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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 2nd @ 7 pm

- † Ella & Malloy Family req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Elizabeth Marter req. by Shirley Miller & Lynn Sullivan
- † Sid Majaralie req. by Maureen Lawson
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary req. by Caterina Guastella

Wednesday, January 3rd @ 9 am

- † Outen Family req. by Ann Marie Munro

Thursday, January 4th @ 7 pm

- † Sid Majaralie req. by St. Mark's Choir

Friday, January 5th @ 9 am

- † Susan Morewood req. by Mary Powell
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 7 pm**
- @ 7 pm**
- Intentions of Fr. Tad

Saturday, January 6th

- @ 9 am**
- † Alberto & Giuseppina DiRienzo req. by DiRienzo Family
- † Soosai Villava & Sagayam Villava Rayen req. by Ryshanth
- † Jano Finammal Rodrigo req. by Ryshanth
- † David Silveira req. by Silveira Family
- In Thanksgiving for Elizabeth Cong req. by Diep
- @ 5 pm**
- † Dave Stevenson req. by Rose & Erika

Sunday, January 7th

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)**
- † Clarita Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina
- @ 11 am**
- † Ted Cybruch req. by Gladys Cybruch

Pray For the Sick

Kenneth Pereira, Melanie Aniceto



Confessions

Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm
or by appointment



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9:30 am to 1 pm and on the First Friday of the month from 9:30 am to 7 pm ending with Benediction.** We ask for help to ensure at least two people in the church each hour of Adoration by **signing in with the paper registration sheet at the back of the church.** Please consider attending for even 5 - 10 minutes.

Is God Calling You

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997.**

Email vocations@archtoronto.org
Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



The 2024 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer.



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Mass: Monday, January 8th at 9 am

2023 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2023 donations on Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Any donations you wish to make for 2023 must be received by **December 31st, 2023.** Anything after this date will apply to the 2024 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office.

Prayer Service for Christian Unity
Sunday, January 21st at 4 pm

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m.

Venue: St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2)

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Celebration of Marriage at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
Sunday, February 11th at 3 pm



As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long. To sign-up for the St. Mark's Pre-Authorized Giving program, please go to:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/>
Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket. Forms are also available in the lobby of the church.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>

DECEMBER 31, 2023

New Year's Message from Fr. Tad



On New Year's Day we not only start another calendar year, but we also celebrate Mary as the

Mother of God. It is also the day when we pray for peace in the world. Of course, that peace starts in our hearts, in our families and our communities.

Let us pray that Mary, Mother of Jesus, called also Prince of Peace, may pray with us and for us that we will have this peace that we all want. We also pray for peace especially in the countries or places where there is war and strife like in the Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.

Peace and Blessings to you and yours.

With prayers, Fr. Tad, Deacon John, Deacon Wayne, Deacon Gordon and the staff of St. Mark's Parish

Fr. Leslie's 90th Birthday

St. Mark's Parish thanks our Gracious God and the Holy Spirit on Fr. Leslie's 90th Birthday on Wednesday, December 20th. Fr. Leslie was ordained in May 1960- thus over 63 years as a priest. Blessings to you Fr. Leslie!



Also, Fr. Leslie wishes to thank his church friends who have sent him cards or notes.

He appreciates your kindness and sends his blessings.

40th Anniversary Church Directory Last Chance to Book a Photo Appointment



A beautiful church photo directory will be given free to parishioners who book an appointment to have their photo taken. To make an appointment, go to our website at www.stmarksst.archtoronto.org.

The last day photos will be taken at St. Mark's is on Saturday, January 6th from 10 am to 3 pm.

Christopher Leadership Course



Ready for a transformation that will truly astound you?

The Christopher Leadership Course is Canada's best-kept secret ... an incredible journey to develop self-confidence, overcome shyness, and elevate your leadership skills through the medium of public speaking.

Imagine the course taking place right here in our parish! **But there's a catch** – we need YOUR interest to make it happen. The Christophers will bring in a team of skilled instructors, but we require between 15 to 25 students to bring this unique experience to life.

If you are interested in learning more, leave your name and phone number with Lisa and a Christopher instructor will call you to provide more information and answer questions.

You can also email Lisa Baker, Pastoral Administrator at lbaker@archtoronto.org or visit the Christopher website at www.clctorontoeast.com.

Register today and unlock your inner leader!



January 26th to 28th

We are SO excited to announce our 2nd Women's Ministry Retreat Jan 26-28, 2024.

The first one was such a blessed event! Let's do that again! It will be a weekend filled with love, laughter, and Faith, with inspired videos about the Holy Spirit, reflection and discussion, outdoor & indoor fun, strengthening our friendships, and developing new ones! Just say, YES :)

This weekend will consist of specially curated, inspiring videos about the Holy Spirit and how we can activate the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, receiving and exercising the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, with reflection, discussion and sharing: love, laughter, and Faith, sprinkled with an outdoor adventure and bonfire ...and indoor activities and prayer crafts.

Also, on Saturday evening, there will be Mass and Confessions.

Location: The retreat will be held at The Lake St. George Field Centre, Richmond Hill

Cost: \$250 per person or \$225 per person if you bring a friend! A \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. The balance will be due Jan. 12th.

For Information and to register, please email:

stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com



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