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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 20th @ 7 pm
 † Anthony Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
 In Thanksgiving req. by Naomi Li
 † Mercia Barbosa req. by Audrey & Hubert Pereira
 † Nhan Pham req. by Sara Moreno-Stober and Family
 Intentions of the Holy Spirit for Youth req. by Mary Jammsek

Wednesday, December 21st @ 9 am
 † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

Thursday, December 22nd @ 7 pm
 † Antonio, Angelina & Stan Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

Friday, December 23rd @ 9 am
 † Francesco Altomare req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa
 † Patricia Eileen Evelyn req. by Family
 † Marie Brunet req. by Fr. Michael
 † Leonor Cuenca Canaon req. by Cellie Canaon & Family
 Jonfiah Alphonsine req. by Jonfiah Alphonsine

Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, December 24th
 @ 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass
 † Frank Altomare req. by Ida Altomare
 @ 7 pm Christmas Eve Mass
 @ 12 Midnight Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 25th
 @ 9 am (also livestreamed)
 † Cheryl McCulloch req. by Wayne McCulloch
 @ 11 am
 St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

Pray For the Sick

Hedley Thomas, Jeanette Woodley, Joanne Taylor
 Maureen Morrison, Clemens Casil,
 Hyacinth DeSouza

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Cosimo Comito, Dennis Lyon, Molly McConkey,
 Michael Choo-Hum, Umberto De Furia

Confessions

**Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm
 or by appointment**



Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9:30 am to 1 pm and on First Fridays from 9:30 am to 7 pm ending with Benediction.** We ask for help to ensure at least two people in the church each hour of Adoration by signing in beforehand with the paper registration sheet at the back of the church.
 Please consider attending for even 5 to 10 minutes.

Is God Calling You?

If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationtoronto.ca**

Christmas Schedule 2022



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24, 2022

- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2022

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

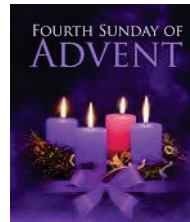
Saturday, December 31, 2022

- ◆ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2023

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ 11:00 am Mass

Making Room for Jesus



As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

2022 Tax Receipts

The books will be closed for 2022 donations on Monday, December 26th, 2022

Any donations you wish to make for 2022 must be received by **December 26th, 2022.** Anything after this date will apply to the 2023 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.

Church Office - Holiday Hours

Friday, December 23	Open from 9 am to 12 noon
Monday, December 26 Tuesday, December 27	Closed
Wed., December 28 Thurs., December 29 Fri., December 30	Open from 9 am to 12 noon
Monday, January 2	Closed

DECEMBER 18, 2022

Pilgrimage to Egypt & Holy Land May 23rd to June 5th, 2023



A pilgrimage has been organized to the Holy Land and Egypt under the spiritual leadership of Father Tad Walczyk from May 23rd to June 5th, 2023 (14 days).

Cost: \$4,795 (Toronto Dep. Includes all taxes & tips)

For information and registration:

Henry 1-877-999-8868 ext. 367 or 647-272-2811

Email: henry@ihtours.com

Website: www.ihtours.com

Registration forms available in the Church lobby.



Advent Confession Times



Tuesday, Dec. 20th from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 23rd from 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Every Saturday from 9:30 am – 10 am & 4 pm – 4:45 pm

Squires' Tree of Life

Accepting Donations until December 18th



The parishioners of St. Mark's Church are invited to participate in the St. Mark's Squire Circle Advent Project the Tree of Life, "Giving Tree", on behalf of those in need through the Rose of Sharon and St. Vincent de Paul Society. The tree will be located in the north entrance foyer of the Church until **December 18**. 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. Thank you for your generosity.

Which Bible to Buy?

Canadian English Roman Catholics utilize the NRSV (New Revised Standard Version-Catholic Edition) in our daily readings. It is known to be reliable, accurate and easy to read. Roman Catholic Bibles have 73 books (vs. Protestant Bibles which tend to have 66 books). A Roman Catholic Bible will also have an "Imprimatur" meaning it is free from doctrinal or moral error.



Coat Request from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St Mark's is looking for winter coats to support our Neighbours in Need. The Committee has become aware of an urgent need for gently used, adult women and men winter coats. If you have a gently used coat that you no longer need, which is in good, clean condition and which matches the sizes listed below, we would appreciate hearing from you! Please contact **Stefanie from our parish at 416 358 1600**.

Women's Sizes: One coat in a size **small**, Two coats in size **medium**, One coat in size **large**, Three coats in size **extra large**, One coat in size **1XL**, One coat in size **2XL**, One coat in size **4XL**

Men's Sizes: Four coats in size **medium** – two of which would be suitable for teenagers

Catechism in a Year



The Catechism in a Year
(with Fr. Mike Schmitz)
Coming January 1, 2023

In response to countless requests, Ascension is launching *The Catechism in a Year* (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) on January 1, 2023!

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- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
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- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- **Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.**

If you have ever wanted to **understand what it means to be Catholic** and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you! To join us in this journey through the Catechism, visit www.AscensionPress.com/CIY.

Thank you from the Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry would like to thank the parishioners who donated to the church building fund. The amount of \$350.00 was collected from the sales at the Strawberry Festival and the sales at last week's Coffee Sunday. Thank you for your generosity. Merry Christmas and God's blessings in the New Year. From the Ladies in the Prayer shawl ministry.

Women's Ministry Retreat January 27th to 29th, 2023



The St. Marks Women's Ministry is excited to announce our very first women's retreat and we are looking forward to spending the weekend with all of you -- it will be a weekend filled with love, laughter, faith inspired activities, outdoor & indoor fun, strengthening our friendship and developing new ones! Just say, YES :)

When: Friday January 27th to Sunday January 29th, 2023

Where: Claremont Nature Centre 4290 Westney Rd, N, Goodwood

What to expect: The weekend will consist of a variety of fun activities, indoor and outdoor. You can choose activities from nature hikes in the forest, snowshoeing, making faith-inspired crafts, indoor fun games, catching up & chatting with friends, and a dance party on Saturday Night! A private Mass will be held on Saturday night by Fr Tad.

What is included: All meals from Friday night to Sunday, including snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. All indoor and outdoor activities will be accompanied by a guide. Sleeping accommodations. Shared washrooms and showers.

Cost: \$250 per person for the entire weekend. If you bring a friend, then you both get to save \$25 each, so \$225 per person.

How to register: Please email

stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com and we will provide you with further instructions on how to sign up and reserve your spot for this amazing experience.

Please remember your God, your Faith, and your Parish in your will.

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