

St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

June 9, 2021

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

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

Weekday Masses will resume beginning Friday, June 11 at 9 am

Weekend Masses will resume beginning Saturday, June 12/Sunday, June 13

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.

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 <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>.

We need to have at least 3 people scheduled for each hour during the night period from 10 pm to 6 am.

Statement from Cardinal Collins regarding Kamloops Residential School

To read Cardinal Collins' Statement regarding the Discovery of Children's Remains at former Kamloops Residential School and Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Residential Schools, please go to:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/statement-from-cardinal-thomas-collins-archbishop-of-toronto--re-discovery-of-childrens-remains-at-former-kamloops-residential-school/>

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>

ShareLife Collection – Rescheduled

The recent announcement that we will be able to celebrate Mass, starting this weekend, with 15% capacity, is a welcome and positive sign that we are moving forward. At the same time, we recognize that with the re-opening of parishes there will be many priorities for pastors and parish communities to address in the next few weeks.

Given this, after discussion with the Episcopal Board and the Chair of the ShareLife Advisory Board, we will be changing the second and third collection dates for ShareLife as follows:

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.

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.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will continue to be closed to the public with limited essential appointments only from Tuesday to Thursday. Employees will be working remotely wherever possible. **If you need assistance, please call 905-640-6954 ext. 101 to leave a message or email stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca.**

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

Registration is not required.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with Benediction. For this Friday, June 11, we ask you to please register online but after this Friday online registration will no longer be required. However, we would like to ensure there are at least two people in the church each hour. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

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.

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.

Courage International and Eden Invitation

Courage International and Eden Invitation are approved apostolates of the Catholic Church that counsel men and women with same-sex attractions in living chaste lives in fellowship, truth, and love.

For more information, go to: <https://couragerc.org/> and <https://www.edeninvitation.com/>

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, Maureen Morrison,, Sabrina Nobrega, Liane Zafiropoulos, Joven Talampas, Colin Li, Molly McConkey and Benice Hryniowski

We pray for the repose of the souls of Ed Ulbl, Ossi Pierotti, Signorina Medina, Silvestro De Laurentis and Michael Ryan.

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/>