

St. Mark's Church Announcements

January 12, 2022

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Mass for St. Joseph – January 14th

This Friday, St. Mark Council 10874 is hosting the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Mass. Please join us beginning at 6pm in-person or via live stream for the St. Mark Movie Premiere of “St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father”, followed by mass at 7pm and the rosary at 7:30pm.

Everyone who attends will receive a free St. Joseph Gift courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

Here is the YouTube link, feel free to share it with family and friends:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hQa2EuP0B0>.

Please join us!

New Friday Mass Time

Our Friday Mass has moved 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.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9 am to 12 noon ending with Benediction**. Registration is not required to attend Adoration; however, we ask for help to ensure we have at least two people in the church each hour of Adoration by signing in either with the paper registration sheet at the back of the church or on our Friday Holy Hour Eventbrite registration at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>.

We would like to expand the number of hours of Adoration each Friday so we have also set up an Eventbrite form for planning purposes where you can indicate if you would be able to attend Adoration for a certain timeslot each week between 12 noon and 7 pm. We hope to implement this sometime in the near future if we have enough parishioner support.

How to Grow Your Faith

How can we grow in our faith?

Some suggestions:

1. Pray: a few minutes a day in Praise for God our Creator, Contrition for our errors, in Thanksgiving for what we have, and Supplication...asking God for what we think we need BUT listening to what God tells us we need.
2. Read the Sunday Mass readings in advance and reflect upon the scripture readings as to what God is saying to you!
Try: loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection
3. Read the Bible in a Year with Fr. Michael Schmidt. 20-30 minute audio sessions where Fr. Schmidt reads and then offers commentary. Go to stmarksst.archtoronto.org and scroll way down to 'Bible in a Year'.
4. View/listen to engaging Catholic teachings. Go to 'YouTube' and then search for Companions of the Cross or Bishop Barron.
5. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) at least every few months.
6. Attend Mass weekly...physically or Livestream...no registration required for Tuesday to Saturday. (Tues and Fri at 7 pm; Wed, Thurs & Sat at 9 am)

Confirmation Classes – Beginning January 12th

The first preparatory Confirmation class will take place online via Zoom on Wednesday, January 12th

Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm.

Recollection for Women – January 17th

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: January 17, 2022

Confession: 7:00 pm

Talks given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:30 – 9:30pm

That Man Is You – Beginning January 22nd

Empowering men to take the next step in authentic male leadership, TMIY: The Battle Over the Bride focuses on their role as husband and their deep desire for self-sacrificial love. The program is divided into two, 13-week sessions and will be hosted every Saturday on Zoom beginning on January 22nd.

We will gather virtually at 8 am for a presentation followed at 8:30 am with breakout groups that provide the opportunity to discuss what's been presented. We will end no later than 9 am.

TO REGISTER GO TO: <https://www.kofc10874.ca/>

Thank You from the St. Vincent de Paul Committee

The St. Vincent de Paul Committee would like to thank Fr. Michael and the parishioners of St. Mark's for their continued support during 2021. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, donations to the Poor Box continued, allowing us to provide assistance to our Neighbours in Need in the Stouffville area and beyond. We look forward to your continued support in 2022. Please note: Donations with an envelope number receive a tax receipt. Thank you and God bless.

Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be

discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

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, John Paul II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU. This incredible documentary traces Pope St John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

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.