

St. Mark's Church Announcements

March 16, 2022

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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!

Pope Francis to Consecrate Ukraine and Russia

Information out of the Vatican today confirms Pope Francis will consecrate Ukraine & Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday March 25, 2022, in response to the Ukrainian Bishops request. In order that the faithful may join in prayer with the Holy Father and for further information, click the link <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250674/pope-francis-to-consecrate-ukraine-and-russia-to-immaculate-heart-of-mary>

Video Links

1) LifeSite News – Consecration of Russia by Pope Francis

https://www.lifesitenews.com/episodes/what-the-popes-consecration-of-russia-will-mean-for-the-world/?utm_source=JHW_newsletter

2) Ask Your Bishop to Consecrate Russia with the Pope

https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/urgent-request-catholic-readers-ask-your-bishop-now-to-consecrate-russia-with-pope-francis-this-friday/?utm_source=featured&utm_campaign=usa

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3) Mother Teresa – Conditions for True Peace

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/now-is-a-good-time-to-recall-mother-teresas-sobering-words-on-the-conditions-for-true-peace/>

4) Ralph Martin – I never thought I'd see this happen

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=W4UFnb0wKwE>

5) Headlines – Consecration of Russia and Cardinal Pell

<https://www.churchmilitant.com/video/episode/news-2022-03-16>

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).

Women's Recollection – March 21st

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life.

Date: Monday, March 21st

Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and a Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei: 7 – 8:30 pm

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.

Women's Ministry Easter Cross Craft Workshop – March 28th

We will be painting wood crosses and our own Laura Ronco (With All My Heart Designs) is designing some fabulous stickers to embellish the crosses! Perfect timing for Sacrament Gifts and Easter décor!

Monday, March 28th from 7:30 pm - 9 pm Easter Cross Craft Workshop

St Mark's Church Hall (basement)

Cost – To be determined (this information will be provided in a future email blast)