

St. Mark's Church Announcements

December 8, 2022

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – December 8th

Please join us for Mass tonight at 7 pm for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Funeral Mass for Umberto De Furia – December 9th

It is with sadness that we share the news that one of our long-time parishioners and ushers has passed away. Umberto De Furia, 88, passed away in his home on December 6, 2022. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Umberto is survived by his wife, Isabella; sons, Tony (Sharon) and Nemo (Lucia); daughter, Anita; grandsons, Alexander, David and Massimo; granddaughter, Isabella. Umberto was a man devout in his faith. He served as an usher at the 9 am Mass every Sunday at St. Mark's Church for many decades. **His Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mark's at 12:00 pm on Friday, December 9th.** Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Confession Schedule (extra times for Christmas)

Tuesday, **Dec. 13th** from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, **Dec. 15th** from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, **Dec. 20th** from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday, **Dec. 23rd** from 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Every Saturday (except Christmas Eve) from 9:30 am–10 am & 4 pm–4:45 pm

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24, 2022

- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass
- Please note there will not be a 9 am Mass on December 24th

Sunday, December 25, 2022

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass

MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Saturday, December 31, 2022

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2023

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass

Squires' Giving Tree

The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the St. Mark's Squire Circle Advent Project the Tree of Life, "Giving Tree", on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon and St. Vincent de Paul Society. The tree will be located in the north entrance foyer of the Church until **December 18.**

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 endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbour.

Women's Recollection – December 12th

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life.

Date: Monday, December 12th

Confessions and Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Coat Request from St. Vincent de Paul Society

*The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St Mark's is looking for winter coats to support our Neighbours in Need. The Committee has become aware of an urgent need for gently used, adult women and men winter coats. If you have a gently used coat that you no longer need, which is in good, clean condition and which matches the sizes listed below, we would appreciate hearing from you! Please contact **Stefanie from our parish at 416 358 1600.***

Women's Sizes: One coat in a size small, Two coats in size medium, One coat in size large, Three coats in size extra large, One coat in size 1XL, One coat in size 2XL, One coat in size 4XL

Men's Sizes: Four coats in size medium – two of which would be suitable for teenagers

Women's Ministry Retreat – January 27th to 29th

The St. Marks Women's Ministry is excited to announce our very first women's retreat and we are looking forward to spending the weekend with all of you -- it will be a weekend filled with love, laughter, faith inspired activities, outdoor & indoor fun, strengthening our friendship and developing new ones! Just say, YES :)

When: Friday January 27th to Sunday January 29th, 2023

Where: Claremont Nature Centre 4290 Westney Rd, N, Goodwood

What to expect: The weekend will consist of a variety of fun activities, indoor and outdoor. You can choose activities from nature hikes in the forest, snowshoeing, making faith-inspired crafts, indoor fun games, catching up & chatting with friends, and a dance party on Saturday Night! A private Mass will be held on Saturday night by Fr Tad.

What is included: All meals from Friday night to Sunday, including snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. All indoor and outdoor activities will be accompanied by a guide. Sleeping accommodations. Shared washrooms and showers.

Cost: \$250 per person for the entire weekend. If you bring a friend, then you both get to save \$25 each, so \$225 per person.

How to register: Please email stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com and we will provide you with further instructions on how to sign up and reserve your spot for this amazing experience.

2022 Donations

Any donations you wish to make for 2022 must be received by December 26th, 2022. Anything after this date will apply to the 2023 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.

Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz

The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) Coming January 1, 2023

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