

St. Mark's Church Announcements

December 15, 2021

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Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

*** Registration required for all of the Masses listed below. Tickets can be reserved beginning December 16th at 12 noon online at: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/> ***



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday, December 24, 2021

- ◆ 4:00 pm Family Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 9:00 pm Mass

Saturday, December 25, 2021

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass

* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

Sunday, December 26, 2021

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass



MARY MOTHER OF GOD

SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Friday, December 31, 2021

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm – 12 Midnight Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed) – Brown scapulars to be distributed after Mass (limited quantities available)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass – Brown scapulars to be distributed after Mass (limited quantities available)

* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass

Eventbrite Registration for Sunday Masses – if unsure please hold off

We ask that if you are uncertain whether or not you will be able to make it to the Church, please hold off on registering. Otherwise, if you register and do not attend, you are taking a spot someone else could have used. If you do register and need to cancel, please do so before Friday at noon by either calling the church office at 905-640-6954 or click on the link on your Eventbrite ticket. We would like to be able to have as many parishioners as possible attend in-person.

Additional Opportunity for Confession – Dec. 21st

In preparation for Christmas, there will be an additional Confession time offered by Fr. Michael on Tuesday, December 21st from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm after the 7 pm Mass.

Christmas Pageant – YouTube Link

Thank you to everyone who participated in and organized the Christmas Pageant and Concert, especially Eugenie Villanueva Landry and Kiana Landry. Thanks also to Kyle Medina for handling the livestreaming. It was a beautiful event and a wonderful reminder of the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

We invite you to watch the recording of the St. Mark's Christmas Pageant and Concert via the St. Mark's YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.

Carrying of the Baby Jesus – Dec. 24th

We are looking for three children who would like to carry the Baby Jesus to the manager at either the 4 pm, 7 pm or 9 pm Mass on December 24th. If interested, please call the office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101 by Monday, Dec. 20th. There will be a draw to select the candidate and the chosen family will be advised by phone on Dec. 21st.

Church Office – Holiday Hours

December 24 – Open from 9 am to 12 noon

Monday, Dec. 27 & Tuesday, Dec. 28 – Closed

December 29, 30 & 31 – Open from 9 am to 12 noon

Monday, January 3 - Closed

Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon

St. Mark's Squire Circle 5486 Spiritual Advent Project

The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the lighting of the Tree of Life on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon. The tree will be located in the entrance foyer of the Church from **November 27 to December 19**, and it will be manned by a Squire and a Counsellor from St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

There will be a suggested list of various items to consider with regards to food cards, baby & toddler clothing, essential toiletries for babies, toddlers, and mothers.

Your support of this Advent endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires and the Knights of Columbus, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbor. The Squires' motto is, "Leave no Neighbour Behind"

New Friday Mass Time Beginning January 7th & Expanding Adoration

Beginning **Friday, January 7th, 2022**, our Friday Mass will move from 9 am to 7 pm. We hope this will allow more of our parishioners, who may not be able to get a ticket for a weekend Mass, to attend. Registration is not required for the Friday Mass. Eucharistic Adoration will still continue each Friday but will begin at 9 am instead of 9:30 am and go until 12 noon. Hopefully in the future, if we can find enough support to have at least two people in the church every hour on a Friday, we can extend the time to 3 pm or even until the start of Mass at 7 pm.

Sign Up for Formed

Over 4,000 titles for any member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Join Formed for free by registering as a member of a parish at: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/formed/>

FORMED Pick of the Week: Watch, Christmas in Rome: A celebration of the Nativity. Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Saviour like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

Envelope Boxes for 2022 Year

Envelope Boxes for 2022 are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.

2021 Tax Receipts

Any donations you wish to make for 2021 must be received by December 26th, 2021. Anything after this date will apply to the 2022 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office.

New St. Mark's Website

St. Mark's website has a new URL. Please use the following address in your web browser to access our new site: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/> or Google St. Mark's Stouffville and the first search result will take you to our new website. Our old website is no longer active.

Video Links

- 1) Gentleman's Club Episode - Atheist Doctor who Converted to Catholicism: <https://youtu.be/DXjTEUiBIBE>
- 2) Guadalupe The Miracle and Message (FORMED) - <https://watch.formed.org/videos/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message> * Important message in this video of reconciliation and healing with Indigenous Peoples.

Excerpt from the Book – In Sinu Jesu, When Heart Speaks to Heart

(The Journal of a Priest at Prayer)

Message from Jesus to the Priest - Sunday, February 1, 2009 – Eucharistic Friendship

I am here – really present – available to you at any hour of the day or night. I wait for you. I want to listen to the cares and preoccupations that you carry like a heavy burden. Give them all to Me. Trust in Me and I will act. I have told you this before: for Me nothing is insignificant. No detail of your life is too small and no sin of yours too shameful to be

brought to Me and to be abandoned at My feet. Yes, this is how My saints acted. They were certain that any difficulty entrusted to My Heart would find there the best of all possible solutions. Tell Me that you trust in My merciful love by letting go of the things that burden and oppress you. I am the Lord of all things in heaven and on earth, and to Me nothing is impossible.