

# St. Mark's Church Announcements and Updates

May 19, 2021

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## Mary Ann and Lad Mehes Retirement – Message of Appreciation

We wish to share our gratitude and appreciation for our forever memorable retirement event.

In our appreciation for your outstanding friendship and generosity, we humbly wish to thank the following:

Fr. Michael for being a wonderful Pastor, special friend & employer. Fr. Leslie Tamas for being a friend and a spiritual comfort. Deacon John Schwarzbauer and Deacon Wayne McCulloch for their exceptional friendship and exemplary dedication as a Pastoral Team.

Charles Barnes and the Parish Council for preparing a lovely COVID-compliant reception.

Nicholas Quadrini, Grand Knight representing St. Mark's Knights of Columbus for acknowledging our time at St. Mark's with an Award of Merit. We are overwhelmed by the acknowledgment and presentation of certificates of recognition from Cardinal Collins, Premier Doug Ford, Paul Calandra MPP and Mayor Iain Lovatt.

Lisa & Mark Baker and family and Francis & Geraldine Kelly, backbones of the church.

Kyle & Charmaine Medina for their wonderful gift of music and song for our mass.

Sig Kusatz and Cellie Canaon and many others for providing a photographic record of this special day.

Our staff, Emy Lomibao-de Asis, and volunteers Cellie Canaon and Maureen Morrison, and our colleagues from the past Rose Cabrelli and Alba Trentadue.

Lisa Baker, special friend and extraordinary colleague, who assisted in planning Fr. Michael's vision of a Retirement Farewell.

We wish a special thank you to all our extraordinary friends not being included in the above captioned segment of this appreciation note. Volunteers and parishioners who kindly dropped in or participated in the spectacular drive by and presented us and sent their wonderful wishes and gifts.

Forever your humble friends,

Mary Ann and Lad Mehes

## **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Eucharistic Adoration May 31**

The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, May 31st with a livestreamed Mass at 9 am followed by **Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 12 noon**. Registration for Adoration, in half hour timeslots, will take place through our website at [www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org).

## **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](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org). Fr. Michael would like to have 3 people scheduled for each hour during the night period

## **Pope Francis Requests Us to Pray for an End to the Pandemic**

Pope Francis is inviting Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. In line with Pope Francis' request, Fr. Michael would like to encourage everyone to pray the Rosary with your family each night for an end to the pandemic. As well, he would like to invite 9 people to register to come to the church to **pray the Rosary publicly each Thursday in May from 7 pm to 7:30 pm and for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. The registration link will open on Wednesday at 7 pm on our website at [www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org).

## **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 June or July depending on Covid.

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 for the Parish Council Nomination Form 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](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca) or submitted to the office by May 31.**

## **Women's Ministry Glory and Praise Evening – May 31**

We are SO EXCITED to announce that our own **Michael and Michelle Dizon** will be providing the sweet sounds of Praise and Worship for our **Annual Glory and Praise Event on May 31st at 7:30pm, on ZOOM this year.**

### **TWO THINGS to BRING to the Zoom Meeting:**

- 1. Prayer Intentions** (there will be a share time for prayer intentions or you can add your prayer intentions to the CHAT at the event)
- 2. a LIT candle OPTIONAL:** picture/statue of Jesus/Our Lady, Holy Water, prayer journal

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83001522036?pwd=cVRvSEJDZ0xObjFKUXZ2MDNaR0ZTUT09>  
Meeting ID: 830 0152 2036 Passcode: 328640

## **Chalice Sponsorship**

For just \$37 a month, you can help a precious child in need. During the homily on May 29 and 30, a speaker from Chalice will address parishioners virtually. 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](http://www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org).

## **Humanitarian Relief for India**

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis that is already in India helping those who are suffering. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone at 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
St. Mark's Church – India COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

## **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/>

## **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/>