

St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

June 2, 2021

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30 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - June 11 to June 12

For the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with Our Lord during our 30 Hour Adoration beginning on **Friday, June 11th at 6 am and finishing on Saturday, June 12th at 12 noon**. Please register for a one-hour timeslot on our website at www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org.

We will need to have at least 3 people scheduled for each hour during the night period from 10 pm to 6 am. If we do not get this commitment, we will have to drop the night hours and make it a 15 hour Eucharistic Adoration on June 11 from 6 am to 9 pm and another two and a half hours on Saturday morning from 9:30 am to 12 noon concluding with Benediction.

Excerpt from *In Sinu Jesu, When Heart Speaks to Heart – The Journal of a Priest at Prayer* by A Benedictine Monk

“My Father, too, is grieved by the coldness and indifference with which I, who am His Beloved Son, His eternal Priest, His immaculate Victim ceaselessly offered in the sanctuary of heaven, am treated on earth. This comes not from strangers, but from My very own.

I remain your Friend, the Friend of your heart. I am always present to you and My eyes are upon you at every moment. I desire your company. I long for the attention of your heart and for the consolation of your adoration, your reparation, and your love...Do what I have asked you to do. Live in adoration and reparation, and in thanksgiving for the inestimable gifts of the Sacrament of My love and of the priesthood. Seek Me out and remain before My Eucharistic Face, close, very close to My open Heart. I will do all the rest. Adore Me. Make reparation. Approach Me and remain with Me.”

Extended Church Hours for Personal Prayer

Tuesday to Thursday 9:30 am to 4 pm and 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Friday 12 noon to 4 pm

Saturday 10:30 am to 12 pm

Please ensure that the limit of 10 people in the building is not exceeded during these times. Registration is not required.

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 once we reopen.

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.

Chalice Sponsorship

For just \$37 a month, you can help a precious child in need. We hope many of you will respond to this appeal from an organization that brings Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ. Please see our website for further details.

www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org.

FORMED – Catholic Media

We are excited to inform all our parishioners that St. Mark's Church has a one-year Parish subscription to Formed. This means there is no cost to you to take advantage of this extensive collection of Catholic resources including thousands of Catholic books, movies, and documentaries. We encourage everyone to click on the link below and register! Join Formed for free by registering at: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/formed/>

St. Mark Squire Circle 5486

The members of St. Mark's Squire Circle are boys who are 10 to 18 years of age. Currently, they meet virtually on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. They are involved in 4 pillars of activity. **Spiritual** which involves them in their Faith, **Service** which is to help our neighbors in need like those helped by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Rose of Sharon, the Tree of Life, and the Giving Tree at St. Brigid School during Advent, **Circle** fun activities which will resume once the pandemic is over, and **Membership** when others are invited to join in these activities. For more information or to join, please contact Bob Tabone, St. Mark's Knights of Columbus or email GK10874@ontariokofc.ca.

Statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

A copy of the statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding the discovery of children's remains at a former residential school site in Kamloops, BC can be found at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/statement-from-the-ccb-following-the-recent-discovery-at-the-former-kamloops-residential-school/>

Please keep the deceased children and all those committed to healing and reconciliation in your prayers.

Prayers for the Sick and Deceased

Please pray for the sick and the recently deceased.

We pray for healing for Lina Bigioni, Gino Lupo, Ethan Emmanuel, Debbie Howard, Robert Bull, Ed Kidd, Garrett Geminiuc, Juliet Zarate, Maureen Morrison, Robert Mazucca, Bowman Lee and Rose Marie Scott.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Ed Ulbl, Andrine Mansi, Ossi Pierotti, Signorina Medina, Silvestro De Laurentis, Felicissima Dapat, and Margaret Herrera.

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: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations2/>. 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://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/>