

# St. Mark's Church Announcements

October 27, 2021

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## 40 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

### **40 Hour Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**

**Beginning October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 am until October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 pm**

We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with Our Lord during our 40 Hour Adoration beginning Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 am and ending on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 pm. Let's thank Our Lord for His love and protection!

**Please register for a one-hour timeslot at:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-mark-church-30476933546>

**\*\*\*\* We especially need people to sign up on Saturday from 1 pm to 9 pm. \*\*\*\***

## Solemnity of All Saints (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>) and the Feast of All Souls (Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

During November, the *Month of the Holy Souls*, we join the whole Church, in prayerful remembrance of all the faithful departed including our family members and friends and those in our parish community. **We remember and pray for them, both on All Souls Day, November 2nd and each of our Friday Masses during this month.**

If you would like your loved ones to be remembered and included in our Masses, please write down their names on the ALL SOULS envelopes available in the foyer.

**For the entire month of November, there will be a glass vase in front of the altar.** You may place your ALL SOULS envelope in the receptacle.

### ALL SAINTS MASS

**Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am**

### ALL SOULS MASSES

**Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am and 7 pm**

## Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle – Every First Tuesday

The cenacle is comprised of the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary, Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and reading and commentary on Our Lady's messages contained in the book "TO THE PRIESTS OUR LADY'S BELOVED SONS."

In her messages to Fr. Gobbi, Our Lady insistently calls - priests, religious and faithful – to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in

Jerusalem awaiting the First Pentecost. Why this insistence? What is most important in the world and in the Church today is the preparation for the Second Pentecost through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

### **Upcoming Cenacle Dates**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021 and Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

**Time: 7:45 to 8:45 pm (following the 7 pm Mass)**

Everyone is welcome to attend (registration is not required)

### **Icon of Jesus and Mary Arrives at St. Mark's**

Last weekend, Sr. Minh from Upstate New York travelled to Stouffville to deliver the Icon of Jesus and Mary that she was commissioned to paint by Fr. Michael for our Parish. Sr. Minh has tremendous experience in iconography, and it is a blessing from God that we now have this beautiful Icon at St. Mark's. It will be placed on the wall on the side of the church where the organ is located. We are thrilled to have our new Icon of Jesus and Mary and we are grateful to Sr. Minh for her exceptional work and for those families who sponsored this commission. If you would like to hear the full story regarding the creation of the icon, please go to our YouTube page and click on the link for the October 24<sup>th</sup> Mass:

<https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube>

### **Pew Plate Inscription Responses**

We encourage those parishioners who sponsored a pew to please provide their pew plate inscription responses as soon as possible to [stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkscampaign@bellnet.ca). Thank you.

### **Confirmation Program – Coordinator and Volunteers Needed**

#### **Coordinator**

We are in need of someone to act as Coordinator for our Confirmation program. This is a paid position. It will require becoming familiar with the Chosen Program and the DVD segments, running two training evenings for the small group leaders, and attending and leading the 9 classes that take place on Wednesday evenings in the months of January to March. Also, coordinating the retreat in April. The ideal person will be familiar with using the Zoom platform and other programs and technology. If interested in hearing more about this position, please email [stmarkschurch@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkschurch@bellnet.ca).

#### **Volunteers**

Our Confirmation Program is set to begin in January. A number of parents have volunteered to help with the preparatory classes for the children; however, we are still in need of 3 or 4 more volunteers to allow the program to run smoothly.

You do not need to be an expert in Catechism to become a volunteer: you will be given a copy of the Leader's Guide, as well, the program coordinator will train you. You need only to be willing to engage with the youth and to do your best.

Volunteers will lead a group of 7 – 8 young people via Zoom. Throughout the program, the candidates view DVD segments related to the faith and the Sacrament of Confirmation. The volunteers then facilitate discussions in their small group about what was presented in the DVD.

#### **Requirements**

- Two Training Sessions the first will take place on January 6 via Zoom
- Approximately a half an hour of preparation for each class to review material to be discussed
- One and a half hours on the day of each class (there are 9 online classes that run on Wednesday evenings in the months of January to March and a retreat day in April)

If interested in volunteering, please email [stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarkspastoral@bellnet.ca).

### **Coats for Kids**

The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council has identified a local community need for winter coats for children. Our council will run a Coats for Kids fundraiser with a **target goal of \$1,700**. This will allow us to purchase 60 coats for children in Stouffville schools who are in need of winter jackets. Parishioners can donate money in-person on the **weekend of November 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>** after the Masses or on our website at [www.kofc10874.ca](http://www.kofc10874.ca). Please help us reach this goal to keep our kids warm this winter.

## **Knights of Columbus Raffle**

The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council are holding an online 50/50 raffle for the last three months of 2021. By purchasing tickets, you will help fund charitable causes at the local and provincial level. Buy your tickets early to be able to participate in the early bird draws on November 1st and December 1st. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes at each early bird draw are \$500, \$250, and \$250 respectively. The jackpot draw is on December 31st. All tickets will only be sold to people who are 18 years of age or older. Online 50/50 tickets must be purchased in Ontario. Visit the council website at [www.kofc10874.ca](http://www.kofc10874.ca) for more information and to buy tickets.

## **St. Vincent de Paul – Members Needed**

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for new recruits to help serve our Neighbours in Need in the Stouffville area. The time commitment is quite manageable. We meet once a month (remotely) and go out periodically to visit our Neighbours, dropping off food vouchers mostly. We are also looking for volunteers to take on administrative roles. Please **contact Tom Donoghue (905-642-8085) or the church office for more information.**

## **Bridge of Roses Documentary**

***Bridge of Roses: The Story of Our Lady of the Cape* is a faith-affirming documentary that recounts the remarkable story of Cap-de-la-Madeleine near Trois Rivieres, Quebec – its missionaries, miracles and 400 year relationship with the Mother of God.” - from our National Shrine Notre Dame du Cap -**

The video is so nicely created with a re-enactment of **The Story of Our Lady of the Cape** starring **Bishop Scott McCaig** and **Fr. Ben St. Croix** and featuring inspiring interviews from two Priests from the **Companions of the Cross, Fr. Roger Vandenakker** and **Fr. Mark Goring**, as well as **Fr. Donald Calloway** of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. We are so blessed to have Our Lady of the Cape, our own National Shrine in Quebec, Canada! **To stream the movie on Vimeo, go to: <https://www.bridgeofrosesfilm.com/>**