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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 3rd @ 7 pm

- Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary req. by DiRienzo Family
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Ann Marie Munro
- † Don Clements req. by Dot Gourley
- † Tito Scelsa req. by Clem Kelly and Family
- † Anthony Raj req. by Navaneetha Cruz

Wednesday, January 4th @ 9 am

Schwarzbauer & St. Michael Families req. by Deacon John & Lea

Thursday, January 5th @ 7 pm

- † Silvestro DeLaurentis req. by Stefanie Bruno

Friday, January 6th @ 9 am

Thanksgiving for Maria & Elizabeth Cong req. by Diep Cong

Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 7 pm

Mass @ 7 pm

Saturday, January 7th

@ 9 am

- Intentions of Jonfiah Alphonsine req. by Jonfiah Alphonsine
- † Eugeniana "Nena" Pedron req. by Piedad Family
- † Molly McConkey req. by Baker & Kelly Families
- † Dennis Lyon req. by Baker & Kelly Families
- † Tito Scelsa req. by Baker & Kelly Families

@ 5 pm

In Thanksgiving req. by Josephine Yeganatham & Family

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

Sunday, January 8th The Epiphany of the Lord

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Clarita Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina & Family

@ 11 am

- † Robert Bull req. by Maureen Lawson

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
or www.vocationstoronto.ca



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.

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!**

With this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Sunday, January 22nd at 4 pm

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on **Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m.** This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. All are welcome to attend in-person.

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 for further information.

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

JANUARY 1, 2023

Knights of Columbus Meeting

January 11th at 7:30 pm



The next Knights of Columbus council meeting is scheduled for January 11 @ 7:30 PM in person in the Knights Room (located in the church hall). Back doors to the hall will be open for entry at approx. 7:15pm. All members are welcome to join us. For more information, or if would like to become a member email Grand Knight John Sobrinho at gk10874@ontariokofc.ca.

Recollection for Women

Monday, January 16th at 7 pm

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life.

Date: Monday, January 16th
Confessions and Talk given by
a Priest of Opus Dei: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, January 28th at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Hall

This month's movie:

The Reluctant Saint – St. Joseph of Cupertino

This is the heartwarming true story of the humble Franciscan friar, St. Joseph of Cupertino, who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of 17th century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott (Ricardo Montalban) to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest. Yet some are convinced that it is the devil, not God, who is responsible for Joseph's miraculous powers – until a final miracle reveals to all his true sanctity. Running time: 104 mins.

Parish movies are more suitable for adults than children.

There's no charge to attend the show.

Pizza, drinks & snacks will be on sale at 6 pm.

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.

New Year's Message from Fr. Tad



On New Year's Day we not only start another calendar

year, but we also celebrate Mary as the Mother of God. It is also the day when we pray for peace in the world. Of course, that peace starts in our hearts, in our families and our communities.

Let us pray that Mary, Mother of Jesus, called also Prince of Peace, may pray with us and for us that we will have this peace that we all want. We also pray for peace especially in the countries or places where there is war and strife like in the Ukraine.

Peace and Blessings to you and yours.

With prayers, Fr. Tad, Deacon John, Deacon Wayne, Deacon Gordon and the staff of St. Mark's Parish

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.

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

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

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

To sign-up for the St. Mark's Pre-Authorized Giving program, please go to: <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/> Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket. Forms are also available in the lobby of the church.

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