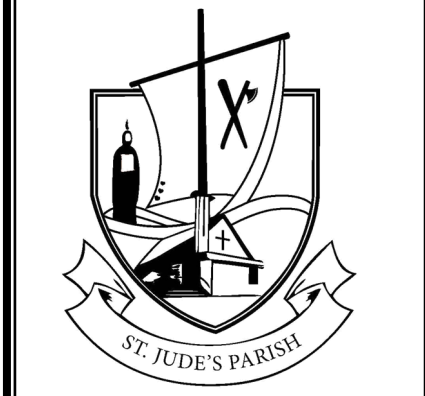


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# St. Jude's Parish

**Welcome to New Parishioners**  
 We warmly welcome all new parishioners to St. Jude's and encourage them to register in the parish office. Offertory envelopes are available upon request when registration takes place.

**First Friday**  
 Every First Friday of the month Mass at 8:00am, Holy Hour at 6:00pm, Mass at 7:00pm and devotions to St. Jude after mass.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
 Contact the parish at least six months before the desired date of baptism to obtain information regarding requirements and sacramental preparation, and to discuss any other concerns you may have. Please consider starting the process during the pregnancy which will make the process easier.

**Devotions to St. Jude**  
 Every Wednesday after the 8:00am Mass, every Friday after 7:00pm Mass and privately in St. Jude's Chapel every day.

**Confessions**  
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Saturdays at 4:00pm - 4:45pm and other times by appointment.

**Rosary**  
 Daily after 8:00am Mass (English).  
 Saturdays 8:00am (Spanish)

**First Communion & Confirmation Program**  
 Parents are asked to contact the office for information. Our programs begin in the fall (September or October) and end with the reception of the sacraments. Registration dates are announced in the bulletin, in our website, social media, and from the pulpit.

**Renovación Carismática**  
 (Spanish) meets Fridays at 7:30pm  
 Mario Vasquez (Coordinator)

**Sacrament of Matrimony**  
 Couples contemplating marriage at St. Jude's parish are required to make contact with the parish office and review the marriage package before an interview with the priest. Diocesan regulation demands that marriages are booked one year in advance minimum.

**Neo Catechumenate Way**  
 Saturdays at 7:00pm  
 Giovanni Tersigni

**Funerals**  
 Please contact the Funeral Home of your choice first. They will contact the parish office to make church arrangements. **Remember Catholic Cemeteries when making your arrangements.**

**CFC Handmaids of the Lord**  
 Anita Espino (coordinator)  
 Tel. Number 647-878-7195

**R.C.I.A. and R.C.I.C. Programs**  
 The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and for Children (RCIC) has now been implemented. Please contact the office to register and arrange to fill out an application for next year. The RCIA will only take place if a minimum of 5 people register.

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
 Marinella Gonzalez (coordinator)  
 Tel: 416-742-9072 Ext. 111

**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Parish Finance Council**  
 Pastor (Chair) Paschal D'Souza (Vice-chair), Mary Lovisa (Secretary), Teresa Tedesco, James Downey, Yolanda Flores.

**Building Committee**  
 Dan Christante (property manager)  
 James Downey.

**Parish Schools**  
 St. Jude's Tel: 416-393-5279  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**SUNDAY MASSES**  
 Saturday: 5:00pm (English)  
 Sunday: 8:00am (Italian)  
 9:30am, 11:00am (English)  
 12:30pm (Spanish)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
 Mon-Thurs 8:00am  
 Friday 7:00pm  
 1st Friday 8:00am & 7:00pm  
 (Holy Hour every Friday 6:00pm)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
 Mon - Wed 8:30am-4:00pm  
 (Closed 12:30 - 1:30pm for lunch)  
 Thurs & Fri 2:00pm-7:00pm

**CHURCH HOURS**  
 Mon - Wed 7:30am - 4:00pm  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 6th**  
**5:00pm Mass**  
 † Flora, Francisco & Rene Domingo  
 † Andrew & Melanie Downey  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for Favours Received

**Sunday, January 7th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Agata & Filippo Colacci  
 † Domenico & Flavia Fama  
 † Luciano Pasut  
 † Alessandro Quagliotto  
 † Vincenzo, Antonietta & Nella Teti

**9:30am Mass**  
 † Mida Alia Khan  
 † Silvia & Elio Pravato  
 † Mario Romeo  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Teresa Di Noto  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to Mother Mary from the Germino-Soniga Family

