

# St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

January 14, 2021

## **Included in this edition of the St. Mark's email blast:**

- Sunday Communion Services (temporarily postponed)
- Church open for Personal Prayer only -Tuesday to Friday (no in-person Masses at this time)
- Sunday Masses live-streamed on our YouTube channel
- Church Office
- Women's Ministry virtual meeting via Zoom
- Knights of Columbus – “That Man is You” program
- EDGE and High School Youth programs
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## **Sunday Communion Services** (temporarily postponed)

Unfortunately, our church does not have the resources to offer Sunday Communion Services at this time. We hope to be able to offer these services again in the very near future. We will continue to keep you informed and of course keep you in our prayers.

## **Church Open for Personal Prayer**

There will be no in-person Masses during the lockdown, but the church will be open for personal prayer at the following times: Tuesday to Friday from 9:15 AM to 3:30 PM.

When you arrive, please ring the doorbell and check-in at the office. When you leave, please sanitize the spot where you were seated. There is a limit of 10 people in the building at any time.

## **Sunday Masses Live-streamed on YouTube**

At this time, we are unable to offer Mass to the public on weekdays and weekends as a result of the 10-person limit in the building. However, our recently acquired technology enables “live-streaming” of the Mass. This means that we will record and stream it ‘live’, as it happens, on the internet. Even though it is not the same as attending in person, when you participate in the Mass at home, we are still made one in the Lord.

Until further notice, all St. Mark's Masses will be live-streamed only on Sundays at 9 am. To see the livestream of our Sunday 9 am Mass, please go to our new YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.

We are thankful to our visiting Priests, Fr. Terry McKenna and Fr. Matthew McCarthy, who will celebrate the Sunday Masses for our parish community until Fr. Michael's return.

Please note: All weekday Mass intentions that have been booked from January 11<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> will be offered in private Masses celebrated by Fr. Michael.

## **Church Office**

The Church Office is currently closed to the public. However, if you need assistance, please call 905-640-6954 ext. 101 and leave a message or email [stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca).

## **Women's Ministry Meeting via Zoom**

We are excited to announce the FIRST Women's Ministry Meeting of 2021 will be on **January 27th at 7:30 pm** via ZOOM! This meeting will be all about how we can connect better with Mass, Confession, Prayer, and each other even in this time of social distancing and restrictions! We will be talking about upcoming events and lots of ideas to keep in touch safely, strengthen our families, grow in our spiritual lives, personal prayer, and our relationship with Jesus! Let's tap into ALL of God's Blessings and Graces in this NEW YEAR!

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 856 9642 1441 Passcode: 449713

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85696421441?pwd=UDNJZVlrNXVmMHB2eDEyNjRObkpKUT09>

To receive updates from the Women's Ministry, subscribe using this link: [https://equippingcatholicfamilies.com/st-marks-womensministry/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Women%27s+Ministry+2021](https://equippingcatholicfamilies.com/st-marks-womensministry/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Women%27s+Ministry+2021)

## **Knights of Columbus News**

Join *That Man Is You!* Spring Session begins Jan 16, 2020 on Zoom:

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for fellowship and faith on Saturdays beginning at 8 am on Zoom. All men are welcome. Learn more at [www.tmiy.org](http://www.tmiy.org). To register, please visit [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca). Watch a preview here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mT35KvINvM&t=22s>.

## **EDGE and High School Youth Programs**

**EDGE is online and will resume in January 15.**

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to register and participate online.

To register: <https://bit.ly/34fJ145>

**High School Youth group is online and will resume on January 22.**

High school students are invited to register and participate in Alpha for Youth online.

To register: <https://bit.ly/3igrnSK>

For further details, or to volunteer, email Camille at [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com) or follow our Instagram account @stmarksyouthmin.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We continue to pray for those who may need our comfort and support as we make shawls or lap throws for them. Our ministry would like to invite people who are able to knit or crochet these items to join. If you're interested, please email Consuella Tabone at [consuellatabone@gmail.com](mailto:consuellatabone@gmail.com). Also, yarn donations are gratefully accepted.

## **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](https://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.

## **Stay Connected to St. Mark's Parish**

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

**St. Mark YouTube Channel Livestream of Sunday 9 am Mass** 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>.