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New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please register by filling out a form available at the back of the church or online.

Sacrament of Baptism

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a very serious commitment to raise the child within the Catholic faith community and to educate the child in the truths of the church. An essential part of the commitment is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Baptisms are usually held on two Sundays every month. Please contact the parish office for a Baptismal package.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance. They must also attend a Marriage Preparation Course prior to entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil divorce or religious marriage with another person, please notify the priest as soon as possible as the priest is not permitted to set a wedding date until the Bishop's Office has been contacted.

Sacrament of the Sick

In this Sacrament we celebrate Christ's healing presence among us today. If you, a relative or friend, require this Sacrament at home or nursing home, please call the parish office. For your spiritual needs during a hospital stay, the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain to each of the two Mississauga hospitals. For the Chaplain, speak to the Nurses' Desk or call the Spiritual Care Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
Every 2nd & 4th Friday during Holy Hour (6:15pm to 6:45pm).

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS

Sunday Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON

Weekday Eucharist

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:30 AM

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday during Mass

Rosary

Monday & Wednesday at 6:40 PM

Divine Mercy

Friday at 3:00 PM

PARISH LIFE

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Legion of Mary (Wed 7:30 PM) 905-822-8132
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Men of St Francis (Kurtis Chong) 647-378-3537
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 3
St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115
Christ the King 905-569-0220

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2024

The Kingdom of God is at Hand

“Lord Jesus, you have called me personally by name, just as you called your first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Help me to believe your word and follow you faithfully. Fill me with the joy of the gospel that your light may shine through me to many others.” Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN



We invite all children in JK to Grade 3 to join us on Sundays during the 10AM Mass. Mark your calendar for Children's Liturgy Sundays set for:
January 21st,
February 4th & 18th,
March 3rd & 17th

HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses the weekends of **January 20/21 and 27/28**. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at



Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES



Offertory envelope boxes for 2024 are available at the back of the church after all masses. Please take any box and **PRINT your name & address on the envelopes you use in the month of JANUARY 2024**. Just as a reminder we **cannot** issue tax receipts without this information.

MONDAY, January 22 - 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intentions Available

TUESDAY, January 23 - 8:30 A.M.

Mass Intentions Available

WEDNESDAY, January 24 - 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intentions Available

THURSDAY, January 25 - 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate

FRIDAY, January 26 - 7:00 P.M.

† Jolanda Karabowicz

SATURDAY, January 27 - 5:00 P.M.

† Jane Mailet-Quigg

SUNDAY, January 28 -

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

2024 Theme:

“You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself” (Luke 10:27).

Every year, Christians from a different host country choose the theme and prepare draft texts for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU)**. In 2024 these have been prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, facilitated by the local **Chemin Neuf Community (CCN)**. Canadian resources for the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the ecumenical WPCU Writing and Animation Team of volunteers from member churches of The Canadian Council of Churches working in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, and the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m.

**St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral
455 Ferrier St., Markham, ON L3R 5Z2**

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, who prayed that all might be one, we pray to You for the unity of all Christians, according to Your will, according to Your means. May Your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope for Your gifts of reconciliation, justice and peace. AMEN.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

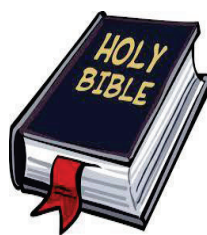


At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, there will be a special blessing for married couples at the end of all Masses.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 Celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th & wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday February 11th, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. 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. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

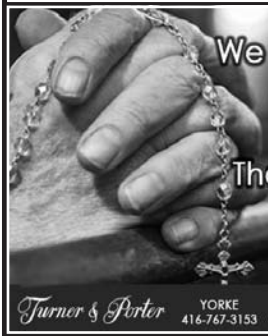
Sunday of the Word of God – January 20/21



The **“Sunday of the Word of God”** is observed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and was established by Pope Francis on September 30, 2019, through his Motu proprio Apostolic Letter, **“Aperuit illis.”** This year, **January 20/21, 2024** will be designated as “Sunday of the Word of God” and is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God.

We should recall the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church. In his apostolic letter, the Holy Father tells us that the celebration has “ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.” Parishes are invited to acknowledge the importance of the Word of God in our faith journey and to consider ways to mark this weekend with an appreciation for the richness of the ongoing dialogue between the Lord and his people.

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