

Third Sunday of Advent
The Parish Community of



St. James



St. Francis Xavier



St. Mary's

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MASSES

Monday 7:00 pm (St. James)

Tuesday 9:30 am (St. Francis)

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Friday 7:00 pm (St. James)

Saturday 10:30 am (St. James)

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm (St. James)

Sunday 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am
(St. James) & 11:30 (St. Francis)

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Meetings every last Thursday of the month from
September to June at St Francis Hall, 7:30pm.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Email: stjamesco@archtoronto.org

Phone: 905-936-4266

Website: www.stjamesco.archtoronto.org

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm—5:15 pm at St. James

BAPTISM

Once a month on Sundays at St. James

Contact the office for more details

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

2025/26 First Communion and Confirmation registra-
tion is now **CLOSED.**

ADORATION

Sign up at the office for the code to St Francis Xavier
for access to Adoration

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses can be offered for loved ones, living or deceased.
We can accept Mass intentions up to one year before the
intention, please contact the Parish Office to book

CATHOLIC LATTE

Parish Priest: Fr. Eric Mah

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Weekly Mass Intentions		Praying for the Sick
Monday December 15 at 7 pm	Savio Buompastore +	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 Sharon Dugan, Olga Stanczyk, Tom Kennelly, Christina Burke, Jennifer Leclerc, Jennifer Trott, Joe Cirianni, Joe Gaudio, Maria DeFatima Rego, Eduarda Raimundo, Rita Webber, Lynda Pollice, Liliana Zuni-ga, Esmer Isip, Shane Power, Margaret Milne, Katherina La Fuente, Colleen Butler, and Aiden Booth, Anne Van Dyk, Janette Wallace, Jose Oliveira, Lui Mari-anni, Tillie Rowley, Earla McCullough, Joseph Cianfarani , Caterina Doucette, and Amaya Aaren.
Tuesday Dec 16 at 9:30 am	For the deceased members of the Haley Family	
Wednesday Dec 17 at 9:30am	For the people of God, vocations to the priesthood, the holy souls in purgatory, for Youth ministry in our parish community, and for the intentions of the Holy Father	
	Donta and Filippo Falcone +	
	Ida and Angelo Del Bianco +	
	For the healing and intentions of Antonietta Pallotta	
	Luwig Gerencer + and late parents	
Friday December 19 at 7 pm	For the people of God, vocations to the priesthood, the holy souls in purgatory, for Youth ministry in our parish community, and for the intentions of the Holy Father	Please also pray for those who have recently passed away, especially, Janette Wallace.
	For the healing intentions of Shirley Simms	
	For the intentions of Lucie Pelletier	
Saturday Dec 20 at 10:30 am	<i>Available for mass intention</i>	<u>Volunteers Needed—Church Cleaning</u> Our parish community is looking for ongoing volunteers to help clean our Churches! <i>St James</i> is cleaned Wednesdays at 10:30am until noon <i>St Francis</i> is cleaned Wednesdays after morning Mass from 10am until noon <i>St Mary's</i> is cleaned the First Monday of the month at 10am Volunteers who would like to join can contact the office for volunteer screening.
Saturday Dec 20 at 5:30 pm	For the people of God	
Sunday Dec 21 at 8:30 am	Patrick Guillemette +	
Sunday Dec 21 at 10 am	Adam and Maria Ostrowski +	
Sunday Dec 21 at 11:30 am	Malvina Cassista +	

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ON TAP**
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Advent Day of Confessions

ST. JAMES PARISH
TUES. DEC. 16TH

Advent

DAY OF CONFESSIONS



10:30 AM TO 12 PM
1 PM TO 6 PM
7 PM TO 9 PM

Young Adults White Elephant

Calling all young adults!

Join us on Friday December 19th for a







White Elephant
gift exchange.

