

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday February 18th

+ Elwood Donnelly
Requested by John Quigley

Wednesday, February 19th

+ Ena O'Brien
Requested by Dan & Nuala

Thursday, February 20th

+ Eamon McLaughlin
Requested by Bebe

Friday, February 21st

+ Jamie Madigan
Requested by Irene Wintersinger

Saturday, February 22nd

+ Janine Hambrook
Requested by The deCourcy Family

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of:
Michael Higgins, Elwood Donnelly, Joan McCullagh,
Michael Stuart, Rodney Travers-Griffin

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of
the Parishioners of St. John's Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philip Teixeira, John W., Paul Holliday, Gerry Genuino,
Baby Isaiah Liam, Baby Owen, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob
McLean, Elaine Atwood, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng,
Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy

WEEKLY REFLECTION

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

Jesus promises His disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES IN THE GTA:

We have identified holy places of worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year. The locations are as follows:

Archdiocese	St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto
Shrines	Martyrs' Shrine, Midland
Central Region	St. Paul's Basilica St. Mary's, Toronto St. Edward the Confessor
Western Region	Our Lady of Sorrows, Etobicoke St. Mary's, Brampton
Eastern Region	St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough St. Gregory the Great, Oshawa
Northern Region	St. Padre Pio, Kleinburg St. Mary's, Barrie

JUBILEE YEAR MASSES IN THE CENTRAL REGION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Opening Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. They include:

Thursday, February 20, 2025 - St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (130 Bathurst St.) (Bishop Kasun to preside)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - St. Edward the Confessor Church (75 Churchill Ave.) (Cardinal Francis Leo to preside)

All masses begin at 7pm. Confession is available from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. All are welcome!

16TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE:

Saturday March 22, 2024

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)

Closing Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB

Register using this link: www.dwf2025.eventbrite.ca

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

OFFICE CLOSURE:

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Family Day. We wish everyone a restful and peaceful day with their loved ones.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS:

2024 tax receipts will be issued in March. Thank you to all those who donated in 2024!

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to St. John's Parish! Please take a moment to fill out the registration form in order that we may serve you better. Forms are available at the back of the Church, in the Parish Office, and online (<https://stjohnsto.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/parish-registration-forms/>).

We have the option of Pre-Authorized Giving (direct debit from your bank) or if you wish a box of offertory envelopes for 2025, please visit the Parish Office. All parishioners are kindly requested to inform the Parish Office whenever there is a change in address or phone number. Thank you!

CALL TO MINISTRY:

Looking for a way to make a difference? Ministries need volunteers! If you're interested in sharing your time and talents, please speak with Fr. Joshua or contact the Parish Office. Visit our website to learn more:

<https://stjohnsto.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/volunteer-opportunities/>

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND:



Save the date! Sunday, March 2nd. 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 pancakes, sausages, coffee, tea, juice, and a great family-friend's event. Families - \$20, Adults - \$10, Seniors/Students - \$5. Tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds will go to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2025:



As we approach the liturgical season of Lent, we will be adding more opportunities for an encounter with Our Lord, so that we may experience and enter more deeply into His mercy.

Ash Wednesday (March 5th) Mass with distribution of Ashes: 8:15AM & 7:00PM

All Fridays of Lent (starting March 7th): Confession: 6PM – 6:45PM
Holy Mass: 7PM
Stations of the Cross: 7:30PM

TRADITIONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINES:

Penance: Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to enter into a deeper prayer life during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholic aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholic from age 18 – 59 practice fasting, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals on those respective days.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money saved by less eating or shopping. Consider donations to ShareLife or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul who serve the poor and the needy.