

# St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

August 4, 2021

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## Guidelines from the Archdiocese

- Local municipal by-laws remain in place – mask use indoors should continue at this time, even for those who are fully vaccinated.
- The dispensation for the Sunday obligation is still in effect for those who are unable to attend in person. The elderly and those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise caution about any outings, including attendance at church. Livestreaming of our Sunday 9 am Mass will continue.
- The Sign of Peace will continue to be maintained. A simple bow of the head toward one's neighbour may be offered in lieu of the shaking of hands.
- Votive candle areas may be re-opened. Physical distancing of two metres (six feet) should be observed wherever possible.

## 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 meditating 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 August 7<sup>th</sup> or any first Saturday thereafter.

## Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord – August 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. Mass will be held at St. Mark’s Church at 8:30 am, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am to 12 noon (registration is not required).

Reflection on the Transfiguration from the Magnificat, August 2021 edition:

Christ’s Tabor radiance is a gift in which we glimpse the glory that God wills to give those who persevere in carrying the cross with Christ. Gazing at Jesus, we are told “be not afraid.” Instead, we “raise our eyes” and see what is in store for God’s beloved sons and daughters by grace. “Our goal is nothing less than being transfigured with Christ on the last day. We are strengthened for the way of the cross that leads to the Resurrection. The radiance of Christ’s glory is more dazzling than even the sun.” (Father Andrew Hofer, O.P.)

To subscribe to the Magnificat, go to [www.magnificat.com](http://www.magnificat.com) or call 1-866-273-5215

## Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – August 15<sup>th</sup>

Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. If you’re not able to attend Mass in-person that weekend, please watch via livestream at 9 am to take part in the Consecration.

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

## 2022 Mass Intention Book Opening August 19<sup>th</sup>

On Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## St. Mark’s Knights of Columbus Council Receives Top Award

St. Mark Parish Knights of Columbus Council 10874 has received the distinction of Double Star Council, the international organization’s top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in

the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

During this past year, St. Mark Council has been working to help our community recover from COVID-19. From food drives to supporting our local pregnancy care centre, the council has expanded its charitable reach and invited more men to join our ranks.

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus, contact local Membership Director Robert Tabone at GK10874@ontariokofc.ca or visit [www.kofc10874.ca](http://www.kofc10874.ca).

## **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](http://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)

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## **Thank you to our Volunteers**

We would like to sincerely thank all of our garden volunteers for their hard work in keeping our front and side gardens looking so beautiful. Natalia Horscroft, Mario Petramala, Anna and Maria Bonkowski, John Sobrinho, Ernesto Mendes, and Vince Sequeira (ENVISION this).

## **Local Painter Needed**

If anyone can recommend a good local painter for some minor jobs in the church, please contact the church office at 905-640-6954 ext. 103.

## **Catholic Land Retreat Series**

Sat. Aug. 21 – Loving the Liturgy: Being Nourished by the Mass

Sat. Sept. 18 – Who Do You Say That I Am? and other questions Christ asks us

Featured Speaker – Robert LeBlanc of catholicmoment.ca

9am-12pm - \$30/p (\$25/p when registering for 2 retreats or groups of 2+) – includes lunch

\*\*\*Space is limited due to current social distancing protocols which are in place for these events\*\*\*

To register, contact Victor or Marilyn at 647.834.2046 or catholicland.com/register

## **Kindergarten Registration**

You can register your children to attend a York Catholic elementary or secondary school for classes starting in September, by visiting [www.ycdsb.ca/admissions](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions). The York Catholic District School Board supports and inspires approximately 53,000 students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 in 101 schools across York Region. It offers an innovative curriculum rooted in Gospel values to educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

## **Rosary Apostolate in the Schools**

If you love Mother Mary, love children and love to pray the Rosary...

The Rosary Apostolate, Inc., is in need of volunteers to pray the Rosary with school children online - livestreamed virtually on Zoom, (Microsoft teams or Google meets).

Parents working from home, if you are interested, and can spare 2 hours every month, please contact Onesima Raponi at 905-640-6803, Yayeen Gavieres at 905-640-9752, or Jovita Lim at 647 885 0778 for more details. (Training available).

## **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](http://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.**

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

<b>Saturday Morning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mass at 9 am</li><li>• Confession 9:30 am to 10 am</li></ul>
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## **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/>