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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 7th @ 7 pm

- † Alberto, Giuseppina & Luisa DiRienzo req. by DiRienzo Family
 - † Ella & Malloy Family req. by Ann Marie Munro
 - † Leo & McDonald Family req. by Ann Marie Munro
 - † Carmine & Mirella Costanzo req. by Gabriella Costanzo
 - † Josef Schwarzli req. by Josie Schwarzli
- Intentions of Josie Schwarzli req. by Josie Schwarzli

Wednesday, January 8th @ 9 am

Intentions of Elizabeth Donna req. by Diep Cong

Thursday, January 9th @ 7 pm

- † Virginia Maria Arlt req. by Frank & Antonietta Ignagni

Friday, January 10th @ 9 am

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday, January 11th

@ 9 am

- † Domenica Lozito & Angelo DePalma req. by Parente Family
- † Zenaida Naval req. by Cellie Canaan
- † Juanita Meneses req. by Vicky & Eugene Habon

@ 5 pm

- † Ernie Arnold req. by Jan & Dalemarie Arnold

Sunday, January 12th

@ 9 am (also livestreamed)

- † Anna Sardaro req. by Larry Tumino & Pat Hartford

@ 11 am

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

Pray For the Sick

Joanne Taylor, Chris & Kristina Prsa

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Biagina Andriuolo



Confessions

Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm

or by appointment



Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each **Friday from 9:30 am to 1 pm and on the First Friday of the month from 9:30 am to 7 pm ending with Benediction**. We ask for help to ensure **at least 2 people in the church each hour of Adoration by signing in with the paper registration sheet at the back of the church**. Please consider attending for even 5-10 minutes.

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 . If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Blessed Epiphany Chalk

THE CHALKING OF THE DOORS

"Chalking the door" is a centuries-old way to celebrate and to mark the occasion of the Epiphany with God's blessing of

our lives and homes with sacred signs and symbols to set our homes apart as places of Christian hospitality, as safe and peaceful outposts of the Kingdom of God in the world. We again invite God's presence into our homes and ask His blessing upon all those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. Each year, using blessed chalk, people mark the doorpost of their home with an inscription of the new year separated by C+M+B. For instance, in 2025, the inscription is **20+C+M+B+25**. Why C+M+B? It stands for the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house." The letters can also stand for the traditional names of the Magi who visited Christ: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Blessed chalk will be available in front of the altar after Masses this weekend.

Friars' Student Writing Contest

Friars Student Writing Contest 2025

(Deadline: Jan. 13, 2025)

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25.

Write a **five-hundred-word essay** that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo>. Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Email ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registrations being accepted in all York Catholic Elementary schools.



The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2021. York Catholic School Board provides a Christ-centred, innovative Catholic Education in its 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked one of the top performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.



The 2025 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer.

JANUARY 5, 2025



MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, January 11th at 6:30 pm

theultimategift



This month's movie: The Ultimate Gift

Jason Stevens (is a trust fund baby who resents his grandfather, Howard "Red" Stevens (James Garner), for his father's death while working for him. When Red dies, Jason doesn't expect to inherit anything, but instead receives a series of 12 tasks that he must complete within a year to receive the "Ultimate Gift". The tasks are centered around "gifts" such as work, money, friends, and learning.

Pizza, drinks, and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm
Movie to start at 6:30 pm in the parish hall
The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 118 minutes



St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women January 11th/12th

St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women is a Crisis Pregnancy Centre located next door to a late term abortuary that does abortions up to 6 months gestation. St. Joseph's offers the last chance to the desperate mothers in a crisis pregnancy to choose life for their child and help for themselves. Please join in the fundraiser "Baby Bottles for Life". **Donations can be placed in the baby bottles and returned to the church the weekend of January 18th/19th.** We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this worthwhile cause in service to Christ and the pre-born. www.sjcentre.ca

Confirmation Classes

Beginning Wednesday, January 15th



Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, January 15th in the Parish Hall.
Group A – 6 pm to 7:15 pm
Group B – 7:45 pm to 9 pm

Recollection for Women

Monday, January 20th from 7 to 9:30 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.

Confessions and Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei

LIFE TEEN

Saturday, January 25th at 6 pm

Our next LifeTeen night for youth in Grades 9 to 12 will be on Saturday, January 25th from 6 to 8:30 pm.

Please invite your friends!

For further information, email our Youth Minister, Grant, at stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com.

Follow us on Instagram: @stmarksyouthmin

Women's Ministry Retreat Saturday, January 25th

Footprints with Jesus

A Women's Day Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 25th in St. Mark's Church Hall.

Registration price is \$25

e-transfer to stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com to reserve your spot or place cash in an envelope marked with your name and Women's Ministry Day Retreat and deliver it to the church office.



Coffee Sunday

Sunday, January 26th



Coffee, tea, and baked goods will be served in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, January 26th after the 9 am and 11 am masses.** Join fellow parishioners in the

hall for fellowship and some delicious refreshments! Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the parish hall on Saturday between 8 am and 10 am or 4 pm and 6 pm or on Sunday morning.

That Man Is You!

Beginning February 1st



That Man Is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and

temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. The program will begin again on **February 1st at 7:30 AM until 8:30 AM** in the basement of St. Mark's. Coffee and snacks will be provided every Saturday morning.

[TO REGISTER EMAIL: GK10874@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK10874@ontariokofc.ca)

St. Mark's Pasta Night

Saturday, February 1st at 6 pm



Come and enjoy a delicious meal!

Penne Pasta, Sausage & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Adults \$25, Children 12 to 6 years old \$10 and children under 5 are Free

Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks & Water available for purchase.

Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses.

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

To sign-up for St. Mark's Church Pre-Authorized Giving program, **Please go to: www.stmarkstouffville.ca, click on the "Contact" heading then "Donations" to print off the form.** Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket. PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

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