

St. Mark's Church Announcements

February 24, 2022

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Funeral Mass for Maurice Vella – Registration Required

We are saddened to inform our parishioners of the passing of Maurice Vella. Many of you will remember Maurice as an usher at the 5 pm mass. He was also a faithful Knight for over 15+ years. Our deepest condolences have been extended to Maurice's family, including his dear wife, Marlene. For parishioners who would like to attend the funeral mass in-person on Saturday, February 26th at 11 am, we ask that you please register using the link as there is a limited number of spots available. The mass will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.

Registration link to attend in-person: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-mark-church-30476933546>

Ash Wednesday Masses - March 2nd at 9 am and 7:30 pm

There will be two masses on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Ashes will be distributed at both. Please note Eventbrite registration is **required for the 7:30 pm Mass** but is **not required for the 9 am Mass**.

Link to register for the 7:30 pm Mass: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-mark-church-30476933546>

Communion Service Mar. 6th and Apr. 3rd - Cancelled

As of March 1st, Places of Worship can increase capacity limits at their discretion. We will gradually be opening up more seating over the next few weeks, so we will be cancelling the Communion Services scheduled for Mar. 6 and Apr. 3. Masks are still required inside the Church.

Eventbrite Registration Still Required for Weekend Masses in March

To attend a weekend Mass on Saturday at 5 pm or Sunday at 9 am or 11 am, Eventbrite registration will still be required throughout the month of March.

Stations of the Cross – Every Friday During Lent

Beginning March 4th and continuing throughout Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Registration is not required to participate in the Stations of the Cross and Friday evening Mass. We encourage parishioners to make this spiritual exercise a part of their Lenten practice as we journey to the great celebration of Easter.

Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle – Mar. 1st

Every First Tuesday of the month, after the 7 pm Mass, parishioners are invited to attend the Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle at St. Mark's Church.

The cenacle is comprised of the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary, Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and reading and commentary on Our Lady's messages contained in the book "TO THE PRIESTS OUR LADY'S BELOVED SONS."

In her messages to Fr. Gobbi, Our Lady insistently calls - priests, religious and faithful – to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the First Pentecost. Why this insistence? What is most important in the world and in the Church today is the preparation for the Second Pentecost through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

Gold Rush Fundraiser

- Have you misplaced or lost gold/silver earrings and now you don't know what to do with the other one?
- Do you have any broken gold/silver bracelets or necklaces that you do not have time to fix?
- Do you have gold/silver jewelry that you no longer wear and don't know what to do with it? Well, we are here to help you with that.

Drop off your gold/silver jewelry to St. Mark's Church after any weekend mass from Saturday February 26th to Sunday March 20th and we will bring all of the pieces we collect to a gold / silver shop for a monetary exchange. Funds will go towards the St. Marks Building Fund. Pick up your Ziploc bag from the table set up in the foyer during the time period noted above, fill out the form and return the bag filled with your jewelry pieces you wish to donate. If you require us to pick up your jewelry, please call the office and leave your contact details. We will then arrange to come and pick up your jewelry. Thank you so much for your continued support towards the St Mark's Building Fund. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Women's Ministry Online Meeting – Feb. 28th

The next Women's Ministry online meeting, "Prepare for Lent", will be held on **Monday, February 28th at 7:30 pm**. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87370850470?pwd=MGTUeVdzU3liejJ0YTcrWGVrYzNMdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 7085 0470 Passcode: 040918

World Day of Prayer Service – Mar. 4th

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84781739458?pwd=VzRyYlNxeDZKTmloNUFtaDdsYXpPd09>

For more information: 905-640-1163 or www.StouffvilleUC.ca (Hosted by the United Church)

- Donate online: <https://wicc.org/donate-online/>
- Mail a cheque payable to: Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (or WICC), 47 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, ON, M5S 2C3 (please note World Day of Prayer on cheque)

Squires Coins for Life

The St. Mark's Squires will be handing out Coins for Life boxes beginning the weekend of February 26/27. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives from abortion. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours.

Knights of Columbus Recruitment

Are you a Catholic man 18 years of age or older? Do you want to grow deeper in your Catholic faith? Do you want to join a brotherhood with likeminded men to serve your community and parish? Then join the Knights of Columbus! The Knights help men answer the call to step up and live their faith. As a Knight, you benefit from faith formation resources on knights.net, a free subscription to the Order's Columbia Magazine, opportunities to grow in charity and faith, and access to our top-quality insurance program. Our council hosts various types of activities revolving around four categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. To learn more, visit us after mass this weekend or visit www.kofc10874.ca.

Knights of Columbus Online Raffle

The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council together with the Knights of Columbus of Ontario are holding an online 50/50 raffle for the first three months of 2022. 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 draws on March 1st. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes at each early bird draw are \$500, \$250, and \$250 respectively. The jackpot draw is on March 31st. 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. For more information and to buy tickets, visit the council website at www.kofc10874.ca.