

St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

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New Weekday Mass Schedule beginning this Fall

Beginning Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Saturday Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass at 5 pm (registration required)• Confession from 4 pm to 4:45 pm
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 9 am
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass at 9 am
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass at 9 am• Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 12 pm• First Friday Mass - Sept to Dec 2021 will be at 9 am In 2022, the First Friday Mass may switch to 7 pm if Covid continues as is to facilitate workers.
Saturday Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass at 9 am• Confession 9:30 am to 10 am

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

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle – Beginning in September

The first cenacle will be held on **Tuesday, September 14th** following the **7 pm Mass**, led by Fr. Joseph Moncada who is the Spiritual Director for the Legion of Mary, Toronto Senatus.

Explanation: In her messages to Fr. Gobbi, Our Lady insistently calls us - priests, religious and faithful – to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the First Pentecost. Why this insistence? What is most important in the world and in the Church today is the preparation for the Second Pentecost through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. To draw down upon us this gift of the Holy Spirit, we must enter with her into the cenacle.

Our Lady invites us to enter into the cenacle of her Immaculate Heart by means of our consecration. In the cenacle of her heart she will nourish, form, and help us to grow in perfect consecration to her. She calls us to form cenacles together with her and to multiply and spread them everywhere so that the Divine Spirit of Love may pass through the golden door of her Immaculate Heart and thus prepare humanity for a new era of grace and holiness.

Structure: The cenacle is comprised of an invocation to the Holy Spirit, the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary, Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and reading and commentary on Our Lady's messages contained in the book "To the Priests our Lady's Beloved Sons."

Date and Time: After the September 14th cenacle, all future cenacles will take place on the first Tuesday of the month following the 7 pm Mass and will end at approximately 8:45 pm.

See our website for **Our Lady's Promises** given to Fr. Gobbi concerning Family Cenacles.

Parishioner Survey – Extending the Time for Friday Eucharistic Adoration

We would like to reach out to our parishioners to get your feedback regarding extending the time for Friday Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 pm to later in the day as well and if so, your preferred time when you would likely attend and sign up for a one-hour time slot each week to remain with our Lord. Ideally, we would like to have three people signed up per hour. Please click this link to complete our short online survey <https://forms.gle/PebYvUBkumzoYnfC8>.

Parish Council Update – New and Retiring Members

We thank all of our Parish Council members who greatly supported our parish through the renovation process of our Church and the Covid pandemic. We would especially like to recognize the four members of the council who are retiring at this time from their positions: **Gordon Lee, Ann Marie Munro, Albert Mikhail, and Camille Herrera**. May God bless you for all you have done for our parish community.

We would also like to welcome our five new council members: **Tim Flynn, Nelle Lombardo, Dennis Lyon, Maria Parente and Brian Vethanayagam**. May the Holy Spirit guide you and the other council members in deciding what is best for the sanctification of our St. Mark's community.

Thank you to our Altar Society Volunteers

We would like to sincerely thank all of our Altar Society volunteers for their generous service throughout the year in cleaning the Church linens and altar coverings. It's a great blessing to have their assistance which adds to the beauty of our Liturgy each week. Thank you to: **Cellie Canaan, Nella Cassano, Natalia Horscroft, Carolina Dicillo, Onesima Raponi, and Sherene Vethanayagam**

Eucharistic Adoration – Be Like St. Joseph

Excerpt from: Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father

Mary, God's tabernacle, is replicated in every tabernacle in a Catholic church. What is often missing in front of these tabernacles, however, are souls who resemble St. Joseph – souls who adore Jesus present and hidden in the tabernacle. The Church needs more people like St. Joseph.

To be like St. Joseph, you, too, need to adore Christ. You can go to the nearest Catholic Church where Jesus is present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is Jesus Christ. The Blessed

Sacrament is the source and summit of the Christian faith, and St. Joseph wants to lead you to a deeper relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If there is Perpetual Adoration at a church in your area, sign up for a weekly holy hour. Adoration will change your life. If there isn't a church with Perpetual Adoration in your area, sometimes a parish will have Adoration for a few hours a day or on a particular day of the week. Go! If you are unable to find a church that offers exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at all, simply visit any Catholic church, and pray before the tabernacle. Jesus is there night and day. He waits for you. Be another St. Joseph for Jesus and Mary!

Dr. Peter Kreeft - YouTube Video

Fr. Michael highly recommends a talk given by Peter Kreeft which can be found on YouTube. It is a commentary Dr. Kreeft gave about a Russian author. The talk is entitled "A World Split Apart: Reflections on Alexander Solzhenitsyn's Harvard Commencement Address".

You can find the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOhC8pOcReQ>

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](#)

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Humanitarian Relief – Haiti Natural Disaster

The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti, which in recent days has been stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm. At least 1,900 people are dead, 9,000 are injured and 30,000 are homeless after a strong earthquake devastated the country on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Many people with habitable houses were sleeping outside due to fear of aftershocks causing more damage. Then on Monday evening, Tropical Storm Grace dumped more than 30 cm of rainfall onto Haiti's coastal areas, resulting in floods and mudslides. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and is unable to adequately respond to these natural disasters without international assistance. The country was already responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, worsening gang violence and a presidential assassination on July 7, 2021.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations with a long history of disaster relief. Caritas is already on the ground assisting Haitians, as it has been when other disasters have struck that country.

Donations to Caritas will be used for food, water, shelter, clothing, and medical supplies.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org

- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
St. Mark's Church – Natural Disasters in Haiti – Disaster Relief
(a collection will be taken up on the weekend of August 28/29)

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and all those who suffer after natural disasters. Thank you for your continued assistance.

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/>