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. When you give to ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here's how your contribution makes a difference for the work of this agency:

"Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/ caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite."

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.



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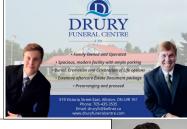


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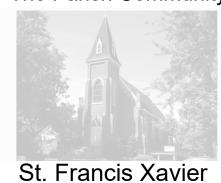


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Friday 7:00 pm (St. James)

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

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Helene Compeau (president) (647) 522-3346 or helenecompeau2@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

Registration closes January 17, 2025 Please find registration packages one our website or at the back of the churches

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

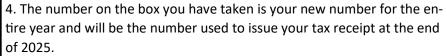


Weekly Mass Intentions		
Monday Dec. 9 at 7 pm	For the deceased members of the Haley family	If you let the name
Tuesday Dec. 10 at 9:30 am	Augusta Ribeiro +	
Wednesday Dec. 11 at 9:30 am	For the people of God, vocations to the priesthood, the holy souls in purgatory, and a special intention	Sharo Stanca Tom k
	Abel Silva +	Anche Dome
Friday Dec. 13 at 7 pm	For the people of God, vocations to the priesthood, the holy souls in purgatory, and a special intention	Gaudi Raimu gast,
	Jose Silva +	Liliana
Saturday Dec. 14 at 10:30 am Saturday Dec. 14 at 5:30 pm	Available for mass intention Angelo Caruano + and relatives	Please cently
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Sunday Dec. 15 at 8:30 am Sunday Dec. 15 at 10 am	For the people of God Joe Ostrowski +	Join th
Sunday Dec. 15 at 11:30 am	Leona, Joseph, and Paula King +	the 10

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**.



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.

Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.



The Knight of Columbus Christmas Food Drive

The Knight of Columbus will be collecting for their Annual Christmas Food Drive until December 22nd. There will be bins in the lobby of all three churches. All dry goods and personal hygiene items will be donated to Our Town Food Bank in Tottenham. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

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, and Liliana Zuniga.

Please also pray for those who have recently passed away.

Christmas Social Fundraiser

Join the parish for a Christmas Social Fundraiser on Sunday December 15th following the 10am mass. 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



School masses

FXO students and teachers will be attending the regularly scheduled Mass on Monday, December 9th at 7 pm at St. James. Monsignor Ronan students and teachers will be attending the regularly scheduled Mass on Monday, December 16th at 7 pm at St. James.

NEEDED

Our parish property manager is looking for a contact with a land surveying company to complete a survey of a vacant property owned by the parish. Please contact the office if you know someone. Thank-you.



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 dur-

ing office hours.



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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