

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday February 25th

+ Frank Raymond Steger
Requested by Irene Wintersinger

Wednesday, February 26th

Intentions of Francesco Traquandi
Requested by Irene Wintersinger, Robert and Monika Schmidt, David, James, and Genevieve McIntosh

Thursday, February 27th

+ Roberta and Daniel Hickey
Requested by Family

Friday, February 28th

+ Aidan Carr
Requested by Maureen Carr

Saturday, March 1st

+ Michael Higgins
Requested by Don Smith

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, Ronald
Alphonso

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for all Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of Toronto

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, fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart free with your merciful love. Do not take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone.

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. Coming up:

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

Mass will 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

SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT WEEK:

The second collection on March 1st and 2nd will be for the **Building Fund**. Thank you for your generosity!

2024 TAX RECEIPTS:

2024 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday, March 10th. Thank you to those who contributed 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-friendly 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.