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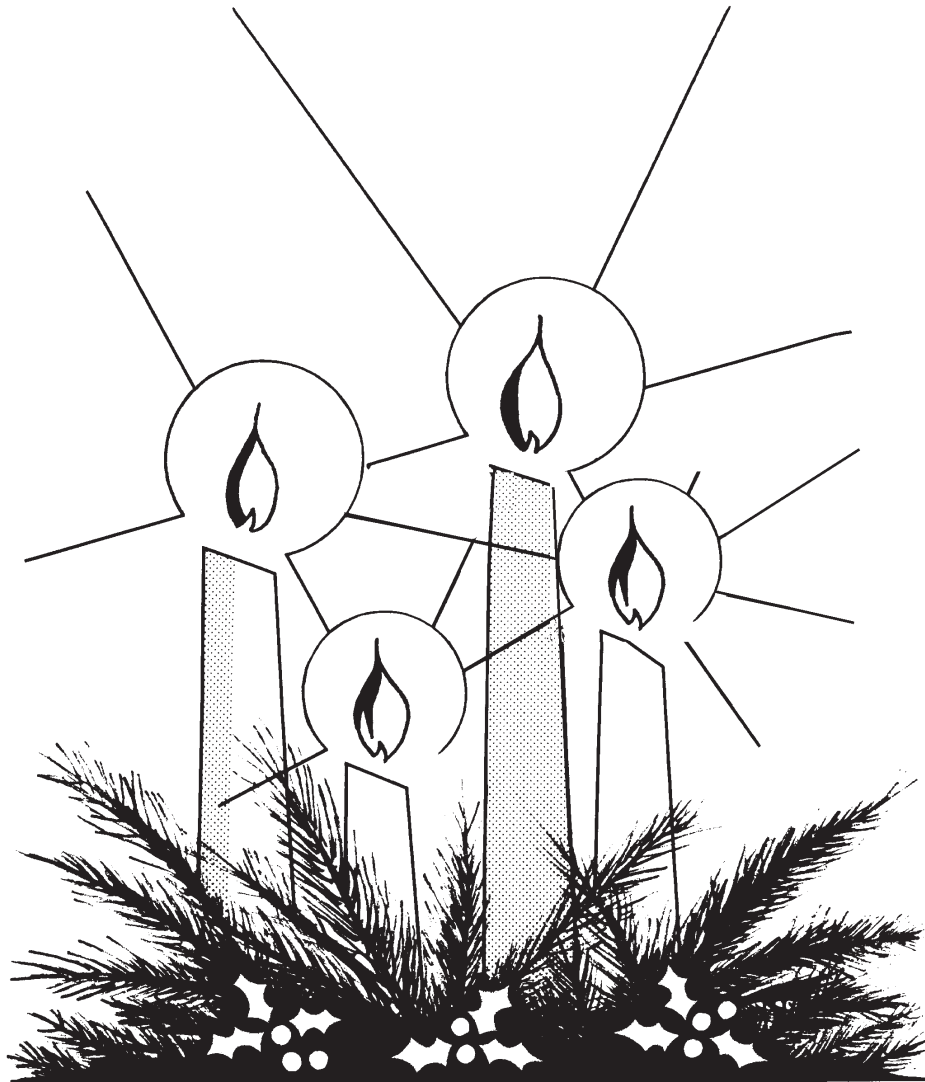
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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 21st @ 7 pm

- † K.T. Abraham req. by Abraham Joseph
Intentions of Dora Cariglia req. by Damiano & Christina Viggiani
- † Doaa Farag req. by Damiano & Christina Viggiani

Wednesday, December 22nd @ 9 am

- † Antonio, Angelina & Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

Thursday, December 23rd @ 9 am

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary Benincasa

Friday, December 24th @ 9 am

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 noon

- † Dorotea Garcia req. by Medina Family
- † Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno
- † Leonor Cuenca Canaon req. by Cellie & Family
- @ 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass (also livestreamed)**
- @ 7 pm Christmas Eve Mass**
- @ 9 pm Christmas Eve Mass**

Saturday, December 25th

- @ 10 am (also livestreamed)**
- † Cheryl McCulloch req. by Deacon Wayne McCulloch
- @ 12 noon**

- † Paul Ignagni req. by Frank and Antoinetta Ignagni

Sunday, December 26th

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)**
St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
- @ 11 am**
Bernice Hryniowski req. by Peter Willan
- @ 5 pm Mass**

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays from 9:30 am to 12 noon



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with Benediction (including on December 24th).**

Registration is not required to attend Adoration; however, we would like to ensure there are at least three people in the church each hour. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

2021 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2021 donations on Sunday, December 26th, 2021

Any donations you wish to make for 2021 must be received by **December 26th, 2021**. Anything after this date will apply to the 2022 year. Your name and address will appear exactly as it does on your offertory donation box. If there are any changes, please contact the office.

