

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 3rd

† Ian McKenzie

Wednesday, February 4th

Pro Populo

Thursday, February 5th

† Vincent Haughey

Friday, February 6th

† Michael Francis

Saturday, February 7th

† Ulrike Licht

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns in thanksgiving for the blessings the parish has received.

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 Wernigwans,
Philip Nicolaoas, 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.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

God discloses the source of real joy to the humble. Jesus assures his followers that heaven's joy outweighs earthly trials. Thomas Aquinas observed that without spiritual joy, people chase lesser pleasures. True happiness comes from longing for God above all else.

Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting peace and happiness. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will.

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18 – 8:15AM & 7PM

FRIDAYS OF LENT

All Fridays of Lent starting February 20th

Confessions – 6PM – 6:30PM

Holy Mass – 8:15AM & 7PM

Stations of the Cross – 7:30PM

PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY

March 28 – 4:30PM

March 29 – 9AM & 11AM

EASTER TRIDUUM

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER: HOLY THURSDAY

April 2 – 7PM

**There will be no 8:15AM Mass*

THE PASSION OF THE LORD: GOOD FRIDAY

April 3 – 12PM & 3PM

**There will be no 8:15AM Mass*

EASTER VIGIL

April 4 – 8PM

**There will be no 4:30PM Mass*

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5 – 9AM & 11AM

LENTEN REFLECTION

As Lent approaches, the Church invites us to slow our pace and turn our attention back to God with renewed sincerity. Preparing well doesn't require dramatic changes — just a willingness to make space. Consider choosing one simple practice that helps you quiet the noise, release what burdens your heart, and open yourself to grace. Lent is a season of returning, and even small steps can draw us closer to the One who calls us into renewal.



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PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION –BUILDING FUND – NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for the Building Fund on **February 7th and 8th**. Thank you for your generous support!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - FEBRUARY 15TH

Ahead of Shrove Tuesday, St. John's Parish will be hosting a pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall from 10am to 12:30pm. Come out and enjoy a pancake breakfast, coffee, tea, juice, and a great family-friend's event. Adults - \$10, Seniors/Students - \$5. Tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds will go to the St. John's Parish Youth Ministry.

GOOD SHEPHERD LENTEN DONATION DRIVE

As part of our Lenten outreach, St. John's Parish will begin collecting non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd starting the weekend of February 21. Parishioners are invited to place their donations in the baskets near the cross in the Sanctuary. A full list of suggested items is available on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting our neighbours in need.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAININGS SESSIONS

All current and prospective volunteers for our liturgical ministries are asked to attend upcoming training sessions. Whether you're renewing your commitment or discerning a new way to serve, these gatherings are required for everyone participating in these ministries. Both sessions will take place in the main church.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: February 21 at 10:00AM

Lectors: March 7 at 10:00AM

If you feel called to join one of these ministries, please come to the appropriate training date. We look forward to welcoming new volunteers and reconnecting with our dedicated ministers.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY COMING SOON

Our parish will begin a new Bereavement Ministry—an outreach grounded in compassion and the healing love of Christ. This ministry will offer prayer, comfort, and gentle support to parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. We will soon invite volunteers who feel called to accompany those who mourn through a listening presence and the strength of our community's prayers. If you feel drawn to this work, please contact the parish office. More details will follow. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we seek to bring hope and consolation to all who grieve.

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE MINISTRY IS HERE!

St. John's Parish is excited to continue our Edge Ministry, a Catholic middle school program for youth in Grades 6–8. Edge offers a fun and welcoming space for students to build community, grow in friendship, and deepen their faith. We meet in the parish hall for games, small-group discussions, and light snacks as we explore our faith together.

Edge nights take place **every other Friday from 6:30–8:00 PM** on the following dates: February 6, February 20, March 6, March 20, April 17, May 15, and May 29. New participants are always welcome to join! Registration forms can be found in the church foyer or parish office. The registration fee is \$25 per child for the year, which helps cover program costs and materials. For more information, please contact our Youth Minister, Mercy, at stjohnsym@archtoronto.org.

Join our Youth Ministry Core Team and help mentor and support our parish youth—training provided; contact Mercy at StJohnsYM@archtoronto.org to get involved.

