

# St. Mark's Church Announcements

## December 1, 2021

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### **Christmas Pageant**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO: St. Mark's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant and Concert on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**

**The Christmas Story "Jesus – The Light in Our Darkness"** The children and their families will perform the Christmas Nativity Story. Please join in celebrating this blessed season with carol singing led by St. Mark's Choir members.

We invite you to watch the Pageant and Concert via livestream on St. Mark's YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/StMarkYouTube> or you can register for tickets to attend in-person at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>

Walk-ins will also be permitted depending on numbers. For information email: [eugenievlandry@rogers.com](mailto:eugenievlandry@rogers.com).

### **Marian Movement Cenacle – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

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.

Next Cenacle: Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 to 8:45 pm (after the 7 pm Mass)

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

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for Mass at St. Mark's Church on Wednesday, December 8th at 9 am or 7:30 pm on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (registration is not required).

Brown Scapulars will be given out to all those who would like one.

### **Advent All Day Confessions – Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**CORRECTION:** An error was made during last weekend's Mass announcements. The Advent All Day Confessions will take place on December 11<sup>th</sup> not December 4<sup>th</sup>.

All day confessions will begin at 9:30 am and continue until 4:45 pm on Saturday, December 11th. Fr. Michael and other visiting priests will hear confessions on that day.

Please note: There will be a Baptism taking place at 2 pm on December 11<sup>th</sup> but you are still welcome to enter the church to attend confession at the same time. Please go up the left side isle to the family room.

## **Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule**



### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

*Friday, December 24, 2021*

- ◆ 4:00 pm Family Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 9:00 pm Mass

*Saturday, December 25, 2021*

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass

\* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

*Sunday, December 26, 2021*

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass



### **MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

### **SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)**

*Friday, December 31, 2021*

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm – 12 Midnight Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

*Saturday, January 1, 2022*

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass

\* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

*Sunday, January 2, 2022*

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass

\*\*\* Registration required for all of the above Masses. Tickets can be reserved beginning **December 16<sup>th</sup> online at:**

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/> \*\*\*

## **Carrying of the Baby Jesus – Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at the 4 pm Mass**

We are looking for a child who would like to carry the Baby Jesus and place him in the manger at the front of the church during the 4 pm Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please pick up an entry form in the church foyer. There will be a draw from the forms submitted.

## **Knights of Columbus Poinsettia and Christmas Card Sales**

The last day to order Poinsettias for the Knights of Columbus Rose of Sharon fundraiser is **Wednesday December 1st.**

Order online at [www.kofc10874.ca](http://www.kofc10874.ca).

Poinsettias can be picked up on **Saturday, December 11th** or after one of the Masses on that weekend.

Christmas Cards can be purchased or picked up after one of the Sunday Masses up to **December 12th**.

## **Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon**

### **St. Mark's Squire Circle 5486 Spiritual Advent Project**

The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the lighting of the Tree of Life on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon. The tree will be located in the entrance foyer of the Church from **November 27 to December 19** and it will be manned by a Squire and a Counsellor from St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

There will be a suggested list of various items to consider with regards to food cards, baby & toddler clothing, essential toiletries for babies, toddlers, and mothers.

Your support of this Advent endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires and the Knights of Columbus, but above all by the people it will serve during this time when we welcome Our Lord in our neighbor. The Squires' motto is, "Leave no Neighbour Behind"

## **New Friday Mass Time Beginning January 7<sup>th</sup> & Expanding Adoration**

Beginning **Friday, January 7th, 2022**, our Friday Mass will move from 9 am to 7 pm. We hope this will allow more of our parishioners, who may not be able to get a ticket for a weekend Mass, to attend. Registration is not required for the Friday Mass. Eucharistic Adoration will still continue each Friday but will begin at 9 am instead of 9:30 am and go until 12 noon. Hopefully in the future, if we can find enough support to have at least two people in the church every hour on a Friday, we can extend the time to 3 pm or even until the start of Mass at 7 pm.

## **Envelope Boxes for 2022 Year**

Envelope Boxes for 2022 are ready for pickup in the foyer. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.

## **New St. Mark's Website**

St. Mark's website has a new URL. Please use the following address in your web browser to access our new site: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/> or Google St. Mark's Stouffville and the first search result will take you to our new website. Our old website is no longer active.

## **Sign Up for Formed**

Over 4,000 Catholic titles now available on almost any device!

Advent is the perfect time to dive into the beauty of the Faith: at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of Catholic books audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies...there is something for every member of the family to help them to grow closer to Christ and His Church.

Join Formed for FREE by registering at: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/formed/>.

## **Abort Abortion - Video Link**

Fr. Michael would like to urge all parishioners to storm heaven with prayers, good works and sufferings so that the U. S. Supreme Court will put an end to the demonic scourge and holocaust of abortion. Click on the link for the video to learn more: <https://bit.ly/3xGJwSO>.

# **Messages from Our Lady to Fr. Gobbi**

## **When the Son of Man Returns (March 13, 1990)**

Also, in another part of Holy Scripture, in the letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, it is clearly announced that, before the glorious return of Christ, a great apostasy must take place. The loss of faith is a true apostasy. The spread of the apostasy is therefore the sign which indicates that the second coming of Christ is, as of now, close at hand. At Fatima, I have foretold to you that a time would come when the true faith would be lost. These are the times. Your days are marked by this painful and significant situation, which was foretold to you in Holy Scripture: the true faith is in the process of disappearing in an ever increasingly greater number of children.

## **In Expectation of His Glorious Return (March 26, 1989)**

Christ Risen is alive in your midst. Do not fear: He is guiding the events of human history to the realization of the Will of the Heavenly Father and of his great plan of salvation. Christ Risen is now seated in heaven upon his throne of glory, at the right hand of the Father. Do not allow yourselves to be discouraged by the momentary triumph of evil and of sin. Do not let the present victory in the world – the victory of the obstinate rejection of God, of rebellion against his Law of love and of a so universal impiety – sadden you. Nor should you allow yourselves to be seized by doubt or lack of confidence in seeing the Church so wounded and stricken, ensnared, and betrayed. Live always in joy and in a firm hope, in expectation of his glorious return.

Excerpt from: To The Priests Our Lady's Beloved Sons

## **Prayer Journal Found**

A prayer journal has been found in the church. Please contact the office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101 if you think it might belong to you.