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Epiphany of the Lord

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 4th @ 7 pm

- † Deceased Members of the Munro Family req. by Ann Marie Munro
- Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary req. by Di Rienzo Family
- Intentions of Samuel Ho req. by Diep Cong

Wednesday, January 5th @ 9 am

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

Thursday, January 6th @ 9 am

- Seana Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, January 7th @ 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 12 noon

- † John McCarthy req. by Fr. Michael
- Dr. John Laffey req. by Fr. Michael
- Intentions of Elizabeth Cong req. by Diep Cong

Saturday, January 8th

@ 9 am

- † Clarita Gaerlan req. by Medina Family
- Thanksgiving of Maria Therese req. by Diep Cong
- † Vito Malsara req. by Tavares Family
- † Lydia Bustamente req. by Vel & Ehard Moegle & Family

@ 5 pm

- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, January 9th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Mary Hanratty req. by Fr. Michael

@ 11 am

- † Rev. John Emmett Walsh req. by Family and Friends

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays from 9 am to 12 noon



Holy Hour
Come spend time in the presence of Jesus.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9 am to 12 noon ending with**

Benediction. 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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact**

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email

vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationtoronto.ca

Church Office - Holiday Hours

Monday January 3

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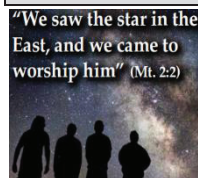
<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/formed/>

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PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH: God’s Doorkeeper: St Andre of Montreal. This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St Andre of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

Friars’ Student Writing Contest



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).

Celebration of Marriage at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica Sunday, February 13th at 2:30 pm

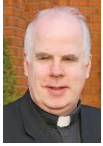
As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating 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. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

PARISH WEBSITE <http://stmarksst.archtoronto.org>

JANUARY 2, 2021

Pastor's New Year's Message



Dear Parishioners, I recently heard of a Catholic Bishop who remarked that the Great Reset has already taken place – 2,000 years ago with God our Father giving us His only Son to open the Gates of Heaven and showing us the way. How absolutely true. There is need of no other reset, which in the parlance of our day is only and totally “Fake News”.

Rather, we already have the only needed Good News of great joy – the birth of Our Saviour, which we are currently celebrating and to respond to that Good News by making Jesus the centre of our lives. We do so by spending time in daily prayer with the invincible weapon of our Mother of Good Success, her Rosary, with our faithful worship each Sunday, either in-person or online, and with regular confession. Thus equipped, loving God and our neighbour and sharing the Good News!

Viva Cristo Rey!
Fr. Michael

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Moved from January 4th to Friday, December 31st at 11 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: Friday, December 31st
from 11 pm to 12 Midnight (before Midnight 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.

Sign-up for Pre-authorized Giving (PAG)

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pre-authorized
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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/>

Thank you from the Squires



Dear Parishioners of St. Marks, St. Marks Squire Circle 5486 wish to thank you for your wonderful response to The Tree of Life on behalf of the Rose of Sharon.

Justine, a member of the Rose, also extends a big thank you for thinking of the young mothers and their babies & toddlers. The Knights, Squires and the Rose wish you a Blessed Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year 2022. God Bless.



That Man Is You (TMIY)

Beginning: January 22nd at 8 am on Zoom



Empowering men to take the next step in authentic male leadership, TMIY: The Battle Over the Bride focuses on their role as husband and their deep desire for self-sacrificial love. The program is divided into two, 13-week sessions and will be hosted every Saturday on Zoom beginning on January 22nd.

We will gather virtually at 8 am for a presentation followed at 8:30am with breakout groups that provide the opportunity to discuss what's been presented. We will end no later than 9am.

TO REGISTER GO TO: <https://www.kofc10874.ca/>

Ordinandi Dinner

Save the Date: Tuesday, March 1 at 7 pm



We hope you will join us as we meet and honour our Ordinandi at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary

who with God's grace, will be ordained to the priesthood in 2022. This year's Ordinandi Dinner is to be held virtually on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 @ 7pm via [youtube.com/archtoronto](https://www.youtube.com/archtoronto).

Please join us as we gather virtually to celebrate new priestly vocations and our seminaries. Come share with us the unique opportunity to meet these fine men and to hear about the unique faith journey that lead them to this most noble commitment.

There is no cost to view this event. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs and support our two seminaries, the Office of Vocations and Serra House in the work that they do, or obtain further information on this event, please visit:

serracanada.com/2022-ordinandi-dinner

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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