The fun starts at
7:30pm, and
don't forget to
bring a wrapped
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FRI. DEC. 19 | 7:30 PM
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<h3><u>Building Fund Exemption</u></h3> <p>St. James Parish has been granted an exemption for Building Fund donations until June 2026. All Building Fund donations will remain within the parish.</p> <p>This supports several ongoing projects:</p> <p>St. James: masonry exterior project and heating upgrades.</p> <p>St. Mary's: replacement of the check valve in the well, a new water pump, and plans for a new water filtration system.</p> <p>St. Francis Xavier: repair needed for the plaster above the sanctuary.</p> <div>  <p>Thank you to everyone for their generosity. This exemption ensures all contributions directly benefit our three churches.</p> </div>	<h3><u>Advent Traveling Gift Shop</u></h3> <p>The Advent Traveling Gift Shop is back for Advent 2025. It will be available on the following week-ends at the following Churches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 14 weekend at St. Mary's Remainder of the Christmas season at St. Francis Xavier 
<h3><u>2026 Envelopes Available for Pick-Up</u></h3> <p>What you should know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pick up any box at one of the Church's exits. Commence using your new envelopes on January 1st, 2026. In January 2026, fill out the first three envelopes with your complete name, address and contact number. The number on the box you have taken is your new number for the entire year and will be the number used to issue your tax receipt at the end of 2026. PLEASE - destroy all envelopes from previous years. As of January 1st you won't be registered under any other number - only your new 2026 number. Please pick up a box of envelopes from the MAIN Parish you attend mass. 	<h3><u>Calling all Volunteers</u></h3> <p>We are seeking volunteers to help decorate the Churches for Christmas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. James Nativity on Tuesday Dec. 16th from 11AM to 1PM (Bring the nativity scene down from the bell tower and set up and light the nativity scene) St. Francis Xavier Nativity on Wednesday Dec. 17th, after the 9:30AM Mass (Set up and light the nativity scene) St. James Christmas Trees on Tuesday Dec. 23rd (Set up and light the Christmas trees; Volunteers with strong backs, vans, or trucks especially needed) <p>Please <i>contact</i> the parish office by email or phone if you would like to assist with the trees.</p> 
<h3><u>St. Vincent de Paul Gift-Giving Tree</u></h3> <p>This Christmas season, our St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring a Gift-Giving Tree to support families in need within our community.</p> <p>You will find the tree displayed at the back of each church. Hanging from the branches are ornaments with suggested donations. We invite parishioners to choose a tag and purchase the corresponding donation listed.</p> <p>Simply return your donated gift to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society or to the parish office. This tree will also be available at the upcoming Christmas market.</p> <div>  <p>Thank you for helping bring hope, joy, and the spirit of Christ to our neighbors in need this holiday season. Your kindness makes a real difference!</p> </div> 	<h3><u>St. James Eucharistic Community Christmas Schedule</u></h3> <p>REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES</p> <p>Sat. Dec. 20 - 10:30 am and 5:30 pm (St. James) Sun. Dec. 21 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)</p> <p>Sat. Dec. 27 - 10:30 am and 5:30 pm (St. James) Sun. Dec. 28 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)</p> <p>CONFESSION SCHEDULE (ALL HELD AT ST. JAMES)</p> <p>Sat. Dec. 20 & 27 - Confessions from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 - No confessions before Masses</p> <p>DAY OF CONFESSIONS (ST. JAMES)</p> <p>Tues. Dec. 16 10:30 am - 12 pm 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm</p> <p>CHRISTMAS MASSES (NO CONFESSIONS BEFOREHAND)</p> <p>Wed. Dec. 24 - 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm (St. James) Thurs. Dec. 25 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)</p> <p>MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASSES (NO CONFESSIONS BEFOREHAND)</p> <p>Wed. Dec. 31 - 5:30 pm (St. James) Thurs. Jan 1 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)</p> <p>THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DEC. 22 THROUGH JAN. 5. OUR ADORATION CHAPEL WILL REMAIN OPEN VIA ACCESS CODE.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY & MARY MOTHER OF GOD ARE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.</p> <p>MASS WILL BE HELD AT 9:30 AM ON DEC. 24 AND DEC. 31. HOWEVER THIS DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS YOUR VIGIL MASS OBLIGATION.</p> <p>ST. JAMES (2118 Adjala Tecumseth Townline, Colgan) ST. MARY'S (2458 Concession Road 4, Achill) ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (72 Queen St. North, Tottenham)</p> 