

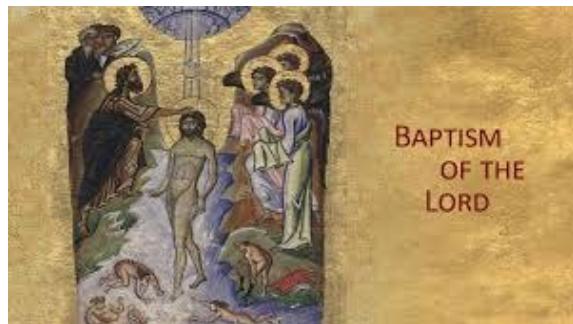
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be burning lights pointing others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you want the Lord's power, grace, and love to burn brightly in your life? Ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit - and he anoints us for mission as ambassadors of his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. We are called to be the "light" and "salt" of his kingdom that radiate the beauty and aroma of his mercy and goodness to those around us. The Lord Jesus wants his love and truth to shine through us that many others may may find new life, freedom, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

Heaven will open for those who bow before the Lord
Do you want to see your life transformed in the likeness of Christ? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 13th

† Mary Mailloux

Wednesday, January 14th

Intentions of Elaine Attwood

† Maureen Saunders

† Ina Madden

† Vincent Haughey

Thursday, January 15th

† Hugh James Coyle

Friday, January 16th

† Russell Coleman

Saturday, January 17th

† Michael Higgins

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns for the repose of the soul of Vincent Haughey

REST IN PEACE

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Haughey who passed away on January 6, 2026

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jacob McLean, Elaine Attwood, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng, Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy, Agnes Von Mehren, Ella Careira, Patricia Doiron, Gerry Genuino, Evelyn Wemigwans, Philip Nicoloas, Carmel Richard, Linda Duke, Vivian Holland, Richard Keating, Joanna Hodson

Those wishing to add a loved one to the parish Mass intentions are kindly asked to contact the parish office.

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

POINSETTIAS TO TAKE HOME

If you donated a poinsettia this Christmas season, you are welcome to take it home starting this weekend (January 11th). Please look for the name tag attached to the plant you donated.

Any poinsettias without name tags are also available for anyone who would like to bring one home. We want to make sure these beautiful plants go to good homes where they can continue to be enjoyed by families while they're still in full bloom. Thank you for helping make our worship space so lovely this Christmas season!

MASS CANCELLATION NOTICE

Please note that the 8:15am Mass on **Tuesday, January 20th** is cancelled.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION – CLOSES JANUARY 18TH

We are accepting registrations for Confirmation for 2026 until January 18th. Please visit our website to register.

Confirmation: In the Sacrament of Confirmation, young people receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit, strengthening them to live out their faith with courage and witness to Christ in the world. Registration is now open to youth in Grade 7 & 8 who have been baptized in the Catholic Church.

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/tqUVk8f18T>

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY COMING SOON

Later this month, our parish will be introducing a new *Bereavement Ministry*—an outreach rooted in compassion, presence, and the healing love of Christ. Grief touches every family at some point, and it is one of the most tender places where the Church is called to accompany her people. This ministry will offer comfort, prayer, and gentle support to parishioners who have recently lost a loved one, reminding them that they are not alone in their sorrow.

As we prepare to launch this important ministry, we will also be seeking volunteers who feel called to serve in this meaningful way. Volunteers will help us reach out to grieving parishioners, offering a listening ear, a caring presence, and the reassurance of our community's prayers.

More information will be shared later this month. In the meantime, please keep this ministry in your prayers as we work to build a source of comfort and hope for all who mourn.

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE MINISTRY LAUNCH DATE!

We're excited to announce the launch of our **Edge Ministry!** Edge is our Catholic middle school program for youth in Grades 6-8. Edge nights take place every other Friday from 6:30PM-8:00PM starting with our social kick off on January 23, 2026. Registration forms can be found in the church foyer or in the parish office. Registration fee per child is \$25 for the whole year. This fee helps cover the program cost and materials.

For more information, please contact the Youth Minister, Mercy, at StJohnsYM@archtoronto.org. Please keep this ministry in your prayers!

JOIN OUR CORE TEAM!

Our Youth Ministry is gearing up to launch this month! We're looking for caring, enthusiastic parishioners who are willing to serve as mentors, small-group leaders, or helpers during our *Edge Nights*. Will you join us? Help and support our youth as they encounter, love and serve our Lord. Training will be provided! If you feel called to serve, please contact our Youth Minister, Mercy, for more information - StJohnsYM@archtoronto.org.



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