

Offertory Envelopes for 2024

2024 offertory envelopes are available at the back of the Churches this weekend. Please select any box (it doesn't have to be the same offertory box number as 2023). In January, please include your name and address on the first four donations to ensure the new number is assigned to you in the system.



If you have the following 2023 envelope numbers please contact the office to supply contact details, including phone number and mailing address (for tax receipt purposes): 240, 286, 308, and 374.

Coping with Grief at Christmastime

Christmastime can be a bittersweet season. While the familiar carol joyfully proclaims, "It's the most wonderful time of the year," this season can be particularly challenging for those in situations where holidays resonate with a different tune. For many among us who bear the weight of silent struggles, this can be a difficult period marked by quiet grief, lingering sadness, and a profound sense of loneliness. **We want you to know that you are not alone.**

Join us on Wednesday, December 6 at 7 pm for our ShareLife Speaker Series event “Coping with Grief during Christmas-time” with Amanda Wendelgass of Catholic Family Services Counselling + Wellbeing. This is more than just a virtual gathering – it will be a shared space where we'll explore practical coping skills, extending a hand of support to make Christmastime a bit more manageable for those who need compassion most. To register to this free event, please visit bit.ly/coping-with-grief-at-christmastime.

1st Sunday of Advent

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, Dec. 4 at 7:00 pm	Frank Haley +
Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 9:30 am	For a special intention
Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 9:30 am	For the people of God and vocations to the priesthood and religious life
	Carla Suppa +
	Al Van Hezewyk +
	Available for Mass intention—contact the Church office
Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm	For the people of God and vocations to the priesthood and religious life
	Charmine Simonin +
	Al Van Hezewyk +
	For the intentions of Isabel
	Frank Haley +
	For the healing of Eleanor Spurling
	Anita Colagiacomo +
	Philip Pras +
Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 am	Linda Rossetti +
	For all the deceased members of the Caron family
	Victor Viveiros +
	Angelo Caruano +
	For the people of God
Sunday, Dec. 10 at 8:30 am	For the people of God
Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10:00 am	For the people of God
Sunday, Dec. 10 at 11:30 am	Malvina Cassista +



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St. James Eucharistic Community

Christmas Schedule

REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. Dec. 23 - 10:30 am and 5:30 pm (St. James)

Sun. Dec. 24 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)

Sat. Dec. 30 - 10:30 am and 5:30 pm (St. James)

Sun. Dec. 31 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 23 & 30 - Confessions from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm (St. James)

Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 - No confessions before Masses

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sun. Dec. 24 - 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm (St. James)

Mon. Dec. 25 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)

MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASSES

Sun. Dec. 31 - 5:30 pm (St. James)

Mon. Jan. 1 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DEC. 25 THROUGH JAN. 2.
OUR ADORATION CHAPEL WILL REMAIN OPEN WITH CODE.

CHRISTMAS DAY & MARY MOTHER OF GOD ARE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.

ST. JAMES PARISH (2118 Adjala Tecumseth Townline, Colgan)

ST. MARY'S PARISH (2458 Concession Road 4, Achill)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (72 Queen St. North, Tottenham)



Praying for the Sick

If you or a family member is sick, please let the office know and we will add their name to the prayers of the faithful.

Please pray especially for Moira Molony, Danny O'Kane, Kevin Latimer, Kathryn Groen, Chiu Wong, Denise Poffley, Tom Kennelly, Caitlyn Gannon, Elena and Christina Burke, Anna Lombardi, and Eleanor Spurling.

We remember in prayer those who have passed away recently, including Imelda Zeagman, Al Van Hezewyk, Mary Murray, and James "Jim" Wilson.

Catholic Women's League

The CWL are hosting a bake sale this Sun. Dec. 3 in the St. James parish hall following the 10 am Mass.



It is election time for our CWL. If you are interested in becoming an Executive Member, please speak to one of our CWL members or contact the church office for information.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December

For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



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ASHLEY MILLS
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Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Share Your

Ideas to assist with future planning!

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop (posted on the bulletin boards at the Churches) and complete the short survey by Dec. 15, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation. Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration.

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

at St. James Church

Tues. Dec. 12, 2023

10:30 am - 12 pm

1 - 6 pm

7 - 9 pm