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MASSSES

- 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

PARISH DIRECTORY

(905-936-4266)

Office

Ex. 101

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Ex. 103

Emergency Line (For Anointing of the Sick)

Ex. 102

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SCHOOLS

- St. James Elementary School (905) 936-4191
- Monsignor Ronan Elementary School (905) 729-3473
- Father F.X. O'Reilly Elementary School (905) 936-3364
- St. Thomas Aquinas High School (905) 936-4743

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration closes January 17, 2025
Please find registration packages on 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. 2 at 7 pm	For the living and deceased members of the Malboeuf-Trumble families
Tuesday Dec. 3 at 9:30 am	For the intentions of Rosemary Shoemaker
Wednesday Dec. 4 at 9:30 am	For the people of God, vocations to the priesthood, the holy souls in purgatory, and a special intention
Friday Dec. 6 at 7 pm	Kathy Lopez +
	For the people of God, vocations to the priesthood, the holy souls in purgatory, and a special intention
	Philip Pras +
	Francisco and Rosalina Brum +
	Al Van Hezewyk +
Saturday Dec. 7 at 10:30 am	Quintilia Mantenuto +
	Saturday Dec. 7 at 5:30 pm
Sunday Dec. 8 at 8:30 am	For the people of God
Sunday Dec. 8 at 10 am	Raffaele, Rosina, and Giuseppe Tassone + and Savino, Rosaria and Filippo DiBenedetto +
Sunday Dec. 8 at 11:30 am	Malvina Cassista +

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.



The Knight of Columbus Christmas Food Drive

The Knight of Columbus will be collecting for their Annual Christmas Food Drive starting this weekend, December 1st to 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 especially the names written on the all souls envelopes.



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. More details to come next weekend.



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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