

St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

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Deacon Wayne's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

We would like to congratulate Deacon Wayne on the amazing milestone of his 25th Anniversary as a Deacon. St. Mark's Church is blessed to have him as one of our spiritual guides! We would like to invite parishioners to attend a Mass, offered for him, on **Tuesday, June 22nd at 7 pm**. Please **register on Eventbrite for tickets**, beginning on Friday, June 18th at 7 pm at <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>. For those who can't attend in-person, we will also livestream the Mass on our YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>.

Statement from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

CCCB Statement Delegation to the Holy See

The Catholic Bishops in Canada have genuinely heard the sincere invitation to engage wholeheartedly with the past and are deeply committed to take truly meaningful active steps together with Indigenous Peoples in view of a future filled with greater respect and cooperation. The recent discovery of children's remains at a burial site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia remind us of a tragic legacy still felt today. With the strong encouragement of Pope Francis, the Bishops of Canada have pledged true and deep commitment to renewing and strengthening relationships with Indigenous Peoples across the land. In recent years, regional and diocesan listening circles have taken place across the country in order to hear the stories from local Indigenous communities and their hopes for the future. Mutual listening is the beginning of our common efforts to bring about shared and long-lasting reconciliation, authentic healing and bridge building.

In conversation with Indigenous people and communities, both at the local and national levels, and bilaterally with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit national organizations, the Bishops, sponsors of this project, have been preparing, for over two years now, a delegation of Indigenous people to meet with the Holy Father to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing. This pastoral visit will include the participation of a diverse group of Elders/Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country. The event will likewise provide Pope Francis with a unique opportunity to hear directly from Indigenous Peoples, express his heartfelt closeness, address the impact of colonization and the implication of the Church in the residential schools, so as to respond to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma.

The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has stalled this project; however, the Bishops remain committed to moving forward with the delegation prior to the end of 2021, in compliance with international travel guidelines.

The delegation to the Holy See represents an important step on the journey of reconciliation and shared healing for Indigenous Peoples and the Church in Canada. Pope Francis, in his June 6, 2021 Angelus message, spoke about the shocking discovery of children's remains at the former Kamloops residential school and, while conveying sorrow and solidarity, emphasized the importance of "*walking side by side in dialogue and in mutual respect in the recognition of the rights and cultural values of all the sons and daughters of Canada.*" It is our hope that these forthcoming encounters – and the important collaboration and partnership that has supported the planning – will lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada.

A Message of Hope – click the link below to watch a video recorded in early June 2021 from Archbishop Richard Smith, Edmonton and Chief Wilton Littlechild <https://youtu.be/fPtpgvlsPAw>

ShareLife Collection – Rescheduled

ShareLife 2nd collection – the weekend of October 2-3, 2021 (this was the originally scheduled 3rd collection date);

ShareLife 3rd collection – the weekend of October 30-31, 2021.

St. Mark's Re-opening for Weekday and Weekend Masses

We look forward to welcoming you back to St. Mark's Church for Mass!

Mass Schedule (in-person and livestreamed)

Saturday Evening – Mass at 5 pm (registration required)

– Confession from 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

Sunday – Mass at 9 am (also livestreamed) 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 (also livestreamed)

Thursday – Mass at 9 am

Friday – Mass at 9 am

– Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 noon

Saturday Morning – Mass at 9 am

– Confession from 9:30 am to 10 am

Online Registration (required for weekend Masses only – Sat 5 pm, Sun 9 am & 11 am)

Please register at: <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>

The link will be made active every Wednesday at 7 pm. Once you have clicked the registration link, you will be brought to an Eventbrite registration page.

- One registration form must be completed for each person attending.
- If you are completing the registration for another family member, please put their name on the ticket not yours.
- 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, 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.
- Due to limited capacity, we are unable to accept walk-ins at this time.

***Online registration is not required for Weekday Masses, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration.

Confessions – New Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Saturday from 9:30 am to 10 am and 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

2021 Church Expansion Projects

The following Church Expansion Projects have not been forgotten and are currently moving forward.

1. **Artwork** – Discussions are taking place with the artist who will undertake the artwork for the wall behind the altar in the sanctuary. We hope to accomplish this project over the next year.
2. **Pew Plates** – The metal plates have been purchased. For those who have sponsored a pew, someone will be contacting you soon regarding the inscription.
3. **Blessed Virgin Mary Icon** – The icon has been completed and we expect delivery from the US in late summer/early fall.
4. **Confessional** – Meetings have been scheduled for this summer with the firm providing the carpentry work.

Parish Council Nominations

As the current parish year draws to a close at the end of June, we reach out to invite you to nominate a fellow parishioner to let their name stand to become a new Parish Council member to serve for a 2 or 3 year term to replace those who are about to complete their terms. Election draw to take place in July.

The Parish Council assists and advises Fr. Michael on strategic issues and works on special projects. They typically meet once every 4 to 6 weeks during the school year for about 6 meetings per year. If you feel called to share your talents with the church in this manner, please see the Parish website where you will find the Nomination form and Constitution (especially the Preamble) which gives the spirit, purpose, and nature of the Parish Council drawing from the documents of Vatican II, Canon Law, and the guidelines from the Archdiocese. These are located under the “Our Community” heading at the following link:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/parish-council-constitution/>

Completed nomination forms can be emailed to stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca or submitted to the office.

2020 Parish Comparative Financial Summary

The 2020 Parish Comparative Financial Summary is available to be picked up in the church foyer or you can view it on our website at:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/financial-summary-and-memo-2020vs2019.pdf>

Join the Knights of Columbus

Are you a Catholic Man (18+) looking to get more involved at St. Mark? Do you want to grow in your faith while helping others and supporting the Church? Do you want to become a better Catholic, husband, or father? Then look no further than the Knights of Columbus! The Knights of Columbus annually contributes nearly \$200 million to worthy charitable causes around the world, and our members donate nearly 100 million hours of their time. All our good works are supported by our core principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Our Faith in Action programs support our faith, the family, our community, and the defense of human life. To learn more and to join our council, please visit www.kofc10874.ca or email Grand Knight Nicholas at GK10874@ontariokofc.ca.

Food Drive Organized by the Knights of Columbus

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we've seen a rise in the use of food banks in our community and across Ontario. In response to this need, the St. Mark's Knights of Columbus are launching a food bank initiative. You are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food items to the church on **Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4, 2021 after all Masses**
Thank you in advance for your support.

Stay Connected to St. Mark's Parish

St. Mark's Website link: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>

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