# 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 4:30pm-5:15pm at St. James
Parish Priest: Fr. Eric Mah

#### **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Monday, December 5 at 7:00 pm	For the intentions of the Immaculate Conception
Tuesday, December 6 at 9:30 am	Carlos Oliveira +
Wednesday, December 7 at 9:30 am	For the people of God
	Vocations to the priesthood and religious life
	For the intentions of Carolyn Kinzies
	For the healing of Victoria Reid
	Available for Mass intention—call or email the Church office
Friday, December 9 at 7:00 pm	For the people of God
	Vocations to the priesthood and religious life
	Agnes Ronan +
	Available for Mass intention—call or email the Church office
Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 am	Available for Mass intention—call or email the Church office
Saturday, December 10 at 5:30 pm	Colleen Lanigan +
Sunday, December 11 at 8:30 am	Wilfred Haley +
Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 am	Patrick Cleary +
Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 am	For the people of God





Check out Fr. Eric's podcast Catholic Latte on YouTube, iTunes, Spotify, Podbean, and Stitcher.

#### **Gift Shop**

If you're searching for Christmas gifts, the office gift shop will be open on Saturday, December 10th from 9 to noon, in addition to during regular office hours. We have Advent candles, Christmas cards, Nativity mugs and puzzles, holiday picture books for



children, teacher gifts and more! And if there's something you're looking for but can't find, let us know!

#### **Knights of Columbus Food Drive**

The Knights of Columbus are collecting canned and dry food items for the Tottenham Food Bank. Our goal is for our Parish Community to collect 200 pounds for the Christmas Food Drive.



Bins will be located at the vestibule of all three churches starting
We thank all parishioners for their support for this very
important cause!

<u>UPCOMING CAPITAL PROJECTS:</u> There are several building maintenance projects underway. We are still in the process of getting quotes and are in dialogue with the Archdiocese for approvals.

- · St James replacement of steam boilers with new heating different system
- · New front doors for St. James
- · Repairs to the Church office
- · Update: the hot water tank at St. James has been replaced

There are several larger projects being considered based on the recommendations from an engineer and an architect who have prepared building condition reports. Thank you so much for your generosity towards the building fund!

#### Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? If you've never been Baptized, were Baptized into a different Christian faith, were Baptized Catholic but haven't been Confirmed, or just want to learn more about the faith, call or email the office to inquire about joining the RCIA program! RCIA is a sacramental journey and focuses on developing (or deepening) a relationship with both God and the Catholic faith community over time. If you're interested, contact the office soon because the program will start this coming week!

#### 21st Annual Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023 - October 4 to January 16, 2023

High school students in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred word essay that explores the 2023 theme of "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <a href="https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J">https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J</a> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at the back of the Church. Contact <a href="mailto:ecumenism@archtoronto.org">ecumenism@archtoronto.org</a> or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 for more info.

If you have the following envelope numbers please contact the office to supply contact details, including phone number and mailing address (for tax receipt purposes). Thank you!

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#### **Calendars**

Starting next weekend, the Knights of Columbus and CWL will be selling calendars at the back of the Churches to raise money for the building fund. The calendars will be \$5 each.



Registration for First Communion and Confirmation will open next week!

Please contact the office.

#### Mary Lake Men's Retreat 2023

The Annual Retreat in King City at the Mary Lake Retreat Centre will be Jan. 20- 22, 2023. All are invited to join for a relaxing and spiritually fulfilling few days in a secluded and peaceful retreat house. Excellent meals are prepared and served by the Sisters. Private rooms are available upon request. If you have been with us before, welcome back! If you have never been on a retreat with us, please call if you have any questions or to book a room. Call Greg McKenna 905 729 3968 / <a href="mailto:gcmckenna@outlook.com">gcmckenna@outlook.com</a> or Ray Guillemette 905 729 2879 / <a href="mailto:gcmail.com">gcmckenna@outlook.com</a> or more information about Marylake Retreat Centre visit www.augustinians.ca. The theme this year is "Revive our spirits again, O Lord, that we may rejoice in you." Psalm 85:6



# **Christmas Mass Schedule**



## **Advent Day of Confessions**

Tuesday, December 13th 10:30 am - 12 pm, 1-6 pm, 7-9 pm

### **Christmas** Eve

Saturday, December 24th

Confessions: 4:30-5:15 pm at St. James

Mass: 5:30 pm at St. James & <u>7:30 pm</u> at St. James

## Christmas Day (regular Mass schedule)

Sunday, December 25th 8:30 am at St. Mary's 10 am at St. James 11:30 am at St. Francis

# Mary, Mother of God (regular Mass schedule)

Saturday, December 31st

Confessions: 4:30-5:15 pm at St. James

Mass: 5:30 pm at St. James

Sunday, January 1st 8:30 am at St. Mary's 10 am at St. James 11:30 am at St. Francis

Please note: the Church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's, from December 26th - 30th





