

25 March~Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Annual Cemetery Clean-up

Parish Cemetery

All parishioners, especially those who have loved ones buried at St. James and those who own cemetery lots, are invited to attend this year's cemetery clean-up bee which will be held on Sunday, 29

April at 1:30p.m. Rain date Sunday, 6 May at 1:30p.m. This event is an excellent opportunity for high school students to earn community service credits. Chores will include: up-grading and seeding sunken graves and ruts; removal of fallen tree limbs, dead shrubs, and litter. Please bring rakes (both hard and leaf), shovels and a willing spirit. Tractors with buckets will be a welcome blessing. All volunteers are asked to meet at the main cemetery entrance.

Holy Week Schedule at St. James

29 March; Holy Thursday Mass at 7P.M.
30 March; Good Friday Service at 3:00P.M.
Divine Mercy Novena begins at 2:30P.M.
on Good Friday at St. James
(Concludes On Sunday, 8 April at 3:00P.M.)
31 March; Easter Vigil at 7:30 P.M.

First Communion Dates

8, 15, 22 April
At 12:00noon Mass in St. James.

Confirmation Class on 6 May
candidates and sponsors meet following the 12noon Mass, In St. James' Church

Confirmation Dates

13 & 20 May at 12noon in St James

The National Catholic Mission 2018, The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation with Father Michael Courtts S.J. will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following Networks across Canada: **VisionTV:** Part 1 Monday March 26; Part 2 March 27th at 8 pm ET. **Salt + Light:** Part 1 March 27; Part 2 March 28 at 8 pm ET. The 2018 Mission will be rebroadcast: Part 1 on Good Friday and Part 2 Holy Saturday at the times of the regular Daily TV Mass. The Mission will also be available at www.dailytvmass.com. For more information please call the NCBC toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or by e-mail: info@ncbc.ca.



CEMETERY NOTICE

Please be reminded that all stand-alone wreaths are not allowed on cemetery grounds during the period of 1 April through 31 October. Also, we ask all lot owners remove any item which could pose a safety hazard for visitors and maintenance staff or cause damage to equipment. Prohibited items include: glassware, ceramics, metal rods/hooks, lawn ornaments, toys and stones. We appreciate your co-operation in helping to keep our cemetery safe.

Women Together Retreat Weekend

A Spa for the Soul on Friday, 11 May to Sunday, 13 May at 7p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Rd, Mississauga). Women ministering to women. This retreat is facilitated by certified spiritual directors Anne Hales, Linda Wisz, and Questa Fernandes. Priests are with us for Mass and Confessions. Cost is \$200, which is all-inclusive. Accommodations are single private rooms. For further information or to register please call the Centre at 905-278-5229.

Parish Book Club Every family in the parish received a copy of Scott Hahn's "Joy to the World" at Christmastime; we hope you have enjoyed reading it and want to spend some time in rich, faith-filled conversation. We will discuss chapters 1 through 7 on Friday, 27 April at 7:35pm in the church office. New members are most welcome. If you have not participated in a book discussion before, just come to the gathering with your favourite line or paragraph to share with the group. There is never a loss for things to say! If you have any questions or suggestions for future books, please call Camille Matthews at 647-228-8325.

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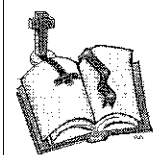
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Please give generously.

Holy Father's Intention for March.

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment.



Confession available every Friday 3:30-6:30pm
In St. James, Colgan
Stations of the cross on Good Friday at 7pm, St. James



Learn to Pray Like Christ
Adult Faith Study Nights will be on Tuesday, 27 March 2018
at 7:00p.m. in St. James' Church Hall.

Parish Pilgrimage to Montreal & Quebec July 13, 14, & 15
Single Private Room: \$360.00
Double: \$540.00 (\$270.00 per person)
Please take itinerary/registration form at the entrance of the church or parish website or for further information please contact: Miriam Mendez at 905-960-4643

You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist."
(Pope St. John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

Our Parish Annual Women's Retreat

will be held at Marylake from 4 - 6 May. Come and enjoy a relaxing and peaceful weekend of spiritual renewal with the Augustinian Fathers. Please call Pam 936-4107.

Perpetual Adoration at St. Francis Xavier Church,

Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine peace within your heart. For Our Blessed Lord reminds us, "Come to Me, all you that labour, and are burdened, and I will refresh you" (Mt.11:28). This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus." Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." **Required Hours:**

Tues. 12am-2am & 5 - 6 p.m.; Wed. 12 - 3 a.m.;
Fri. 2-3am; Sun: 7-8am; 1-2 pm; & 2-3 pm

Please call: Louise Lowndes 905-729-2480
Pam McFarlane 905-936-4107
Moses Tavares 647-692-2470
or Mary Van Hezewyk 905-936-5626



Catholic Women's League
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Helene Compeau
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Knights of Columbus
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General Meeting - Third Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in St. Francis Xavier
www.knights4120.ca/home

Mass intentions for the Week of 26 Mar. - 1 Apr.

