

How you can help with the Ukrainian crisis

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived.

If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please visit www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/office-for-refugees-orat/home/ukrainian-crisis/ or go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

St. Vincent de Paul



The words "serviens in spe" means "to serve in hope," the hope that comes from Our Lord Jesus Christ. You can make a difference and help our neighbours in need by donating to our society at St. James. Donations can be made in cash using envelopes at the back of the Churches, or by going online at www.ssvp.ca. Please follow the prompts to direct the donation to the St. James Conference in Tottenham. Donations of \$20 or more will be given a tax receipt. Your donation will go towards purchasing gift cards for those in need.

Should you or someone you know need our support, please leave a voicemail at 905-936-4266 ext. 5. The phone line is confidential and your call will be returned within two days.

If you would like to advertise in the bulletin, please email the office for more information!

4th Sunday of Easter

The Parish Community of

St. James, St. Francis Xavier and St. Mary's

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Mass Times

Monday 7:00 pm (St. James)
Tuesday 9:30 am (St. Francis)
Wednesday 9:30 am (St. Francis)
Friday 7:00 pm (St. James)
Saturday 10:30 am & 5:30 pm (St. James)
Sunday 8:30 am (St. Mary's) & 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (St. Francis)

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Email: stjamesco@archtoronto.org
Phone: 905-936-4266
Website: www.stjamesco.archtoronto.org
Email the office if you would like a digital copy of the bulletin
Sign up at the office for the code to St Francis Xavier for access to Adoration
Confessions: Saturday 4:30 pm—5:15 pm at St. James
Parish Priest: Fr. Eric Mah

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, May 1 at 7:00 pm	Samantha Medeiros +
Tuesday, May 2 at 9:30 am	For the intentions of Hannah
Wednesday, May 3 at 9:30 am	For the people of God
	For vocations to the priesthood and religious life
	Anastasios Kourousis + <i>Available for Mass intention—contact the Church office</i>
Friday, May 5 at 7 pm	For the people of God
	For vocations to the priesthood and religious life
	Philip Pras +
	Emma Petrucci +
	Victoria Hurst + For the intentions of Catherine and Cliff Heffernan <i>Available for Mass intention—contact the Church office</i>
Saturday, May 6 at 10:30 am	Vince Eagan +
Saturday, May 6 at 5:30 pm	Carla Suppa +
Sunday, May 7 at 8:30 am	Louise Lowndes +
Sunday, May 7 at 10:00 am	Deniz Benjamin +
Sunday, May 7 at 11:30 am	For the people of God



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A Prayer for our First Holy Communion Candidates

Please join us in praying for those who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion! May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, and may He bless your life with many graces.

Upcoming Sacraments

MAY 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

12. First Reconciliation after the 7 pm Mass
19. First Reconciliation after the 7 pm Mass
26. First Reconciliation after the 7 pm Mass
27. First Communion at the 10:30 am Mass

JUNE 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

3. First Communion at the 10:30 am Mass
10. First Communion at the 10:30 am Mass

ALL SACRAMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN A BEAUTIFUL RETREAT AT

MARYLAKE SHRINE

ON MAY 19 - 21, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL PAM AT 905-936-4107

Celebrating *Catholic Education Week* 2023

All the living praise you, O God, just as I do today. One generation to the next makes known your faithfulness. (Isaiah 38:19)

SENCOLE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Catholic Education Week—April 30 to May 5, 2023

Please pray for those who serve in our Catholic education system— administrative staff, teachers, educational assistants, support staff, custodial staff, and students— especially those in our local schools, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. James, Father F.X. O'Reilly, and Monsignor J.E. Ronan. May they continue to inspire young Catholics to joyfully share God's love with the world.

Do you know if the education portion of your property taxes supports the Catholic School system? If you are a Baptized Roman Catholic, you have the right to direct your tax dollars. Contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corp. (M.P.A.C.) at 1-866-296-6722 and have your property information available.

Annual Cemetery Cleanup

The annual cemetery cleanup will be on Sunday, May 21st at 1 pm. Volunteers with rakes and shovels will be most welcome. Please remember to clear your winter decorations, wreaths, vases, and weathered floral arrangements. Regulations for decorations can be found in the cemetery bylaw pamphlet and are posted on the entrance signs to our cemetery. Copies of the bylaws are also available in the parish office.

Additional help is needed for clearing branches and trimming at St Mary's, so if volunteers could please leave their name with the office, we will contact them with a date in May.

Church Office

The Church office will be closed from Monday, May 1 through Thursday, May 11. Emails will be checked periodically, so please email any requests or inquiries to stjamesco@archtoronto.org.

First Friday

This coming Friday, May 5th is the first Friday of the month, so there will be Adoration after the 7 pm Mass. All are welcome to join!

Building Fund Collection

Next weekend there will be a 2nd collection for the building fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus Charity Walk & Social

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their second annual "Walk & Social" on Sunday, May 28th starting at 1 pm. See the included flyer for details, and if you have any questions, please email kofc4120@gmail.com.

4th Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Good Shepherd calls His own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially in our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca.



ShareLife: Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings

Today is ShareLife Sunday and we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. When you support ShareLife, you support and help educate our future priests. Through ShareLife, you invest in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. We ask for your prayers and generous support for our seminarians!

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!!

Thank you so much for generously sharing your time and talents with our parish! You are instrumental in all we do, and we're grateful for your response to the call to stewardship. You are truly a blessing!



Thank You!

We appreciate and recognize the impact our volunteers make by serving others with their unique gifts and talents. Our volunteers are an essential part of the fabric of our faith community.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

If you are not a volunteer but would like to get involved, please email the Church office! We'll happily share more information on a ministry that you're interested in!