyond what is visible and see the invisible reality. Only an infinite love could have the power to come down to my level, surround me with omnipotence raise me up, and hold me in the arms of his fatherly care. Lord and Father, your Son Jesus gives me tangible proof of your presence in my soul by giving himself to me in the Holy Eucharist. Through the power of your Spirit's gifts, let that presence bear fruit and give proof to my neighbor that Jesus is Lord.

Mother Angelica of the Annunciation, P.C.P.A.

Mother Angelica was a Poor Clare nun and founder of the Eternal Word Television Network
Magnificat, August 2021, Vol. 23, No. 6

2022 Mass Intention Book Opening August 19th

On Thursday, August 19th, the 2022 Mass Intention book will be opened for bookings. If you would like to book a Mass intention, you can do so in-person at the Church office Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Flowers for Eucharistic Adoration

We would be happy to accept any donations of flowers which will be placed in the Sanctuary for our Friday Eucharistic Adoration. If you are in a position to donate flowers from your garden, please bring them in the day before.

The Five First Saturdays

THE PROMISE

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady promised Sister Lucia she would "...assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray a Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour mediating on the fifteen mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation."

There are four requirements to faithfully fulfill the five first Saturdays.

1. Go to confession.
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary.
4. Meditate for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary (separate from saying the Rosary).

HOW TO DO THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

During the apparition of February 15, 1926, Sister Lucia presented Our Lord the problem some people had in confessing on Saturdays. She asked Our Lord if the confession would be valid if done within a period of eight days before or eight days after the first Saturday. Our Lord answered: "Yes, it can even be within many more days, provided they are in the state of grace, when they receive Me, and have the intention of offering reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

THE INTENTION

To console the Immaculate Heart of Mary, offer reparation for the blasphemies and ingratitude of unrepentant sinners, and for peace in the world.

* To read more about this devotion, pamphlets will be available in the foyer of the church. If you would like to begin this devotion, you can do so on any first Saturday of the month.

Knights of Columbus 50/50 Raffle

The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council together with the Knights of Columbus of Ontario are holding an online 50/50 raffle. By purchasing tickets, you will help fund charitable causes at the local and provincial level. Buy your tickets early to be able to participate in the early bird draw on September 1st. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes at each early bird draw are \$500, \$250, and \$250 respectively. The jackpot draw is on September 30th. All tickets will only be sold to people who are 18 years of age or older. Online 50/50 tickets must be purchased in Ontario. Visit the council website at www.kofc10874.ca for more information and to buy tickets.

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Empowering men to take the next step in authentic male leadership, TMIY: The Battle Over the Bride focuses on their role as husband and their deep desire for self-sacrificial love. Offering proven solutions and practical methods, it provides an incredible clear pathway to overcoming pressures men encounter in going to the end of

love. The program is divided into two, 13-week sessions. The Fall session emphasizes the Church's vision of love and marriage, while the Spring session emphasizes the practical means of achieving that vision.

The program will be hosted every Saturday virtually on Zoom, and potentially in-person at St. Mark's Church, beginning on September 11th. We will gather at 8 am for a presentation that combines the best scientific research with the teachings of the Church and wisdom of the saints. It's followed at 8:30am with breakout groups that provide the opportunity to discuss what's been presented. We will end no later than 9am.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/st-mark-s-roman-catholic-church

500th Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines

In celebration of the 500th Year Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines and the 70th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, you are invited to... Paghilom - A Healing Service to be led by Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan on **Friday, August 13, 2021, after the 7 p.m. Mass.**

Location: Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 2565 Bathurst Street, Toronto, ON M6B 2Z3
Tel: 416-787-4547 Email: olaparishtoronto@rogers.com

Attendance is limited to the church's allowed capacity. The service will also be livestreamed at OLA's YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/olassumptionto and www.ph500toronto.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Friday, October 22 to Sunday, October 24

Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!

Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a special weekend for you to spend together as a couple and share your feelings, hopes and dreams. It is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths.

ENGLISH CONTACT: Gerard & Marge, 905-792-1925 gerard.marge@rogers.com

'Smallest baby at birth' home after 13 months in hospital

Yu Xuan was delivered at just under 25 weeks - far short of the average 40. The picture included with this article truly shows the humanity of the unborn. To read more, go to: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-58141756>

Chaplaincy Connect

Attention Gr. 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!

Mass Schedule

Registration for weekend Masses will now open on our website at <http://stmarksst@archtoronto.org> **beginning at 12 noon on Wednesdays.**

Saturday Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass at 5 pm (registration required)• Confession from 4 pm to 4:45 pm
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Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at 9 am (livestreamed) • Mass at 11 am (registration required for both Masses)
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Mass • Church will remain closed unless otherwise announced
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at 7 pm
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at 8:30 am
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at 8:30 am
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at 8:30 am • Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 12 noon
Saturday Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at 9 am • Confession 9:30 am to 10 am

Online Registration (required for weekend Masses only – Sat 5 pm, Sun 9 am & 11 am)

We invite you to register at: <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>

The link will be made active every **Wednesday at 12 noon.**

- One registration form must be completed for each person attending.
- If you are completing the registration for another family member, please put their name on the ticket not yours.
- If you register but find you are not able to attend, please contact the office by Friday afternoon so we can open the spot up for someone else.
- 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.
- Due to limited capacity, we are unable to accept walk-ins at this time.

***Online registration is not required for Weekday Masses, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration.

Stay Connected to St. Mark's Parish

St. Mark's Website link: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>

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://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/bulletin/>