

St. Mark's Church Announcements

February 23, 2024

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2023 Financial Summary

Thank you to every parishioner who supported St. Mark's Parish in 2023 with your time, talent, and treasure. To see how your donations are being used, click the link below for the St. Mark's Parish 2023 Financial Summary:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/st.marksfinsumm2023vs22-and-notes.pdf>

It is our objective and hope to continue to pay down the mortgage this year and it is your sacrificial giving that will make this possible so again we say thank you and God bless all of you.

Healing Mass – Friday, February 23rd at 7 pm

We are glad to host in our Parish Fr. Ireneusz Lukanowski, a Pallottine priest from Poland, who will say Mass on Friday, February 23rd at 7 pm. The main parts of the Mass will be in Latin (Novus Ordo). After the Mass, we will also have Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament and special prayers for healing. Fr. Ireneusz has written books and recorded CDs about healing ministry which include some miracles that happened through faith and prayer. These books and CDs will be available for purchase before or after the Mass. Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus.

Lenten Poverty Lunch – Sunday, March 3rd after the 11 am Mass

Many of us do not know what it is like to go without food, so this Lent the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, together with the Women's Ministry, will be hosting its annual poverty lunch that includes a bowl of homemade soup, a bun and water to remind us of how lucky we are. **The lunch will take place on March 3rd after the 11 am mass in the Parish Hall.** Everyone is welcome. There is no cost, but a donation would be welcomed. See you on the 3rd!

Lenten Parish Mission – March 2nd to 6th

St. Mark's Church Lenten Mission in preparation for the Feast of Easter

Preacher: Fr. Dominic Joseph Borg, OCD

Topic: The Importance and Power of the Living Word of God in our faith journey

Dates & Times:

- Weekend Masses on March 2 and 3
- Monday, March 4 at 7 pm
- Tuesday, March 5 at 7 pm
- Wednesday, March 6 at 7 pm

Confession available Monday to Wednesday from 6 pm to 7 pm.

Everyone is invited to join us for this moment of Grace!

Extra Confession Times for Lent

Prepare for Easter by going to Confession.

Sat., March 2 – 9:30 - 10 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Mon., March 4 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Tues., March 5 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Wed., March 6 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Sat., March 9 – 9:30 - 10 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Sat., March 16 – 9:30 - 10 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Thurs. March 21 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Sat., March 23 – 9:30 - 11 am & 4 – 4:45 pm

Tues., March 26 – 6 pm to 7 pm

Wed. March 27 – 10 am to 11 am

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm.

Easter Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 28)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1st Celebration – 12:00 noon

2nd Celebration – 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

HOLY SATURDAY (MARCH 30)

NO MORNING MASS, NO 5:00 PM MASS &

NO CONFESSIONS

Blessing of the Food – 2:30 pm

Divine Mercy Novena – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass – 8 pm

Bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)

Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1 pm

No Children's Liturgy at the 9 am Mass

Divine Mercy Novena – 15 min. before all Masses

EASTER MONDY (APRIL 1)

Easter Monday Mass – 9:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration ever Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each **Friday from 9:30 am to 1 pm and on the First Friday of the month from 9:30 am to 7 pm ending with Benediction.** We ask for help to ensure at least 2 people in the church each hour of Adoration by **signing in** with the **paper registration sheet at the back of the church.** Please consider attending for even 5-10 minutes.

Coins for Life

The St. Mark's Squires will be handing out Coins for Life boxes on February 24th and 25th.

Your small change can lead to a BIG change and does help to save countless innocent lives. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. Every life from conception to natural death, which God created, is sacred and no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death, we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this **'little project' for life.** *The filled Coins for Life containers will be collected in April.*

A.V. Volunteers

Our audio-visual ministry is looking for new volunteers to set up mics and projectors, control the sound during Masses, and stream video of Mass to YouTube. If you have an interest in technology, media or the arts and would like to serve your parish community, please register using the QR code for an intro session. No experience is necessary as training will be provided. The ministry is open to both adults and young people 12 and over and volunteering with the ministry can be used toward high school community service requirements.



EDGE and LifeTeen

EDGE is a program for children in Grades 5 to 8 and it is held every 2nd and 4th Fridays in the parish hall from 6 pm to 8 pm. To find out more, go to:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/ministries/edge-ministry-gr.-5-8/>

LifeTeen is open to youth in Grades 9 to 12. It is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month in the parish hall from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. To find out more, go to:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/ministries/high-school-youth-gr.-9---12/>

For further information about our Youth Ministry, email our Youth Minister, Grant Lalata at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com. Follow us on Instagram: @stmarksyouthmin

Children's Room

For any families with young children, we would like to bring to your attention that we have a children's room in the church where you can sit with your little ones during Mass. When entering the church, go up the middle aisle. When you arrive at the cross aisle, you will see the Baptismal font on your right. If you turn to the left and walk towards the ramp, you will see a room with a large glass window. There is also a speaker in the room which allows you to hear the Mass and the glass window allows you to see the altar. We invite families to use this room so children can have space to move around, and parents can still participate in the Mass.

Bulletin Link

To view our weekly bulletins online, click the link below.

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