

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 24th

Pro Populo

Wednesday, February 25th

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Thursday, February 26th

† Joaquim Manuel Moita

Friday, February 27th

† Fr. David Herlihy

Saturday, February 28th

† Dick Loek

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of
Peter Rose

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Virginia Mladen
who died on February 11, 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 Nicolaoas, Carmel Richard, Linda Duke,
Vivian Holland, Richard Keating, Joanna Hodson

*Those wishing to add a loved one to the parish Mass
intentions or list of the sick are kindly asked to contact
the parish office.*

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus and to go with him wherever he leads you? Jesus did not choose his own course or path in life, but followed the will of his Father in heaven. After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he was led by the Spirit of God to withdraw into the wilderness of Judea - a vast desert wilderness that was mostly uninhabitable and full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and scarcity of water.

Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAYS OF LENT: FAITH FORMATION SERIES

St. John's Parish invites you to join us for *Tuesdays of Lent*, beginning **February 24** in the **Upper Lounge**. From **7:00–8:30 p.m.**, Fr. Joshua will lead a 10-week faith formation series featuring *Catholicism* by Bishop Robert Barron. Together, we'll explore the beauty, depth, and richness of our Catholic faith through teaching, discussion, and community.

Please note: There will be **no session on March 24 & March 31**. Sessions will resume April 7 through May 12. All are welcome to come, learn, and grow this Lenten season.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2025 have been issued and should arrive by mail in March. If you do not receive yours by the end of March, or if you have moved and haven't updated your address with the parish office, please contact us.

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our parish throughout 2025. Your contributions make a meaningful difference in the life of our community.



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PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

A heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated volunteers from St. John's Parish Youth Ministry, St. John's School, and to David Breech, Chef Corbin, and his wonderful team for their hard work in preparing the pancakes and helping make Pancake Sunday such a tremendous success.

Your generosity, time, and joyful service truly brought our community together. Every dollar raised will go directly toward supporting our Youth Ministry, helping us continue to grow, serve, and inspire the young people of our parish.

GOOD SHEPHERD LENTEN DONATION DRIVE – STARTING THIS WEEKEND!

As part of our Lenten outreach, St. John's Parish will begin collecting non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd starting this weekend, February 21 & 22. 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 TRAINING 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.

Altar Servers: February 28 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

With the start of Lent, we are happy to announce the return of Children's Liturgy at the 9am Masses starting this Sunday, February 22nd. This is open to all children of our parish who wish to hear the good news from the Gospel of our Lord for our Sunday readings and do a fun craft. No signups are required. If you wish to volunteer for this program, please contact: Iris Savage at: isavage@archtoronto.org or the parish office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE MINISTRY PROGRAM!

Edge is a Catholic middle school ministry for Grades 6–8 that offers a fun, welcoming space to build community, grow in friendship, and deepen faith through games, small group discussions, light snacks, and shared exploration in the parish hall.-group discussions, light snacks, and shared exploration in the parish hall.

Edge nights take place **every other Friday from 6:30–8:00 PM** on the following dates in the parish hall: 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.

EDGE CAMP 2026 – INFORMATION SESSION FEBRUARY 21ST & 22ND

All Edge Youth registered in our Edge Ministry program are invited to join us for EDGE Camp, an overnight summer camp at Camp White Pine in Haliburton, Ontario, from **Wednesday, August 19 to Sunday, August 23, 2026**. This will be a fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience filled with Catechesis, Mass, praise & worship and fellowship with other EDGE parishes across the Archdiocese of Toronto. Join us this weekend after the Masses in the Church to learn more!

