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ADS FOR ONE YEAR:

If you want to advertise your business for the year, we are offering spaces in our newsletter and on social networks. Each small space is: \$300 per year if you buy one. \$250 if you buy two (\$500). \$200 if you buy three (\$600)

ONLINE BULLETIN REGISTRATION

Email us to:
stjamesTO@archtoronto.org

Subject:
Bulletin "Your name"
We will make sure that your contact information will not be seen by others. Also, you can find it in our website.

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PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

To sign up for PAG, please call or stop by the Parish Office during office hours to fill out a PAG form.

Your donations make a difference!

SCHOOLS

St. James School (416) 393-5275 / James Culnan (416) 393-5325

"He who saves a soul, saves his own and satisfies for a multitude of sins!" -St. James



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Jorge Avilés

Office Administrator: Monica Vaamonde

Office Assistant Volunteer: Elizabeth Reboja

Volunteer Screening: Marie Gove

Custodian: Beatriz Escudero

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30am – 12:30pm & 1:30pm – 5:00pm

MASS TIMES:

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00am (English)

Friday: 9:00am (English) & 5:00pm (**Adoration**), 6:45pm (Spanish)

1st Saturday of the Month:

Rosary: 8:00am (Spanish) / **Mass:** 9:00am (Spanish)

Sunday vigil: Saturday 5:00pm (English)

Sunday: 10:00 am (English) & 12:00pm (Spanish)

ADORATION CHAPEL

If you would like to participate in one hour of Adoration, please contact our office

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 5:00pm - 6:30pm / Saturday: 4:00pm – 4:45pm

BAPTISM

Please call the office to make an appointment with the priest. The schedule of the catechesis is on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00AM and the usual time for the celebration of baptism is on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office **1 year in advance**.

SAINT JAMES FAMILY CHOIR (ENTIRELY FREE)

They learn music theory, vocal & piano.

Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Kelly: (416)-602-5311

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PLEASE BRING YOUR PORTABLE PIANO OR KEYBOARD.

IN NEED OF HELP?

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (647) 436-6592

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

(416) 733-8544

The Baptism of The Lord
January 11th, 2026

INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS

Sat. Jan 10

5:00am: + Thomas Gove
Blessings & Health for Vilma Requena

Sun. Jan 11

10:00am: + Marina Bancog Lopez
Blessings for Leonie Fiscus

12:00pm: + Pro-Populo

Tue. Jan 6

9:00am: + Ettore Carelli

Wed. Jan 7

5:00pm: +

Fri. Jan 9 - The Baptism of The Lord

9:00am: + Decaen Salvatore Badali
6:45pm: + Manuel Jesús Requena Cortez / + Alfredo Penorio / + Milkiades Guarin Salazar

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:
January 4, 2026

WEEKLY: Collections: \$ 2,515.00 Sundry: \$ 3,185.00
January 1st: \$ 515.00 Initial Offering: \$ 880.00

1st COMMUNIONS AT ST. JAMES PARISH 2026 (2)

Mandatory Information meeting and final registrations: Saturday, March 28 at 10:30am at St. James Church.

Mandatory Documents: 1- Registration Form (through a QR code) & 2- Baptism Certificate.

Catechesis (classes) Schedule: will begin after Holy Week, on Saturday, April 11 at 10:30am and will be held every Saturday (except Saturday, May 16) until Saturday, May 30. The celebration of First Communion will be on June 6, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) at St. James Church.

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00pm

Attendance: required for both parents and children for the in-class sessions. **Attendance at Mass on Sundays** is obviously obligatory for every practicing catholic. Parents are obliged to transmit faith to their children, and the bare minimum is Sunday Mass attendance. In this context, school mass does not count as fulfilling the precept required by the Church.

Suggested donation: \$40 to be given at the information meeting on **March 28 at 10:30am**.

Information Packages are available at the entrance of the church.

ENVELOPES 2026

Still available, **please keep in mind that the number assigned previously might change**. Please don't forget to fill in the information card inside the box and place it with your first envelope in 2026. Thank you for your support.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The annual Christmas appeal for St. Vincent de Paul held in November resulted in parishioners donating \$6240 and in December a total of \$4909.65 was received.

We visited 69 households in December helping 102 adults and 43 children. Gift cards & vouchers totaling \$1045 were distributed along with toiletries and chocolates. Pajamas once again generously donated by St. Clare of Assisi parish in Woodbridge were also provided. Your generous donations throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 535 TO 537

Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. John preaches "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". A crowd of sinners - tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes- come to be baptized by him. "Then Jesus appears." The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." This is the manifestation ("Epiphany") of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God.

The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfil all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.

Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father's beloved son in the Son and "walk in newness of life":

Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.

Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God.