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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 8th @ 9 am Feast of The Baptism of the Lord
Intentions of Carmela req. by Carmela Runza

Tuesday, January 9th @ 7 pm

† Leo & McDonald Families req. by Ann Marie Munro
† Tony & Dino Raponi req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa
† Alberto Ditta req. by Ditta Family
In thanksgiving and intentions of Antonietta Musto req. by Antonietta Musto
Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus req. by Caterina Guastella

Wednesday, January 10th @ 9 am

† Peter Scott and Family req. by Ann Marie Munro

Thursday, January 11th @ 7 pm

† Sid Majaralie req. by Don & Susan Dizon & Family

Friday, January 12th @ 9 am

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, January 13th

@ 9 am

† Selliah Sudesh req. by Mary Sudesh
† Sid Majaralie req. by Cellie Canaan
† Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo
† David Silveira req. by Silveira Family
In Thanksgiving for Maria Cong req. by Diep
Intentions of Susie Ho req. by Diep

@ 5 pm

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

Sunday, January 14th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

@ 11 am

† Marion Meyer req. by Meyer Family

Pray For the Sick

Kenneth Pereira, Melanie Aniceto

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Elvira Corcoran, Jim Beauchamp,
Frank Sluga, Mary Ngo Dy



Confessions

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



Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes 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 2 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

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at **416-968-0997**.

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



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

Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our Archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at:

www.archtoronto.org.

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.

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registrations being accepted in all York Catholic Elementary schools.

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2020. York Catholic School Board provides a Christ-centred, innovative Catholic Education in its 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked one of the top performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.

Thank You!

We would like to thank **O'Neill Funeral Home** for their kind donation of poinsettias to make our sanctuary look so beautiful and festive throughout the Christmas season! Also, Fr. Tad and the staff would like to say how much we appreciate the cards, gifts, and treats received!

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

JANUARY 7, 2024

Blessed Epiphany Chalk

THE CHALKING OF THE DOORS 20+C+M+B+24

"Chalking the door" is a centuries-old way to celebrate and to mark the occasion of the Epiphany with God's blessing of our lives and homes with sacred signs and symbols to set our homes apart as places of Christian hospitality, as safe and peaceful outposts of the Kingdom of God in the world. We again invite God's presence into our homes and ask His blessing upon all those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. Each year, using blessed chalk, people mark the doorpost of their home with an inscription of the new year separated by C+M+B. For instance, in 2024, the inscription is 20+C+M+B+24. Why C+M+B? It stands for the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house." The letters can also stand for the traditional names of the Magi who visited Christ: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Blessed chalk will be available in front of the altar after Masses this weekend.

Fr. Leslie's 90th Birthday



Fr. Leslie thanks everyone who sent him Birthday cards, Christmas cards, gifts or called to share greetings. Fr. Leslie was 'moved' by the great number of attendees in the parish hall after Mass on December 20th - his 90th Birthday!

Fr. says, "Thank you".

That Man Is You! Beginning January 13th



That Man Is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. The program will begin again on **January 13th at 7:30AM until 8:30AM** in the basement of St. Mark's. Coffee and donuts will be provided every Saturday morning.

[TO REGISTER EMAIL: GK10874@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK10874@ontariokofc.ca)

Confirmation Classes Beginning Wednesday, January 17th



Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, January 17th in the Parish Hall.

Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

LIFE TEEN & EDGE

Our next **LifeTeen** night for youth in Grades 9 to 12 will be on **Saturday, January 20th from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.**

Our next **EDGE** night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on **Friday, January 26th from 6 pm to 8 pm.**

Please invite your friends!

Registration forms will be available at the session. For further information, email our Youth Minister, Grant, at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.

Follow us on Instagram: @stmarksyouthmin

Women's Recollection

Monday, January 22nd

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life. **Date: Monday, January 22nd.**

Confessions and Talk given by an Opus Dei Priest: 7 – 9:30 pm.

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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



St. Mark's Women's Ministry

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