Holy Week

Mon. 26 March St. James 7:00 pm St. Ludger
Tue. 27 March St. Francis 9:30 am St. John Damascene
Wed. 28 March St. Francis 9:30am St. Guntram

Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm in St. James
Good Friday Service at 3pm in St. James

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 7pm; St. James
Holy Saturday Mass at 7:30pm in St. James pro Populo
Sun. 1 April St Francis 8:30am John Dattilo +
Sun. 1 April St. Mary 9:00am Ed Eagan + by Jim & Catherine Sheehan
Sun. 1 April St. James 10:30am Michela Colalillo + by Family
Sun. 1 April St. James 12:00noon Thomas & Olga Mary Gleeson +
by Carol Gleeson

YOU MAY CALL IN YOUR MASS REQUEST.

The CWL would like to invite all women of the parish to our meeting Monday, 19 March after the 7pm mass. After a short meeting we will be organizing and preparing the purses scarves belts and jewelry for the sale 28 April at St. Francis Xavier. Bring your friends and creative talents.

Congratulations to Lily Keogh for winning first place and Emily Hutt for being runner up in the Mary Matthews Speech Contest at St James. Lily went on to compete in Bradford and placed second. Thanks to all the students who participated.

Please join us after Sunday Mass for St Mary's "Coffee/Tea" meet and greets (with treats) on 22 April

The CWL would like to invite parishioners to donate their gently used purses, belts, scarf's and costume jewellery for a fundraiser we are planning on Saturday, 28 April at St. Francis, Tottenham. There will be boxes located at the entrance of the church for the collection of these items. Thanks for helping us fund our local charities. If anyone needs items to be picked up please call Helene Compeau 647-522-3346.

Parish Renovations:

St. James church hall is under renovation. We will address the kitchen, lighting, painting and overall beautifying the parish hall.



Women of the Word Toronto - Ninth Annual Forum
Sunday, 15 April ~ 9:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. The Royalton Hospitality Inc. at 8201 Weston Rd., Woodbridge COST: \$60. CONTACT: Mary Filangi PHONE: 416-453-0402

Please pray for all the sick especially:
John Lessard, Stewart Bateman, Kevin Latimer, Peter Stiegert, Michael O'Hara, Maria Zappone, Debbie Borsato & Petrina Cannon.
For an end to abortion and euthanasia.
For the faithful departed especially John Dattilo.

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Mailing Address: 2118 Adjala Tecumseth Townline RR 1, Colgan, Ontario, L0G 1W0
 Office: 905-936-4266 Fax: 905-936-9266
 Pastor: Fr. Nick Defina extension #223 Residence: 905-936-2020
 Parish email: stjamescolgan@bellnet.ca Parish Website: www.stjamescolgan.ca
 St. Vincent de Paul Society: 905-936-4266 extension #3
 Office Hours: Monday - Tuesday - Friday 2 pm - 6 pm ~ closed every Wednesday & Thursday.

Perpetual Adoration At St. Francis Xavier Church, Tottenham

When we contemplate the Sacred Host, we are contemplating Jesus: "For it is My Father's will that everyone who looks upon the Son and puts His faith in Him shall possess eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:40).

Care of the Sick
 Requests for prayers, visitation or communion to the sick or housebound, please contact the office.

Confessions
 Every Friday 3:30-6:30pm at St. James, Colgan; every Saturday at 5:00pm at St. Francis. Or Anytime.

Rosary
 Rosary starts ½ hour before Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Marriages
 Couples planning to be married must contact the Pastor at least one year in advance. A Marriage Preparation Course is required. Please do not set a date before meeting with the Pastor.

Anointing of the Sick
 The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered to the sick, the elderly and also for those who are undergoing any major surgery. Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment or call 905-936-2020 anytime.

Rosary Cenacle
 Every Wednesday Afternoon at 3:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, Tottenham. For more information, please call Liz Haley at 905 729 2020.

Divine Mercy Devotion
 Every Friday at 3:00 pm
 in St. Francis Xavier Church, Tottenham.

Parish Schools
 St. James, Colgan - 905-936-4191
 Fr. F.X. O'Reilly, Tottenham - 905-936-3364
 Msgr. Ronan, Beeton - 905-729-3473
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Baptisms
 Information package is available after Mass at St. James Church, Colgan. Please come in the sacristy.

Retrouvaille: Catholic Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. For confidential information, please call 416-281-6007