**11:00am Mass**  
 PRO-POPULO  
**12:30pm Mass**  
 † Melquisedec & Lilia Achury de Reyes  
 † Victor Eduardo & Victor Hernán Arévalo

† Lizeth Cardinales  
 † Manuel Cobeña Rodríguez  
 † Maria Guillermina Toro De Viana  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for Favours received from Neidin Morales  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for the Birth of Rogelio del Porte Ley

**Mondav, January 8th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Tony Petrecca  
**Tuesday, January 9th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 ♦ For the Intentions of Nina Manias  
**7:00pm Mass**  
 † Maria Minicucci

**Wednesday, January 10th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † All Souls in Purgatory  
**Thursday, January 11th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Antonino Giglio

**Friday, January 12th**  
**7:00pm Mass**  
 † Agnese De Ciantis  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Ernesto Granzotto

**Sanctuary Lamp**

January 6th - 12th

† All Souls in Purgatory



**Pray for the sick:**

Louie, Lino Vieira, Adriana Toniolo, Nubia Nuñez, Eliza Tomsen, Lina Grecco, Elsa Moreno, Ida Colombo, Jeyathas Balasingam.

**The recently deceased:**

Carmine Colalillo, Alfredo Baraquiel Mendez, Lillian Agnes Caden, Luciano Pasut, Maria Minicucci, Vittorio Scelsa.

**The Epiphany of the Lord**



*“And they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh”.*

Dear brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, the Feast of Three Kings. Like the three kings we too have the opportunity to bring gifts to Jesus. What are the best gifts to bring to Jesus, especially in this new year of 2024? Ourselves! That’s the best gift, by coming to mass every weekend to praise His Name. On Christmas day, God came freely as the gift to us through His birth as the infant Jesus. Out of sheer love for us and without ever forcing himself upon us, the infant Jesus awaits ever so patiently for us to give our personal gifts of self to him. When the gift of self is given to him, the infant Jesus freely showers upon us even more gifts than we can ever imagine. Gifts that we may have never even thought of asking, as well as gifts that we will always hold dear and central to our lives. What are some of these gifts? An ever-growing personal love and thirst for God. An ever-growing inner peace and joy in God that none can ever take away from us. On this Feast of Epiphany, this Feast of Three Kings, this New Year 2024, let us then bring ourselves individually and as a family as gifts to be offered to the infant Jesus. Let us do so out of love and gratitude for God who has given himself as a free gift to us, simply out of sheer love for us. *Happy Feast of the Epiphany, and a truly blessed New Year, 2024*

**L'Epifania del Signore**

*“E gli offrirono in dono oro, incenso e mirra”.* Cari fratelli e sorelle, oggi celebriamo la festa dell'Epifania, la festa dei Tre Re. Come i tre re anche noi abbiamo la possibilità di portare doni a Gesù. Quali sono i regali più belli da portare a Gesù, soprattutto in questo nuovo anno 2024? Noi stessi! Questo è il regalo più bello, venire a

messa ogni fine settimana per lodare il Suo Nome. Il giorno di Natale, Dio ci è venuto liberamente come dono attraverso la Sua nascita come Bambino Gesù. Per puro amore verso di noi e senza mai imporsi su di noi, il Bambino Gesù attende con tanta pazienza che gli offriamo i nostri doni personali di sé. Quando gli viene dato il dono di sé, il Bambino Gesù ci elargisce liberamente ancora più doni di quanto possiamo mai immaginare. Doni che forse non avremmo mai nemmeno pensato di chiedere, così come doni che terremo sempre cari e centrali nella nostra vita. Quali sono alcuni di questi doni? Un amore personale e una sete di Dio sempre crescenti. Una pace interiore e una gioia in Dio sempre crescenti che nessuno potrà mai portarci via. In questa Festa dell'Epifania, in questa Festa dei Re Magi, in questo Nuovo Anno 2024, portiamo allora noi stessi individualmente e come famiglia come doni da offrire a Gesù Bambino. Facciamolo per amore e gratitudine verso Dio che si è donato gratuitamente a noi, semplicemente per puro amore per noi. *Buona Festa dell'Epifania e un Anno Nuovo 2024 davvero benedetto.*

