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## WEEKDAY MASS

St. Brother André CHS (Chapel)  
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Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9:00 a.m.
First Friday of the month	7:00 p.m.
	(no morning mass)

## WEEKEND MASS

St. Brother André CHS  
6160 - 16th Avenue, Markham

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

MAY YOU SHINE  
THE LIGHT OF  
CHRIST IN THE  
NEW YEAR!

Most of us begin a new year with hope and a positive attitude. We take advantage of the new year to make resolutions and set goals for ourselves, perhaps goals we did not manage to accomplish during the year that just ended. I would like to propose to you that the most important goal and the one that will have by far the most impact in your life—for your happiness and that of many others—is to get closer to God. Nothing will fill you with more happiness than strengthening and deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ.

As with all goals that are truly worthwhile, we need concrete steps, or means, to accomplish the goal. Thus, if you want to have as your primary goal to grow in your love for God (and I hope you do), then consider the following practical means:

1. **Begin your day with a morning offering.** In your own words offer your day to God. Offer up to Him as a gift all the work you are going to do that day. While you make your morning offering, ask God for the grace to carry out your work with a pure intention and with a desire to serve Him and all your fellow men and women.
2. **Spend at least 10 minutes a day speaking with God face to face;** and I mean speaking to Him from your heart to his heart. Do not read prayers or other spiritual stuff. Speak to God the Father, to Jesus his Son, to the Holy Spirit, to Mary the Mother of Jesus from your heart using your own words.
3. **Make a brief examination of conscience at the end of the day;** this is enormously important. At the end of your day, take two or three minutes to go over your day to see where you went wrong, what you could have done better, where you let God and others down. Avoid using ready-made examinations; they are too general. Your examination is more helpful when it is very personal, custom-made to your life and your needs. At the end of your examination make a good and sincere act of contrition, telling God that you are sorry for all the times you let Him down. If you don't feel sorry tell him that you would like to be sorry. And then, end the examination by making a resolution for the next day.

I promise that if you do these three things your relationship with God, the most important of all your relationships, will blossom this year. Give it a try; it will be worth it! (Fr. Luke Mata)



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## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020

*A New Year has begun.  
During this year, too,  
all the paths from east to west,  
from morning until evening,  
lead on and on as far as the eye can see,  
through the deserts of life,  
with all its changes.  
But these paths can be turned  
into the blessed pilgrimage to the absolute,  
the journey to God.  
Set out, my heart, take up the journey!  
The star shines.  
You can't take much with you on the journey.  
And you will lose much on the way.  
Let it go.  
Gold of love,  
Incense of yearning,  
Myrrh of suffering.  
These you certainly have with you.  
He shall accept them.  
And we shall find Him.*

*Karl Rahner – The Great Church Year*

# 9 DAYS FOR

PRAY TO PROTECT  
HUMAN LIFE!

## Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Download the app. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

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**NEED A BREAK FROM STUDYING FOR EXAMS?**

STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE BFO YOUTH MINISTRY FOR A NIGHT OF BOWLING!!

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## BFO YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH 2020 @ 4PM

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- Are you feeling judged or blamed in your marriage relationship?
- Do you believe that saving your marriage is too late or impossible?
- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

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## **CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS**

**TUES. JANUARY 14, 2020 @ 7 p.m. at St. Brother André CHS**  
St. Joseph & St. Kateri Tekakwitha CES

**WED. JANUARY 15, 2020 @ 7P.M. at St. Br. André CHS**  
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