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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 26th @ 9 am

Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Tuesday, December 27th @ 7 pm

Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

† Luis Moreno req. by Sara, Beatriz & Silvia Moreno

Jonfiah Alphonsine req. by Jonfiah Alphonsine

† Jean Claude Cote req. by Gauthier & Bayer Families

† Fran Rozario req. by Mary Raybould

† Diego Accardo req. by Antonina Accardo

Wednesday, December 28th @ 9 am

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Bernice Hryniowski req. by Donna DiCostanzo

Thursday, December 29th @ 7 pm

Peace for Anna and Family req. by Diep Cong

Friday, December 30th @ 9 am

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

† Patricia Eileen Evelyn req. by Family

Michael, Kathleen, Peter & Joseph Bodi req. by Bodi Family

† Sandy Rozario req. By Rozario & Tabone Families

Jonfiah Alphonsine req. by Jonfiah Alphonsine

Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, December 31st

@ 9 am

† Silvestro DeLaurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

Lloyd Hannah req. by Bodi Family

† Fran Allan Rozario req. by Peter Willan

Gilles Levac req. by Gord & Gail MacRae

† Colleen Kennedy req. by Gord & Gail MacRae

† Ewen Kennedy req. by Gord & Gail MacRae

@ 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass

† Giuseppe Castriota req. by Adele, Sal & Tino

Sunday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

† Efrain & Amelia Moreno req. by Carlos Moreno and Family

@ 11 am

† Anna & Karl Bayer req. by Erika Bayer and Family

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

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**

Is God Calling You?

If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director** at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

New Year's Schedule



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

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

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



Eucharistic Adoration

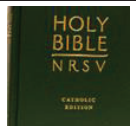
Every Friday

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.

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Mark's Conference

Know of a neighbour in need?

905-640-6954 ex.3

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

DECEMBER 25, 2022

Christmas Message from Fr. Tad



"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Is. 9.2) In this world filled with so much darkness, violence, and strife, we need hope and light.

Let us open our lives, our minds, and hearts to the coming of Jesus so that He can fill us with his life, hope, and love. Jesus is coming not to take away our troubles but to help us to face them and overcome them just as He did. I hope and pray that all of us, and also our families, friends, and our parish will be touched and changed by the coming of Jesus this coming Christmas. Let us also not hold to this life and love for ourselves but to share it with others around us. We are to be Jesus' mouth, hands, and feet in this world, building God's Kingdom in our lives, in our families, communities, and the whole world.

This is my wish and prayer for all of you.

Fr. Tad, Fr. Leslie, Deacon John, Deacon Wayne, Deacon Gordon, Lisa, Sara, Emy and Marcel

Celebration of Marriage at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica Sunday, February 12th at 2:30 pm



As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. 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 here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. **Registration is now open.** Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

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

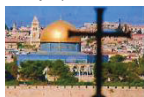


A pilgrimage has been organized to the Holy Land and Egypt under the spiritual leadership of Father Tad Walczyk from **May 23rd to June 5th, 2023 (14 days).**

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 are available in the Church lobby and an **information meeting will take place in the parish hall on Saturday, January 21st at 10:30 am.**

Also, International Heritage is having a promotion for Christmas. For any new reservation booked before January 7, 2023, passenger will receive \$150 discount.

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* on January 1, 2023! With this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- 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.

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!

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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