

Communion for the Sick

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at their home, there are two options:

- 1) You can bring them Communion
- 2) You can contact the office to arrange for a volunteer to bring them Communion

If you would like to bring them Communion, 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.

If you would like to become a volunteer Eucharistic Minister who brings Communion to the sick, please contact the office.



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You can make a difference and help our neighbours in need by donating to our society at St. James. Donations can be made 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.

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Mass Times

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 & 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 4:30 pm—5:15 pm at St. James
Parish Priest: Fr. Eric Mah


Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 pm	Al Van Hezewyk +
Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 9:30 am	Dolores O'Connor +
Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 9:30 am	For the people of God and vocations to the priesthood and religious life
	Rev. Monsignor John Staskevicius + Available for Mass intention—contact the Church office
Friday, Jan. 12 at 7:00 pm	For the people of God and vocations to the priesthood and religious life
	Angelo Caruano + Available for Mass intention—contact the Church office
Saturday, Jan. 13 at 10:30 am	Available for Mass intention—contact the Church office
Saturday, Jan. 13 at 5:30 pm	For the people of God
Sunday, Jan. 14 at 8:30 am	For the people of God
Sunday, Jan. 14 at 10:00 am	For the deceased family members of Cristina and Agostino Pinho
Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11:30 am	Malvina Cassista +

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



<p><u>Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo</u> (February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.)</p> <p>As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.</p> <p>For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.</p>	<p><u>Friars Student Writing Contest 2024</u> (November 08, 2023, to January 15, 2024)</p> <p>Theme: “You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself.” (Luke 10:27).</p> <p>High school students (ages 13-19 years) 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 from January 18- 25. Write a 500-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at https://rb.gy/wajo9 to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at https://bit.ly/3G0I4zT (it is also posted at the back of the Churches) and submit their entries at, https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward</p> <p>Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.</p>
<p><u>Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Accommodations for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafened Parishioners</u></p> <p>We are committed to providing communication access to persons who are deaf and who use sign language. The Archdiocese of Toronto has various parishes who offer ASL interpreted Masses including, St. Stephen’s Chapel, Toronto (St. Francis de Sales Chaplaincy); St. David Parish, Maple; and St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Mississauga.</p>	<p><u>Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo— “Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”</u></p> <p>Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, “<i>Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things</i>”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.</p> <p>The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at www.archtoronto.org.</p>
<p><u>Prayer on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</u></p> <p>Epiphany means manifestation. Today, the Church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world—Christ is revealed as the Light for the nations!</p> <p><i>O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.</i></p> <p><i>The Collect Prayer for the Epiphany Mass During the Day</i></p> <p>The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated this Mon. Jan. 8th. This feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas season and is a wonderful time for us to reflect on our own baptism!</p>	<div data-bbox="836 1481 1404 1574">  <div> OFFICE OF VOCATIONS ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO </div> </div> <p>The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org or visit vocationstoronto.ca</p>

<p><u>Praying for the Sick</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please pray especially for Olga Stanczyk, Victoria Reid, Ana Paula Rodrigues, Moira Molony, Chiu Wong, Kevin Latimer, Denise Poffley, Tom Kennelly, Caitlyn Gannon, Elena and Christina Burke, Anna Lombardi, and Eleanor Spurling.</p> <p>We remember in prayer those who have passed away recently, including, Robert Farrington, Mary Gardiner, and Rev. Monsignor John Staskevicius.</p>
<p><u>Thank You, Volunteers!</u></p> <p>We would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers who assisted during Advent and Christmas! Your help is truly appreciated—we would not have been able to do any of this without you! Thank you to all our sacristans, musicians, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, cleaners, decorators, and everyone else who offered their resources and services! Each and every one of you is an incredible blessing to our parish community!</p>
<p><u>CWL</u></p> <div data-bbox="1678 711 1771 808">  </div> <p>The CWL will have a general meeting this Mon. Jan. 8th at 7:30 pm (after the 7 pm Mass). All members are welcome, as well as anyone interested in learning more about the CWL.</p>
<p><u>First Communion & Confirmation</u></p> <p>Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is open. You can find the registration packages on our website or at the back of the Church. Please fill out and return the registration form, with your child’s baptism certificate and the registration fee, to the office. The <i>Confirmation registration deadline is this Friday, January 12th</i> and the First Communion deadline is Friday, March 22nd. If you have any questions, please check the Frequently Asked Questions portion of the package; further questions can be directed to the parish office.</p>
<p><u>New parishioners, welcome!</u></p> <p>We are delighted to have you join our parish family! We invite you to register by completing the form at the back of the Church and returning it to the office. Offertory envelopes and pre-authorized giving forms are available at the back of the Church or at the parish office.</p> <p>Masses can be offered for loved ones, living or deceased. A Mass intention can be for an individual or for multiple people, such as a couple or a family. We can accept Mass intentions up to one year before the intention (i.e. through January 2025). Please contact the Church office for a Mass intention. There are two kinds of Masses available:</p> <p><i>Announced Masses:</i> you may offer this Mass on a chosen date and the intention is announced at the beginning of Mass. The suggested donation is \$20. Weekend Masses are presently booked until June 2023. Weekday Masses are available anytime.</p> <p><i>Unannounced Masses:</i> you may offer this Mass, which will be celebrated privately by Fr. Eric. The suggested donation is \$10.</p>
<p><u>Building Fund</u></p> <p>This weekend, there is a 2nd collection for the building fund. A number of building maintenance projects are planned. Please consider signing up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). Forms are available at the back of the church. Monthly PAG donations can be split between regular offertory and ShareLife, as well as contributions to the building fund. Thank you for your generosity!</p>