

St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

February 23, 2021

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Weekend Communion Services Suspended

Places of Worship are now permitted to have Mass in-person with 30% of our maximum capacity. As a result, we are suspending weekend Communion Services and resuming our weekend Masses. Please see details below outlining the process for reserving a ticket for weekend Masses held on Saturdays at 5 pm and Sundays at 9 am & 11 am.

New Mass Schedule (in-person and livestream)

Livestream Mass Schedule

Masses will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube> every Wednesday at 9 am and Sunday at 9 am (Mass will also be offered in-person to the public on these days).

In-Person Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – Mass at 5 pm (**registration required**), Confession from 4 pm to 4:45 pm

Sunday – Mass at 9 am and 11 am (**registration required**)

Monday – No Mass, Church will remain closed unless otherwise announced

Tuesday – Mass at 7 pm

Wednesday – Mass at 9 am

Thursday – Mass at 9 am, Eucharistic Adoration from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (beginning March 4th)

Friday – Mass at 9 am, Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 12 noon

Saturday Morning – Mass at 9 am and Confession from 9:30 am to 10 am

* Please note: The Cardinal continues **to provide dispensation from the Sunday Mass** for those who may not be able to attend for health/safety reasons or due to capacity restrictions.

Online Registration required for Masses on Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am & 11 am

Please register at www.stmarkstouffville.ca.

Reminders:

- The registration link to reserve your seat will be made active every **Wednesday at 7 pm**. Once you have clicked the link, you will be brought to an Eventbrite registration page.
- One registration form can be completed for a family who is attending together and who live in the same household.
- For one to two people attending together, choose 1 ticket. For three or more people attending together, choose 2 tickets. Only one person's name needs to be listed on the registration form.
- Once the registration form is completed, a ticket(s) will be emailed to you.
- If the Mass you are trying to register for is at maximum capacity, the system will not allow you to complete the registration. Please check if there is another Mass that weekend that still has room and register for that one instead.
- 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.
- If you have mobility issues, please indicate this when registering.
- Online registration is not required for Weekday Masses, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration

Sacrament of Confession Schedule

Fr. Michael will be available for the Sacrament of Confession **every Saturday following the morning Mass from 9:30 am to 10 am and again in the afternoon from 4 pm to 4:45 pm**. When you arrive, please sign in. You can also make an appointment to go to confession during the week by calling the church office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101.

Eucharistic Adoration – Thursdays and Fridays

We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time in Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Thursday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (beginning March 4) and every Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with Benediction. Online registration is not required to attend Adoration; however, we would like to ensure that there are **at least two people in the church each hour**. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. In the event of a funeral, Exposition will cease at 10:30 am. Notice will be posted on our website, or phone in to check.

Stations of the Cross- Lenten Fridays

The Stations of the Cross will be open to the public and livestreamed every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm. Registration is not required if you are attending in-person but we ask that you please sign in when you arrive. If viewing online, please go to our YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.

Church Open for Personal Prayer

The church will be open for personal prayer at the following times: Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4 PM. The **door will be left open**, so you do not need to use the buzzer but **please sign in and mark the spot where you are seated with a yellow post-it note sticker**. When you leave, please sanitize the spot where you were seated. You are strongly encouraged to come to the Church for personal prayer time.

Church Office

The Church Office will be open Tuesdays from 9 am to 3:30 pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 noon. Please make an appointment if you need assistance by calling 905-640-6954 ext. 101 and leave a message or email stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca.

Knight of Columbus Lenten Wheelchair Fundraiser

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are holding a Lenten Wheelchair Fundraising Campaign to support the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation. Since 2003, the Knights of Columbus have sponsored the delivery of tens of thousands of wheelchairs to those in need around the world. During this Lenten Season, the Wheelchair Fundraiser is an opportunity to give independence, freedom, and hope through the gift of mobility. Our council is setting a goal of \$2000 so we can donate 10 wheelchairs to individuals in need in Panama and Paraguay. You can donate online at www.kofc10874.ca or donate in-person after mass. All donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt. Thank you sincerely for your support and God Bless.

Online Lenten Faith Formation Programs

Journey Through Scripture - Parousia – The Bible and the Mass: In our latest Journey Through Scripture study, get ready to join host Scott Hahn to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Sign up to watch all 10 episodes for free at <https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>.

Virtual Ordinandi Dinner

Sponsored by the Serra Foundation of Canada, we will be holding a virtual Ordinandi Dinner on **Tuesday, March 2 starting at 7 p.m.** on the archdiocese's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArchdioceseofToronto>. We encourage parishioners to celebrate virtually our new priestly vocations and our seminaries. We hope you will join us as we meet and honour our ordinandi from St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary who, with God's grace, will be ordained to the priesthood in 2021. Share this unique opportunity to meet these fine men and to hear about their unique faith journeys that led them to this most noble commitment. There is no cost to view this event. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs of this event or to support our two seminaries, the Office of Vocations and Serra House or to obtain further information about this event, please visit <http://bit.ly/OrdinandiDinner>

Blood Donor Clinic

Blood donors are needed every day. There are over 5,000 appointments to be filled across Canada this month. During this difficult time, St. Mark's Knights of Columbus would like to encourage you to book an appointment to donate blood by going to www.blood.ca and searching for a donor centre near you, selecting an appointment date and time that suits you and then logging in to complete the booking. Thank you for supporting those in need!

EDGE and High School Youth Programs

EDGE is online on March 5th - Students in grades 5-8 are invited to register and participate. To register go to: <https://bit.ly/34fJ145>

High School Youth group is online on February 26th - High school students are invited to register and participate online. To register go to: <https://bit.ly/3igrnSK>

For further details, or to volunteer, email Camille at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com or follow our Instagram account @stmarksyouthmin.

Pre-Authorized Giving Program and Offertory Envelopes

Now more than ever, we need your support. We ask that you please continue to bring your offertory envelopes to the church and place them in the secure drop box located on the wall to the right of the front door entrance (this box is emptied each day).

Preferably, we ask that you consider signing up to give your donations through our pre-authorized giving program (PAG) to help cover the parishes many expenses and salaries. You can donate to our church from the comfort of your own home by signing up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). For more information, please visit our parish website here: stmarkstouffville.ca/contact/donations. Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the drop box. If you already give to the Parish via PAG, please consider increasing your donation if possible. Thank you for your generosity.

2020 Tax Receipts

Tax Receipts for 2020 will be handled by an Archdiocesan sanctioned outside company. We have been informed that tax receipts are scheduled to be mailed via Canada Post this week. There is no need to pick them up.

Stay Connected to St. Mark's Parish

St. Mark's Website link <https://stmarkstouffville.ca/>.

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://stmarkstouffville.ca/downloads/bulletins>.