



Day	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00 pm	December 23	+ Gerdie, Hugh & Danny Doheerty requested by Kevin Doherty & Nora Meagher
Sun. 9:00 am	December 24	"Pro Populo"
Sun. 11:00 am	December 24	"Pro Populo"
Tues. 9:00 am	December 26	No mass Intentions
Wed. 9:00 am	December 27	No mass Intentions
Thurs. 9:00 am	December 28	No mass Intentions
Fri. 9:00 am	December 29	+ Raymond Bedard requested by Loretta Young

The Collection on December 16 & 17 was \$1,615.60 The Sunday Offertory Collection and PAG are our only viable source of income.

Thank you for your continued support & generosity!



Advent, Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u>

Saturday, December 23 – 5:00 pm – Vigil Mass Sunday, December 24 – 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24 – 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass & 11:30 pm – Christmas Carols followed by Mass Monday, December 25 – 11:00 am Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30 – 5:00 pm – Vigil Mass Sunday, December 31 – 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sunday, December 31 – 5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass Monday, January 1 – 11:00 am New Year's Day Mass (Day of Obligation in Canada)

The Parish office will be closed on:

Friday, December 22 - At noon Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day Tuesday, December 26 - Boxing Day Friday, December 29 – At noon



God of the Angels, you spoke your word to Mary and hoped she would receive you. As you call to us, help us to hear you and welcome you into the most unlikely moments that they might be places of grace. Help us to give ourselves over to you, so this Christmas season is one where your will may be done in and through us. Amen.

Bible Study & Sunday Scripture

<u>Sunday Scripture</u>: The 10 am Sunday Scripture Reflection group will be cancelled Sunday, December 17th, 24th and 31st. It will resume Sunday, January 7th, 2024.

25th Anniversary of ORDINATION

Father Faustino's 25th Ordination Anniversary is fast approaching and we, his parish family, would like to take this opportunity to celebrate with him in prayer followed by a celebration in our hall. The celebration will begin with a mass on Saturday, December 30th at 5pm which will be presided by Fr. Faustino in the presence of Bishop Kasun, followed by a parish dinner and cake. We hope everyone can attend and celebrate this wonderful moment of Father Faustino's special milestone. For dinner, we'll be having a potluck and if (which is not a must) you are able to bring something along that would be appreciated. we hope everyone is able to attend the event.

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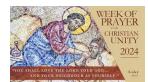
SL ShareLife

ShareLife wishes you a blessed Christmas

As we shelter from the winter cold, the ShareLife team thanks you for your faithful support. We wish you a warm and safe Christmas season, grateful for the enduring compassion you extend to those less fortunate. You are igniting hope for a better future.

If you wish to share your blessings this Christmas, your contribution will double in value. Your year-end gift to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at <u>sharelife.org/donate</u>. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service – January 18-25, 2024



Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus

Christ for the Church at **St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham, ON, L3R 5Z2) on Sunday January 21, 2024, at 4 p.m. ET**. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024 November 8, 2023 - January 15, 2024

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

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 five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are to consult the resources at <u>https://rb.gy/wajo9</u> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster @ <u>http://surl.li/mlfkw</u> and submit their entries at, <u>https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward</u>.

Contact: <u>ecumenical@archtoronto.org</u> or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

Vocation Seeds

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is

calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email:vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



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Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Update

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include the **Embrace Life Council** located in Iqaluit, Nunavut, that will receive \$250,000 over five years. The funds will be used for grief care packages to assist those mourning the loss of a loved one by suicide.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.



The donation envelopes for 2023 is available in the vestibule for pick up. They are arranged alphabetically by the last name. Please note that the envelopes numbers have been changed for a few people so as to

have a chronological flow of numbers.

Anyone interested in getting a new box of envelopes may please contact the parish office.

Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on al families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety an uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we Pray. Amen



