

St. Mark's Church Announcements

March 10, 2022

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Updates to St. Mark's Protocols

St. Mark's Church will be gradually implementing the new Worship Safe Protocols over the next month. Thank God for the improvement we are experiencing and thus we are happy to announce the following changes are now in effect.

- **Online Eventbrite registration will continue throughout March** as we get a better sense of capacity constraints.
- Eventbrite **registration will NOW remain open up until the start of each Sunday Mass** or **until** all spots have been filled. Please ensure that you either have a hard copy of the confirmation ticket or that you have it on your phone to show the usher as you enter. The printed list will only be kept in reserve and for contact tracing purposes in the event of an outbreak during this time of transition.
- Throughout March, we will steadily but **gradually be increasing the number of attendees** at each Sunday Mass.
- We have fully **opened all pews in the front sections** of the church. If you are sitting in these front sections, please allow for a generous one metre spacing between social bubbles.
- The **rear section will continue with every alternate pew remaining open** for those parishioners who would prefer greater social distancing. This will steadily shrink so that only the core rear section will be double spaced.
- Those wishing to receive **Holy Communion on the tongue**, can do so beginning this weekend, March 12. However, those preferring this method will be asked to wait until all other parishioners have received Holy Communion and then they can come forward to Fr. Michael who will be located at the front centre aisle.
- **Masks** will no longer be required after March 21st.

Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Mark's Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph – March 19th

We invite everyone to attend the Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on **Saturday, March 19th at 9 am** (registration not required).

Bishop Boissonneau Visiting St. Mark's – March 19th/20th

We are blessed to have Bishop Boissonneau visiting St. Mark's Church and attending all weekend Masses on March 19th and 20th. We look forward to welcoming him to our Parish!

Video Links

1) Humorous piece on serious matter of the Great Reset

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G3nWyoQ5CQ>

2) Divine Mercy Center – Ukraine, What Heaven is telling us - Important

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wMi6iKhgdpl>

3) Good Geo-Political Discussion on Ukrainian Situation

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ppD_bhWODDc

Lenten Parish Retreat – March 24th

Everyone is invited to attend our Lenten Parish Retreat which has been scheduled for **Thursday, March 24th from 7 pm to 9 pm**. We have a dynamic speaker coming to our parish to help us enrich our journey through Lent. We hope you can join us!

Speaker: Robert LeBlanc

Topic: *Lenten Sacrifice – Easter Habit* This talk will reflect upon the 3 pillars of Lent of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving; and how our Lenten promises in these areas can help us form life-changing habits.

Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – March 25th

There will be evening Mass on Friday, March 25th at 7:30 pm for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 pm. We invite everyone to attend Mass and take part in this Solemnity!

All Day Confession – March 26th

Before Easter, it's important we prepare our hearts and souls for the great celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ by going to confession. **There will be a Day of Lenten Confessions on Saturday, March 26th from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm with visiting priests assisting Fr. Michael on that day.** Fr. Michael also offers the Sacrament of Confession every Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm.