

St. Mark's Church Announcements

May 5, 2022

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Parish Financial Report - 2021

To view the Parish Financial Report for 2021, please click on the attachment.

Gold Rush Fundraiser – Thank You!

The St. Mark's Gold and Silver Rush Fundraiser was a tremendous success, raising nearly \$17,000 for the Parish! We would like to sincerely thank those who brought in bags of jewellery to donate to the church. A special thank you to **Tim Flynn**, who brought the idea forward and also did a lot of the leg work, and **Antonietta Botticelli** for all of her hard work in promoting the fundraiser which was supported by the Women's Ministry. **Tax receipts will be issued in the New Year.**

Pro-Life Lawn Sign Distribution – May 7th & 8th

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are distributing beautiful pro-life lawn signs after all masses the weekend of **May 7/8**. The message, "God Loves You and the Baby, Choose Life", is a beautiful sign to our community that we stand for unborn children in the womb. To help cover the cost of each sign, **a donation of \$10 is appreciated.** All proceeds will help subsidize the bus from Markham heading to the March for Life in Ottawa. Every lawn sign also comes with a ticket to win a beautiful Mother's Day pro-life gift basket, sponsored by our KofC wives.

Video Links

To view videos listed in past email blasts, go to:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/prophetic-articles---church--world/>

1) 6 Companies Control 90% of What You Read, Watch and Hear. Here's Why You Should Care

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/6-companies-control-90-percent-read-watch-hear-why-care/>

2) New report recommends turning the Armed Forces into a secular theocracy | National Post

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/raymond-j-de-souza-new-report-recommends-turning-the-armed-forces-into-a-secular-theocracy>

3) Do You remember, "The Rest of the Story"? (This was 1965 and it has come true 100%)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LWPcEo2gV0>

4) BBC News: James Webb Space Telescope in final stretch

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-61268680>

5) Klaus Schwab

<https://youtu.be/OwQ3fW0dgNo>

Drivers Needed

We are looking for volunteers who are able to provide a drive for elderly parishioners to Sunday Mass either weekly, biweekly or monthly. If you are able to help, please contact Lisa Baker at lbaker@archtoronto.org or at 905-640-6954 ext. 103

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday – May 28th & 29th

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a **Container Unit in our church parking lot on the weekend of May 28th and 29th** accepting donations of clothing, footwear, small household goods, bedding, and toys. Please note they do not accept dishes, furniture, books, video/audio cassettes or mattresses. Please bring your donations and help others in your community.

Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – May 31st

On the Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be Mass at 7:30 pm followed by a small candlelit Marian Procession accompanied by the recitation of the Holy Rosary to finish at 9 pm at the latest. If you are able to assist with the organization of the procession, please email lbaker@archtoronto.org.

Knights of Columbus - Awards and Thank You!

Congratulations to St. Mark's Knights of Columbus council on receiving the following **awards**:

- Division Five Winner for Life Programs
- Silver Trillium Award
- Fourth highest contributor in Ontario to the Canadian Wheelchair program

We would also like to thank the Knights for organizing a successful **food drive** last weekend. Approximately **500 lbs of food were collected** and brought to the Stouffville Food Bank. Thank you to our parishioners for their continued generosity. "Leave no neighbour behind...."

St. Vincent de Paul Summer Camp Opportunity

St. Vincent de Paul will run its summer camps again this year, for children from less fortunate families. Marygrove Camp for girls (5-13 years) and Camp Ozanam for boys (7-12). All campers must be fully vaccinated. For more information, or if you know of a child who would benefit, please contact St. Vincent de Paul via the parish office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101.

Treadmill for Sale

Fr. Michael would like to sell his treadmill. It's 15 years old and was only lightly used over the first three years. Proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul and a tax receipt can be issued to the purchaser. Best Offer accepted.

Archdiocese of Toronto - Ontario Election 2022

The Archdiocese of Toronto wants every eligible Ontarian to vote in the provincial election happening on June 2, 2022.

One of the five core directions of the [Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan](#) (Evangelization of Society) calls on us to be engaged in the public square. *Gaudium et Spes*, which is a product of the Second Vatican Council, tells us that citizens "should be mindful of the right and also the duty to use their free vote to further the common good."

As a charity, the Archdiocese of Toronto must remain non-partisan and cannot direct the Catholic community to vote for a particular candidate or party. What we can do is educate voters and to ensure they are informed to make a responsible decision on election day. We can also share information on issues from a Catholic perspective.

On this page you will find a number of non-partisan resources to help you discern your vote.

The materials below are the product of a unique partnership among the [Archdiocese of Toronto](#), [St. Monica Institute](#), [Salt+Light Media](#) and [The Catholic Register](#).

Debate

The Archdiocese of Toronto is also excited to announce that we will host an **Ontario Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective on Wednesday, May 18 starting at 7:30 p.m.** You can watch the debate on The Archdiocese of Toronto's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). It will also be broadcast live on [Salt+Light TV](#). The debate will be moderated by Peter Stockland, publisher of [The Catholic Register](#), and will feature representatives from the major political parties.

This debate will build off of the [Archdiocese of Toronto's 2019 Federal Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective](#), which was viewed by more than 12,000 people and was the #1 trending topics on Twitter in Canada that night.

We believe that the public is eager for substantive, respectful dialogue on political issues, which we will provide with these resources. And we will try to serve the faithful from across the province who are engaged and active citizens. Please join the conversation by using the hashtag: #CatholicVote2022.