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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

ENGLISH Saturday 5:00 p.m. ITALIAN Sunday 9:00 a.m. ENGLISH Sunday 10:30 a.m. ENGLISH Sunday 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday9:00 a.m.Wednesday & Friday7:00 p.m.Saturday9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.

CONFESSIONS Saturday

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Call the office in emergency or serious illness. Please do not wait till the last moment. Sacrament of anointing is for the sick.

BAPTISMS Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE Please contact the Parish Office at least 12 months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME Please call the Parish Office.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

RESOURCE CENTRE/GIFT SHOP Open for 30 minutes after each weekend Mass.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Joseph the Worker C.E.S.475 Brownridge Dr.905-738-5703

Our Lady of the Rosary C.E.S.206 Glenshields Ave.905-669-6690

St Elizabeth C.H.S.525 New Westminster Dr.905-882-1460

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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 21-27)

GOSPEL REFLECTION: JESUS' CALL TO US

He called them. (Mark 1:20)

What did Jesus actually say to James and John when he "called them" (Mark 1:20)? Did he just approach them, as he did with Simon and Andrew, and say, "Come after me" (1:17)? Or was there a longer, more involved conversation? Whatever happened, we know that this encounter had a powerful effect on these two fishermen. They "left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" (1:20).

How did Jesus call you? It doesn't matter whether it happened at a specific point in time or over many years. What matters is that like these first disciples, Jesus called you, and you chose to follow him.

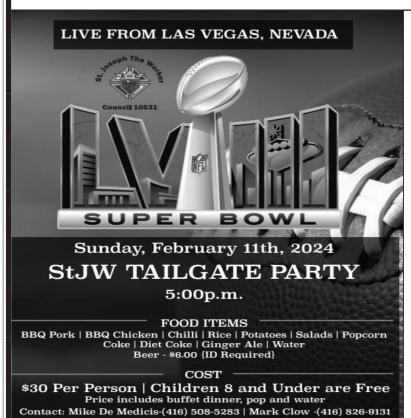
The first call we hear is Jesus calling us to himself. He is the One who shows us the way to the Father and who fills our hearts with his love, mercy, and grace. As it did for these disciples, our relationship with our Lord becomes the foundation for our life and for everything else we do.

Jesus also calls us to mission. Whether we are called to marriage and family, to the priesthood, or to the religious or single life, we are all given a mission, a specific way he wants us to serve him. He may even call us to be missionaries like the first disciples.

But we can also receive multiple callings in our lives, and our calling can change or expand over time. Maybe in one season of life, we are called to focus mainly on the needs of our family. In another, God might be asking us to spend more time meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters, perhaps by teaching the faith or caring for the poor.

Spend some time at Mass today thanking Jesus for the ways he has called you. It's not always easy to say yes—we know that following Jesus will inevitably involve hardships as well as joys. But there's no greater honor or privilege we could ever hope to have!

"Jesus, I am forever grateful that you have called me to follow you."



MASS READINGS

First Reading: Jonah 2.1-5, 10 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31 Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 21 January, 9:00 AM (Italian) For All Parishioners

Sunday 21 January, 10:30 AM For all Parishioners

Sunday 21 January, 12:00 PM + Gregorio Visitacion & Mateo Dalauidao

Tuesday 23 January, 9:00 AM + M. Mariasundaram

Wednesday 24 January, 7:00 PM

- + Amie Chong
- + Giuseppe Pittarelli
- + Adelina Bulatao

Thursday 25 January, 9:00 AM Seniors Group

Friday 26 January, 7:00 PM + Giuseppe Pizzolato Thanksgiving from Lima Rose Emile 25th Wedding Anniversary of Edwin & Mitzi

Saturday 27 January, 9:00 AM + Fiorella & Enzo Quattrini

Saturday 27 January, 5:00 PM +Maria David

THE "SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD"

The "Sunday of the Word of God" is observed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and was established by the Holy Father on September 30, 2019, through his Motu propio 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 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.

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."

Pope Francis, Aperuit illis, 2

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come and join us in learning more about the women of the Bible. Have you often wondered who are some of the women in the Bible that really had an impact? Can we as women in our modern world relate to any of these stories or experiences in our lives. Join us on January 24 after the Wednesday Mass at 7:35 pm. There will be fellowship, Bible reading, and sharing of ideas. If you are 18+ we look forward to seeing you. Please bring a notebook and a bible.



"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD... AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF." LUKE 20:27

Annual GTA Prayer Service Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral 455 Ferrier St. (Steeles Ave. E. & Warden Ave.), Markham, ON L3R 5Z2

> Sunday, January 21, 2024 4:00 p.m.

willed by Jesus Christ for the Church The homilist is H.G. Anba Archilids, General Bishop and Papal Vicar Coptic Orthodox Archdiocese of Toronto

Join Archbishop Francis Leo

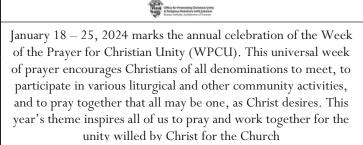
and a wide representation of Christian leaders

to pray for the restoration of full visible unity

ALL ARE WELCOME

Livestream available at: https://bit.ly/WPCU2024live

Sponsored by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches



LEGION OF MARY

Join the Legion of Mary to have the opportunity to experience the joy of communal pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary, fellowship and impactful outreach. Meetings take place weekly on Thursdays in the basement Hall from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. All are welcome to join!

JOIN THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Faith calls us to serve, and the Society of

Saint Vincent de Paul welcomes all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbour. We are seeking new members to help visit the poor and others in need in their homes and assist us with food and clothing drives. For more information on how you may be able to help, please call our helpline at 647-303-2621.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH Archbishop Francis Leo – February 11, 2024 at 3:00 pm

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 and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. 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 <u>www.archtoronto.org/marriage</u>.

For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



Ministries of Care

Bereavement Ministry Training

(Ministry of Consolation)

Thursday Evenings February 15, 22, 29 March 7, 14 & 21, 2024

7 to 8:30 p.m.



The Bereavement Ministry Training (also known as the Ministry of Consolation) is designed for those who are ministering to the bereaved in a parish setting.

New and seasoned parish bereavement ministers and volunteers are invited to join us for an interactive, faith-based educational and spiritual learning opportunity.

Come, learn, and share how the Christian faithful comfort mourners with words of faith and support and with acts of kindness.

You will learn about:

- The Order of Christian Funerals
- Communication and Listening Skills
- Overview of Grief and Mourning
- · Facilitating Skills and Support Groups
- Beginning your Program
- Healing and Meditation
- Self Care for the Minister

Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions and complete pre-homework to receive full training.

There is no cost to attend.

Register by February 13, 2024: https://bit.ly/BMT-RegisterFebMar2024

For more information, contact: formation@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 523 **Liturgical Publications** 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 1-800-268-2637