**La Epifanía del Señor**

*“Y le ofrecieron presentes de oro, incienso y mirra”.* Queridos hermanos y hermanas, hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía, la fiesta de los Reyes Magos. Como los reyes magos, nosotros también tenemos la oportunidad de llevar regalos a Jesús. ¿Cuáles son los regalos más hermosos para llevar a Jesús, especialmente en este año nuevo 2024? ¡Nosotros mismos! Este es el mejor regalo, venir a Misa todos los fines de semana para alabar Su Nombre. El día de Navidad, Dios vino a nosotros gratuitamente como un regalo a través de su nacimiento como el Niño Jesús. Por puro amor hacia nosotros y sin imponerse o forzar su presencia, el Niño Jesús espera con paciencia que le ofrezcamos nuestros regalos personales. Cuando nos ofrecemos a el como y dedicamos a el nuestro ser, el Niño Jesús nos baña aún con más regalos de los que jamás podamos imaginar. Regalos que quizás nunca se nos ocurriría pedir, así como regalos que siempre apreciaremos y serán centrales en nuestras vidas. ¿Cuáles son algunos de estos regalos? Un amor personal y una sed de Dios cada vez mayores. Una paz interior y un gozo en Dios cada vez mayores que nadie podrá arrebatarlos jamás. En esta Fiesta de la Epifanía, en esta Fiesta de los Reyes Magos, en este Año Nuevo 2024, traigamos entonces individualmente y como familia como regalos para ofrecer al Niño Jesús. Hagámoslo por amor y gratitud hacia Dios que se entregó gratuitamente a nosotros, simplemente por puro amor hacia nosotros. *Feliz Día de Reyes y un bendecido Año Nuevo 2024.*

**Sacramental Preparation Programs**



**First Communion**

**Session Two**  
**Group 1** Saturday January 27th, 2024 at 10:00am  
**Group 2** Saturday February 3rd, 2024 at 10:00am

**Confirmation**

**Session Six**  
 Friday January 19th at 7:00pm  
 God's Forgiveness



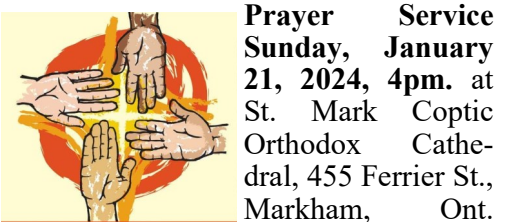
**Parish Meetings, Events and other News**

**Prayer for Vocations**

“They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, for the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org



**Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
 January 18th - 25th



**Prayer Service Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4pm.** at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, 455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont.  
**Theme: “You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)** 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. Those who can not attend the service can participate by offering your own private prayers for peace and Christian unity throughout this week.

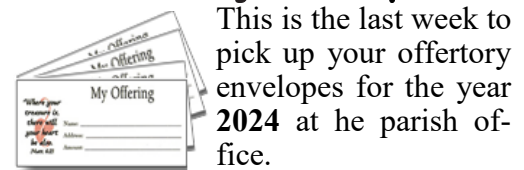
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**Offertory Envelopes**



This is the last week to pick up your offertory envelopes for the year **2024** at the parish office. The envelopes not picked up will be reassigned to new parishioners. If you are not currently an envelope user but would like to start please contact the parish office. Please do not use prior years' envelopes as some of the old numbers may have been reassigned and your donation may be misdirected. Please only use the **2024** envelopes.

**Changes to PAG:**

Please contact the Parish office to make any changes to your **Pre-Authorized Giving's** prior to notifying your bank with the changes.

**Mass Intentions**

Mass intentions to be announced on weekend masses and the following week must be requested by **Wednesday of each week**. We cannot change dates for masses previously request-

ed. Thank you for your understanding and your co-operation.

**Planning to be a Catholic School Teacher?**

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario as part of your application for employment you must provide a letter of recommendation from your Pastor. It is highly recommended to contact the pastor a year in advance, especially in light of the fact that all universities make this matter known to every student at the beginning of the year. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

The following are required at St. Jude's:

- ♦ Be (yourself, not your parents or grandparents) a registered member of the parish using offertory envelopes (at least 1 year before the application).
- ♦ Be in the parish for participation in Sunday/Saturday mass for a minimum of 12 months prior to approaching the pastor.
- ♦ Make your request 3 months in advance. Applicant must be the one making the requests.
- ♦ No request by a relative or a parent will be accepted.

The pastor has to be able to recommend you, and that is only possible if he knows you at the basic level of regular mass attendance. Personal knowledge of the candidate's faith practice is what the pastor needs to recommend, not your relatives, but yourself, as this is a personal recommendation.