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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 13, 2019

Jan 15th – Jan 19th

Tues. 8:30 am - Yam Family †
Wed. 8:30 am - Mark Reffel †
Thurs. Noon - Michael Man †
Fri. 8:30 am - Margaret Fung †
Sat. 4:30 pm - Joanne Lasita †

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened."



In today's liturgy, Jesus experiences a river-baptism, and God's voice is heard proclaiming Jesus to be the Beloved Son of God with the visible presence of the Holy Spirit bearing witness. It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved".

This Gospel recounts the final event we celebrate in the Christmas season. The Christmas season looks beyond the baby in Bethlehem. Each feast peels back the layers a little further, each revealing the truth of Jesus of Nazareth from a different perspective. Jesus is the one in whom God keeps the promises made through Isaiah. He will show to the world the glory, justice, power and abundant love of God.

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved. He will show to the world the glory, justice, power and abundant love of God.

This Sunday marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time in our liturgical year. The hope of Christmas, though, never ends. Through baptism into Christ, we share in His life in God and in His promise-keeping mission in the world.



READINGS FOR – January 20th

1st Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11
Gospel: John 2.1-12

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can double check our records.



TAX RECEIPTS



Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2018 will be available by the **end of February**. If you want us to mail your receipt, please drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2019 will count towards next year's tax receipt.) As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.

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If you are currently signed up for the pre-authorized giving (PAG) plan please consider an increase in 2019.



PAG is administered by the Archdiocese and donations to the church are taken directly from your bank account on a monthly basis. PAG saves time and administrative costs associated with processing donations. The PAG form is available in the foyer at the back of the church.

FEED THE HUNGRY



Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles next weekend: January 19th/20th.

MOVIE NIGHT



"God's Not Dead"
Join us on Friday, January 18th
at 7:00 pm

When an atheist philosophy professor plans to forego "dusty arguments" in his class, he insists the new students declare that "God is dead." Unable to do this, Josh is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that God's Not Dead. Against all odds, Josh stands up for his faith and takes on the challenge. LET THE DEBATE BEGIN!!

The Knights of Columbus invite all men 18 years of age and older and of practicing Catholic faith to attend a short information session to learn more about the good works of the K of C after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on January 13, 2019 in the parish hall.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH CARDINAL COLLINS FEBRUARY 10, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M.



As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 Celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in

2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at on Sunday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400 X523.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

"Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue"

Sunday, January 27th at 4:30 pm

Location: St. James Anglican Cathedral
106 King Street East - Toronto
(King & Church Streets)



Come and join us for an ecumenical prayer service led by Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox bishops along with Leaders from Christian Churches in the GTA. Refreshments to follow the service. All are welcome! For more information please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at the Archdiocese of Toronto (416) 934-3400 ext. 344.

Ministry with Maturing Adults Spirituality in the Second Half of Life Winter Program

Inviting men and women (50+) to learn more about faith development in the second half of life.

First session - Friday, January 25, 2019

Coffee: 9:15 a.m.

Start Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Topic: **"St. Oscar Romero: Celebrating a Witness to Love"**

Facilitator: Viola Athaide

Register: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or phone 905-881-1534

XL: Relentless Father

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Flato Markham Theatre

171 Town Centre Blvd., Markham

Ring in 2019 with a fun, faith-filled night that has the ability to change your complete outlook on life. Ministry team members include Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers (USA), Kathleen & Jesse Leblanc (worship leaders) & Msgr. Vid Vlasic of St. Justin Martyr Parish in Unionville. Prayer, praise, witness and Eucharistic adoration. Confessions offered that night. Come pray and hear how the Father's love is "relentless."

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