### 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 temporary assistance for those in crisis situations.

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.

#### **Communion for the Sick**

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at their home, there are two options: 1) you can contact the office to arrange for a volunteer to bring them Communion, or 2) you can bring them Communion. To bring Communion yourself, go to the sacristy before Mass, where you will find a tray, pyxes, unconsecrated hosts, and blue Communion of the Sick books. Place enough unconsecrated hosts for a single visit in a pyx and place it on the tray. Each pyx has a small, coloured sticker on it to distinguish between them. At the end of Mass (after the end announcements and before the final blessing), Fr. Eric will bring down the tray with the pyxes; please take your pyx and bring it directly to the person who will be receiving Communion. You do not need to wait until the dismissal at the very end of Mass.

We are in need of more volunteers to bring Communion to the sick. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the office.



# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

2118 Adjala-Tecumseth Townline, Colgan L0G 1W0

## 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)

| Monday, September 11 at 7:00 pm    | For devotion<br>Heart of Mar |
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| Friday, September 15 at 7:00 pm    | For the peopl                |
|                                    | Abe Fillier +                |
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| Saturday, September 16 at 10:30 am | Available for                |
| Saturday, September 16 at 5:30 pm  | Anita Colagia                |
| Sunday, September 17 at 8:30 am    | For the peopl                |
| Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 am   |                              |
| Sunday, September 17 at 10.00 am   | Rebecca Polsi                |



# The Parish Community of

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### **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

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of wisdom and might, l for the wonders of our being or mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their spirits. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



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#### **Building Fund**

We have received approval from the Archdiocese of Toronto for an exemption from the assessment for building fund contributions, retroactive to January 1st. This means that all contributions to the building fund since January will stay within our parish to fund the masonry scope report currently being prepared for St. James. This exploratory part of the greater repair project will cost about \$85,000 including the removal of paint in test patches on the north side, and the temporary overhead protection that was installed this past weekend. Half of this has been raised already, and the exemption will remain in place until the project has been fully funded. Once this scope report has been received, we will have more information for planning the greater restoration project of paint removal, repointing, and, in areas of particular damage, brick replacement. Further exemptions will be requested for each stage of the project.

We thank you for your generous contributions to the building fund, and if you wish to have your donation made automatically every month, please contact the office for the pre-authorized giving option.

We would also like to thank the Corradini family for the loan o temporary protective fencing (their poultry are experiencing a new level of free-range!)

Additionally, a very welcome air conditioning unit was installed at St. Francis Xavier last week and has been generously donated.



'For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life. You can contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca.

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The journey towards becoming a full member of the Catholic Church includes time for prayer, catechesis, and conversation. For those who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian denomination and seeking to be full members of the Catholic Church, or Baptized Catholic but not Confirmed, there is a program called the Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA). RCIA is also open to Catholics who are already Confirmed and would like a program to learn more about the faith.

RCIA will begin on Friday September 22nd at 6:30 pm. Meetings will be weekly on Fridays from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the St. Francis Church hall.

If you would like more information about RCIA, please contact the Church office via email or phone.



#### **Praying for the Sick**

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

Please pray especially for Colton and Greg, Charlie Horan, Tom Kennelly, Frank Feheley, Theresa Rait, Caitlyn Gannon, Elena and Christina Burke, Vijey Anthony, and Imelda Zeagman.

We remember in prayer those who have passed away recently, including Ben, Aliette Campbell, Oreste Luccitti, Natasha Szorady-Smith, and Colleen Feheley.



If you have envelope numbers 286 or 308 please contact the office to supply contact details, including phone number and mailing address (for tax receipt purposes)

### Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!





# Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation began on September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and runs through October 4, which is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is: "Let Justice and Peace Flow".

Let Justice

and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023



A Mighty River Amos 5: 24

In late August, Pope Francis announced that the 2nd part of his encyclical Laudato Si' will be published on October 4, 2023.

In the words of Pope Francis, this season offers "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." Let us reflect on how we can be responsible stewards of creation for all that has been entrusted to our care.

## A Prayer for Our Earth from Laudato Si

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.