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*Feast of the Holy Family*

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Prospero Gerardo req. by Roselyn Ramos & Family
- † Mariamma Abraham req. by Abraham Joseph
- Intentions of Fr. Michael req. by Damiano & Christina Viggiani
- Mary and Vince Raponi (25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) req. by Raponi Family

**Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Sequeira & Pereira Families req. by Marie & Patrick Pereira

**Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Dan Pfaff req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9 am**

### Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 noon

- † Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno
- Intentions of Francis & Family req. by Teena
- † Frank & Maine Liotta req. by Damiano & Christina Viggiani
- @ 5 pm New Year's Eve Mass (also livestreamed)
- @ 11 pm Holy Hour
- @ 12 Midnight New Year's Eve Mass
- Church and World req. by Fr. Michael

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

- @ 10 am (also livestreamed)
- St. Mark's Staff and Volunteers req. by Fr. Michael

@ 12 noon

- † Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- @ 9 am (also livestreamed)
- Anne Hughes, Sean Monaghan & Moira McConville † req. by Fr. Michael
- @ 11 am
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael
- @ 5 pm Mass
- Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>).**

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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Any donations you wish to make for 2021 must be received by **December 26<sup>th</sup>, 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/>



### 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.

\* Brown scapulars will be distributed at these Masses.

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

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

## 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.

## Church Office - Holiday Hours

**Monday December 27 & Closed**

**Tuesday December 28**

**December 29, 30 and 31 Open from 9 am to 12 noon**

**Monday January 3 Closed**

## FORMED



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



PICK OF THE WEEK

**WATCH: Forgiven – Session 1: Where are you?** As we make resolutions for 2022, don't forget about your spiritual well-being!

Through our Forgiveness series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!

# DECEMBER 26, 2021

## Pastor's Christmas Message

# Christmas Blessings

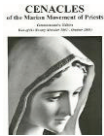
We are blessed with the gift of faith and thus knowing the one true God and His love for each and every one of us as proved through the giving of His only begotten Son, Jesus, Who took on our human nature to reconcile us with our Creator and loving Father.

Let us spend the time to take in and contemplate the wonder of the love of God in the gift of the newborn child laying in a poor and cold manger so that we might not be afraid to approach and beg the God child to open our hearts and fill them with the Holy Spirit in order that we might begin to respond more appropriately.

**Wishing you all a Blessed and Joyful Christmas.**

**Fr. Michael**

## Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm



In her messages to Fr. Gobbi, Our Lady insistently calls - priests, religious and faithful - to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the First Pentecost.

**Next Cenacle: Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>  
from 7:45 to 8:45 pm (after the 7 pm Mass)**

**Everyone is welcome to attend (registration is not required).**

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

Beginning Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Sign-up for Pre-authorized Giving (PAG)

### Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Give via  
pre-authorized  
transfers directly  
from your bank  
account.

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](http://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward).

For enquiries, call 416-934-3400 (ext. 527).

## Men's Online Discernment Group Beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (6 weeks)

**Resources designed to equip those discerning their vocation and the Lord's will in their daily lives**

**Week 1: Fr. George Elliot will give a presentation on Discernment Do's and Don'ts**

Books will be available for purchase from the Vocations Office at \$10 a copy.

For more info and to register, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy at [mccarthy.matthew12@gmail.com](mailto:mccarthy.matthew12@gmail.com)

## Celebration of Marriage at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one (1) guest per celebrant couple.

Registration is now open. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live). Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

## 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.

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