

# St. Mark's Church Announcements

October 6, 2021

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## St. Mark's Parish Financial Update as of August 2021

Dear Parishioners:

Please note the following.

- The offertory collections increased by 4.8% for the January-August timeframe of 2021 vs 2020. The operating expenses remained consistent with the previous year.
- The mortgage collections decreased by 8.2%. Since our Mortgage balance as at August 31, 2021 is \$3.44 million, we are asking for your help with an increase in donations in order to pay down the mortgage balance.
- St. Mark's Church belongs to all of us and our commitment to the centre of our spiritual life is even more critical during this COVID pandemic.
- An easy way to make your offerings to St. Mark's is with PAG (Pre Authorized Giving) which is simply contributing directly from your bank (similar to paying your utilities).
- PAG has grown more popular with almost a 50% increase since January. You have the flexibility to adjust your monthly contribution if your circumstances change. We understand the uncertainty of these times.
  - To sign up for PAG, go to <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations2/>. Scroll down and print the PAG form. Complete the form and add a void cheque in an envelope marking it "CONFIDENTIAL PAG" and place it in the offertory collection. PAG pamphlets are available in the Church Lobby/near the office. Yes, you may still use your weekly envelopes if you wish.
- We thank everyone who contributes to our Parish. Will you consider the PAG option and **will you please pray and consider an increase in your donations?**

Thank you for your support and blessings to each of you and your family,

Fr. Michael Hughes

**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://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>**

**(at least 3 people required per hour)**

Excerpt from the book In Sinu Jesu – When Heart Speaks to Heart, The Journal of a Priest at Prayer  
(The interior words spoken to the priest by Jesus)

“I wanted you to come here to console Me and to be for Me a living flame of love. I was waiting for you here. My Heart was yearning for your presence. I am here, silent and still, waiting for at least one soul to recognize My real presence and offer Me the consolation of a visit, of an expression of adoration and of love. Who knows about the friendship I offer to all from the tabernacles where I dwell hidden and, for the most part, forgotten? My Eucharistic love is unknown because so few have experienced it for themselves and because so few dare to make it known.”

## **Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle – Every First Tuesday of the Month**

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**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

**Time: 7:35 to 8:45 pm (following the 7 pm Mass)**

**Everyone is welcome to attend** (registration is not required)