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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 26th @ 7 pm

- † Barbara Rozario req. by Mike Rozario
- † Livio Raponi req. by Marsilio Raponi
- † Sid Majaralie req. by Onesima Raponi
- † Sally McDonough req. by Marlene Robitaille
- † Jacob Cornelisse req. by Sig & Teresa Kusatz
- † Gabriel Ruddy req. by Peter Ruddy
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Anonymous

Wednesday, December 27th @ 9 am

- † Tam Pui Ching Yee req. by Blommesteyn Family

Thursday, December 28th @ 7 pm Feast of the Holy Innocents

- † Prospero Gerardo req. by Rosalyn Ramos

Friday, December 29th @ 9 am

- † Luis Alonso Moreno req. by Sara Moreno Stober & Family
- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

Saturday, December 30th

- @ 9 am**
- † Fortunata Cianflone req. by Connie Quadrini
- † Sandy Rozario req. by Mike Rozario
- † Mathew Xu req. by Mary Chan
- † Francis Jerome req. by Teena & Family
- † Jerome Francis req. by Teena & Family
- † James Larry Ryan req. by Theriault Family
- † Angelo Rubino req. by Scott & Sara McGuire

@ 5 pm

- † Silvestro DeLaurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

Sunday, December 31st Feast of the Holy Family

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

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

@ 11 am

- † Karl & Anna Bayer req. by Erika Bayer & Family

Sunday, December 31st New Year's Eve Mass

@ 5 pm

- † Betty Jane Albano req. by Piedad Family

Monday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

@ 10 am (also livestreamed)

- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Diep Cong

@ 12 pm

- † Members of Baker & Kelly Families and Bob & Jean Bull req. by Baker Family

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.

Christmas Schedule 2023

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD
SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)**

Sunday, December 31, 2023

♦ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024

♦ 10:00 am Mass

♦ 12:00 pm Mass

Note: On Dec. 30 & 31, the usual 5 pm, 9 am and 11 am Masses will be celebrated to fulfill the Sunday obligation.

Church Office - Holiday Hours

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Closed

Wed., December 27

Thurs., December 28

Fri., December 29

Open from 9 am to 12 noon

Monday, January 1

Closed

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.

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.**

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.

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Christmas Message from Fr. Tad

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Is. 9.2) In this world filled with so much darkness, violence, and strife, we need hope and light. Let us open our lives, our minds, and hearts to the coming of Jesus so that He can fill us with his life, hope, and love. Jesus is coming not to take away our troubles but to help us to face them and overcome them just as He did. I hope and pray that all of us, and also our families, friends, and our parish will be touched and changed by the coming of Jesus this coming Christmas. Let us also not hold to this life and love for ourselves but to share it with others around us. We are to be Jesus' mouth, hands, and feet in this world, building God's Kingdom in our lives, in our families, communities, and the whole world.

This is my wish and prayer for all of you.

Fr. Tad, Fr. Leslie, Deacon John, Deacon Wayne, Deacon Gordon, Grant, Lisa, Sara, Emy and Marcel



Fr. Leslie's 90th Birthday

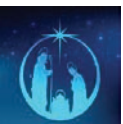
St. Mark's Parish thanks our Gracious God and the Holy Spirit on Fr. Leslie's 90th Birthday on Wednesday, December 20th. Fr. Leslie was ordained in May 1960- thus over 63 years as a priest. Blessings to you Fr. Leslie!



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

He appreciates your kindness and sends his blessings.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT



Congratulations to all the performers in our 17th Annual Christmas Pageant and Concert!

It was a beautiful event that helped us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. A special thanks to Eugenie Villanueva Landry and Kiana Landry for organizing and directing the pageant as well as the many wonderful volunteers who helped out!

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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.

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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 confession. **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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Please remember your God, your Faith, and your Parish in your will.

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