Christmas Schedule 2021

***** Registration required for all of the Masses listed below. Register online at: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/>**



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday, December 24, 2021

- ◆ 4:00 pm Family Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 9:00 pm Mass

Saturday, December 25, 2021

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass

* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

Sunday, December 26, 2021

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Friday, December 31, 2021

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ 11:00 pm – 12 Midnight Holy Hour
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 12:00 Noon Mass

* There is no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass (livestreamed)
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass

Presentation of Baby Jesus



We are looking for three children who would like to carry the Baby Jesus to the manger at either the 4 pm, 7 pm and 9 pm Mass on December 24th. If interested, please call the office at 905-640-6954 ext. 101 by Monday, Dec. 20th. There will be a draw to select the candidate and the chosen family will be advised by phone on Dec. 21st.

Church Office - Holiday Hours

December 24	Open from 9 am to 12 noon
Monday December 27 & Tuesday December 28	Closed
December 29, 30 and 31	Open from 9 am to 12 noon
Monday January 3	Closed

DECEMBER 19, 2021

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Over 4,000 titles for any member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Join Formed for free by registering as a member of a parish at:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/formed/>

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Watch, Christmas in Rome: A celebration of the Nativity.

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Saviour like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

Thank you!!!!

We would like to sincerely thank **Peter Gallagher of Convoy Custom Interiors** (146 Adesso Dr., Vaughan) for donating his time to hang our new Icon of Jesus and Mary in the Church on the wall by the organ. We are so pleased to now have the Icon in its permanent location!

Light Up the Tree of Life Donations for the Rose of Sharon



St. Mark's Squire Circle 5486 Spiritual Advent Project

The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the lighting of the Tree of Life on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon. The tree will be located in the entrance foyer of the Church from **November 27 to December 19.**

There will be a suggested list of various items to consider with regards to food cards, baby & toddler clothing, essential toiletries for babies, toddlers, and mothers. Your support of this Advent endeavour is very much appreciated by the Squires and the Knights of Columbus.

Additional Confession Time Tuesday, Dec. 21 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

In preparation for Christmas, there will be an additional Confession time offered by Fr. Michael on Tuesday, Dec. 21st from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm after the 7 pm Mass.

New Friday Mass Time at 7 pm Beginning January 7, 2022

Beginning Friday, January 7th, 2022, our Friday Mass will **move from 9 am to 7 pm.** We hope this will allow more of our parishioners, who may not be able to get a ticket for a weekend Mass, to attend. Registration is not required for the Friday Mass. Eucharistic Adoration will still continue each Friday but will begin at 9 am instead of 9:30 am and go until 12 noon.

St. Mark's Website

To access our **NEW WEBSITE**, please go to: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/> or Google St. Mark's Stouffville and the first search result will take you to our new website.

Sign-up for Pre-authorized Giving (PAG)

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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To sign-up for the St. Mark's Pre-Authorized Giving program, complete the online form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket. If you already give to the Parish via PAG, please consider increasing your donations if possible.

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations2/>

Friars' Student Writing Contest

"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt. 2:2)



It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2022.

This year, the theme and the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. The theme of the contest is: "**We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him**" (Mt. 2:2).

Question for the Contest: How can unity among Christians help overcome the forces of darkness in the world and bring the nations to the light of Christ? What is being done by the Christians journeying and acting together in the name of Jesus? What more needs to be done? Discuss with examples from your personal experience and the life of the Church.

The deadline for the writing contest is Monday, February 14, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Entries are to be submitted online. Contest details and the submission form are at: www.catholicregister.org/writingaward. For enquiries, call 416-934-3400 (ext. 527).

Registration for Mass

We ask that if you are uncertain whether or not you will be able to make it to the Church, please hold off on registering. Otherwise, if you register and do not attend, you are taking a spot someone else could have used. If you do register and need to cancel, please do so before Friday at noon by either calling the church office at 905-640-6954 or click on the link on your Eventbrite ticket. We would like to be able to have as many parishioners as possible attend in-person.

Calling All Catholic Advisors

Are you a financial or insurance advisor, or a lawyer? If yes, then we want to hear from you! The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of advisors, who live their faith and can assist us with estate and financial affairs. Be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional lives. For further information, contact the Development Office at: 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or development@archtoronto.org.

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