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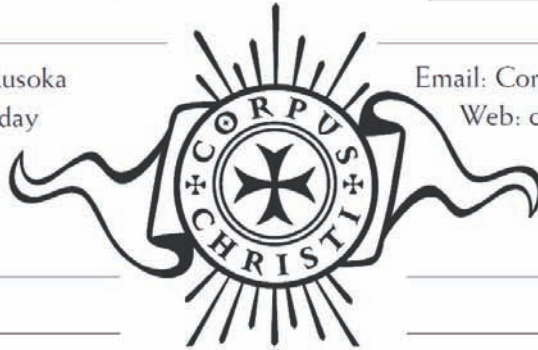
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Feast of the Holy Family



Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00 pm	December 30	"Pro Populo"
Sun. 9:00 am	December 31	"Pro Populo"
Sun. 11:00 am	December 31	"Pro Populo"
Tues. 9:00 am	January 2	No mass Intentions
Wed. 9:00 am	January 3	Intentions of Robert Hue requested by Anne Hue
Thurs. 9:00 am	January 4	No mass Intentions
Fri. 9:00 am	January 5	+ Fr. Patrick Fitzpartick request by Ginny, Jim Hughes & family
Sat. 5:00 pm	January 6	+ Jim Muirhead requested by the Muirhead family
Sun. 9:00 am	January 7	"Pro Populo"
Sun. 11:00 am	January 7	"Pro Populo"

The Collection on December 16 & 17 was \$2024

The Sunday Offertory Collection and PAG are our only viable source of income.

Thank you for your continued support & generosity!



New Year Mass Schedule

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

(Day of Obligation in Canada)

Sunday, December 31 – 5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

Monday, January 1 – 11:00 am New Year's Day Mass

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

Thoughts and Prayers for the New Year

"The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob" Ps. 46:8.

I refuse to be discouraged, to be sad, or to cry;

I refuse to be downhearted, and here's the reason why:

I have a God who's mighty, who's sovereign and supreme;

I have a God who loves me, and I am on His team.

He is all-wise and powerful. Jesus is His name;

Though everything is changeable, My God remains the same.

My God knows all that's happening; Beginning to the end;

His presence is my comfort; He is my dearest Friend.

When sickness comes to weaken me, to bring my head down low, I call upon my mighty God;

into His arms I go.

When circumstances threaten to rob me of my peace;

He draws me close unto His breast, Where all my strivings cease.

When my heart melts within me, and weakness takes control;

He gathers me into His arms, He soothes my heart and soul.

The great "I AM" is with me. My life is in His hand.

The "Son of the Lord" is my hope. It's in His strength I stand.

I refuse to be defeated. My eyes are on my God;

He has promised to be with me, As through this life I trod.

I'm looking past all my circumstances, to Heaven's throne above;

My prayers have reached the heart of God, I'm resting in His love.

I give God thanks in everything. My eyes are on His face.

The battle's His, the victory mine; He'll help me win the race."

Happy New Year, 2024, to everyone!

Fr. Faustino Kusoka

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 (if you are unable to bring something, not to worry) your presence is appreciated the most. We hope everyone is able to attend the event.

Vocation Seeds



By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person.

If God is calling you, religious or deacon, call Fr.

Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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

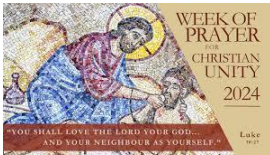


ShareLife: Last chance to make a matching gift in 2023

If you've been one of our parish's generous heroes in 2023, thank you. Because of you, a neighbour is healing from trauma, or is thriving as a young mother, or isn't going hungry – among the many lives your kindness has transformed.

There's still time to join our incredible chorus of heroes. If you give at sharelife.org/donate by December 31, you will receive a 2023 tax receipt. Thank you for living the Gospel!

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

THE THREE EVANGELICAL COUNSELS. (Vows taken by most religious in order to more perfectly serve the Church)
Voluntary Poverty, Perpetual Chastity, Obedience.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

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 Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

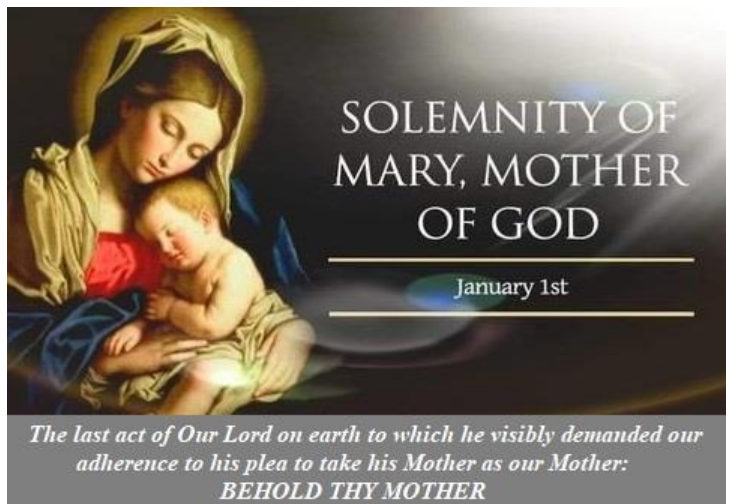
All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

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.





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