

ShareLife

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community. "If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice

Our goal this year is \$38,500. To date we have achieved \$22,692.25. That's 59% of our goal! Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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)
- Wednesday 9:30 am (St. Francis)
- 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)

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

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday Dec. 16 at 7 pm	Savio Buompastore +
Tuesday Dec. 17 at 9:30 am	For the deceased members of the Haley Family
Wednesday Dec. 18 at 9:30 am	For the people of God, vocations to the priesthood, the holy souls in purgatory, and a special intention
	Filippo and Donta Falcone +
	Ida and Angelo Del Bianco +
Friday Dec. 20 at 7 pm	For the people of God, vocations to the priesthood, the holy souls in purgatory, and a special intention
	For the deceased members of the Haley Family
Saturday Dec. 21 at 10:30 am	Kim and Louise Lowndes +
Saturday Dec. 21 at 5:30 pm	Bernice and Donald Heenan +
Sunday Dec. 22 at 8:30 am	For the people of God
Sunday Dec. 22 at 10 am	Vincenzo and Dora Tassone + and Francesco and Concetta Carohidi +
Sunday Dec. 22 at 11:30 am	Mike Doyle +

2025 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

What you should know:

1. Pick up any box at one of the Church's exits.
2. Commence using your new envelopes on **January 1st, 2025**.
3. In **January 2025**, fill out the first three envelopes with your complete **name, address and contact number**.
4. 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 2025.
5. **PLEASE** - destroy all envelopes from previous years. As of January 1st you won't be registered under any other number - only your new 2025 number.



Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

The local school board is hiring Certified teachers and Emergency Supply teachers! If you or someone you know is interested, please see the poster on the bulletin board at the back of each church.

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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 Diana Klink, Sharon Duggan, Rob Heidemann, Olga Stanczyk, Victoria Reid, Moira Molony, Tom Kennelly, Christina Burke, Karen Ancher, Jennifer Leclerc, Jennifer Trott, Domenico Meleca, Ryan De Sousa, Joe Gaudio, Maria DeFatima Rego, Eduardo Raimundo, Rita Webber, Paul Pendergast, Furtuso Rio, Lynda Pollice, Liliana Zuniga, and Allen Cresswell.

Please also pray for those who have recently passed away.

Christmas Social Fundraiser

Join the parish for a Christmas Social Fundraiser THIS Sunday December 15th following the 10am mass in St. James Parish Hall. Food, drinks, activities, and a raffle will be held with cash prizes!

Tickets for the raffle will be sold following all weekend masses.

\$10 each or 5 for \$40



Day of Confessions

Our Day of Confessions will be held on Tuesday December 17th at St. James. Fr. Eric will be available to hear confessions throughout the day from:

10:30 am - 12 pm, 1 - 6 pm, and 7 - 9pm



Horizons of Hope

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops formed a joint committee on Palliative Care with a variety of partners & experts to address the increasing complexities regarding end-of-life issues in Canada.

The committee has developed a resource kit on palliative care and end-of-life issues for Catholic parishes. The toolkit seeks to empower & educate parishioners & address questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering & bereavement in a holistic fashion. The content includes Catholic moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise and the Compassionate Community model.

Please join us on Wed. Jan. 15, 2025 from 6:00-8:00pm, in the St. James Church Hall for our Horizons Of Hope information session. We will have our very own Fr. Eric Mah speaking, as well as guest speaker, Dr. Moira McQueen, the Director of Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. Pre-registration is required. Please feel free to sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or you can call the church office during office hours.



Advent Mobile Gift Shop

Our Advent Gift Shop will be popping up at each parish over the Advent season. Feel free to browse and purchase items following masses on the designated weekends!

December 1st - St Mary's

December 7th - St Francis Xavier

December 14th - St James

Remaining at St James for the rest of the season



St. James Eucharistic Community Christmas Schedule

REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. Dec. 21 - 10:30 am and 5:30 pm (St. James)
 Sun. Dec. 22 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)

Sat. Dec. 28 - 10:30 am and 5:30 pm (St. James)
 Sun. Dec. 29 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE (ALL HELD AT ST. JAMES)

Sat. Dec. 21 & 28 - Confessions from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm
 Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 - No confessions before Masses

DAY OF CONFESSIONS (AT ST. JAMES)

Tuesday December 17th, 2024
 10:30 am - 12 pm
 1 pm - 6 pm
 7 pm - 9 pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tues. Dec. 24 - 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm (St. James)
 Wed. Dec. 25 - 8:30 am (St. Mary's), 10:00 am (St. James) & 11:30 am (SFX)

MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASSES

Tues. Dec. 31 - 5:30 pm (St. James)
 Wed. 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. 24 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.

MASS WILL STILL BE CELEBRATED TUESDAY MORNING AT 9:30AM ON DEC. 24 AND DEC. 31
 HOWEVER THIS DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS YOUR VIGIL MASS OBLIGATION

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